

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him!

Let him go up."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 136:1-6

R. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. (R)

2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R)

3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither (R)

4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R)

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) 14th March 2021

Jesus offers a message of hope and salvation to the whole world.

Give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death....



prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God. '

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.



'What will we do about the world and all its people?' the Trinity said to one another. They had looked on our world and saw that their people, whom they loved, needed some sort of help; salvation, meaning in life. The best solution came up that one of them would become like us, a human being. God, father of all, sent his Son and his Son, later called Jesus ('because he would save his people from their sins'), said Yes. Jesús said yes without knowing what this 'Incarnation' would entail.

We know how this life story would unfold, with the seeming tragedy of Jesus' death. We might miss the point of why he died. It's in the gospel 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son'. This that we might not be lost. Humanity can be lost in fear, bitterness, poverty, greed and all the realities in ways that we can use or abuse each other. The sending of Jesus was pure and simple love which invites all of us into that same love - to receive it and to share it.

Jesus walks with us on our journey of love. It is a day-by-day journey, bringing an immense joy. Pope Francis in Fratelli tutti, writes: 'Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day.'

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.



Sunday Masses:

SS John & Paul (Webcam): Friday 7pm;
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm

Mary Immaculate Church - Saturday 12 noon;
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses Streamed on Webcam:

10 am & 7 pm SS John & Paul Church

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday March 14th 2021 Dé Domhnach 14ú Marta LAETARE/JOYFUL SUNDAY

Prayers and Sympathies: To the families of Kieran Maxwell, Cul na Greine and Noel Phelan, Purcell Park who died this past week. To William Carey Cluainin, and his siblings Robert, Mary, Majella, and Fiona Carey on the death of their brother John Carey San Francisco.

Anniversaries This Week: Frank Carew, Sadie Rocks, Molly Clancy, Bill Carton, Paddy and Josie Deegan, Jim O Shea, Kitty Watson, Jason Lennon, Eddie and Clara Stapleton, Julie McMahon, Nora O Connor, Michael Hallinan, Pauline Cooney, Eoin O Sullivan, Colm O Callaghan, Traudl McMahon, Martin and Kathleen Clair and baby son Martin John, Breda McLoughney.

First Anniversaries: Saturday March 13th at 6.30pm for Christy McLoughney. Sunday March 14th at 10am for Hanna Feighery. Tuesday March 16th at 7pm for Don Sweeney. Sunday March 21st at 11am for Catherine McLaughlin.

Parish Office is open for parish business, Mass bookings etc.

Support Your Parish At This Time

We have traditionally depended on the basket collection at Mass for the financial upkeep of the parish. *Thank You* to so many who have found ways to continually support your parish during this time of lockdown. Your generosity is a great support to us, and help us pay our way.

Ways to Support the Parish!

- Dropping your envelope or donation/cheque to the Church box or Parish Office
- Use the online donate button on the website www.shannonparish.ie
- Joining our tax rebate scheme where if you donate a minimum of €5 weekly we can claim tax back from your contributions to the parish at no cost to you. Contact the Parish Office 061-363243 for details
- Standing order forms can be obtained from the parish office or paid directly to Shannon Parish Account;
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Parish Collections February 20th to March 9th
€2260

St Patricks Day Masses

Tuesday March 16th at 7pm and
Wednesday March 17th at 10am
in SS John and Paul Church.
Wednesday March 17th at 11am
in Mary Immaculate Church.



Trocaire

A vast array of resources for families and schools to use for the season of Lent are available from www.trocaire.org - Trocaire boxes are available from the Church's as a way to support their Lenten campaign in South Sudan.

Holy Week Preparation Webinar

In preparation for Holy Week the diocese have organised a webinar with Dr Kieran O Mahoney, who will help us reflect on the true meaning of celebrating the Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The webinar will take place on Monday March 22nd from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Please register your interest at the following link
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rQO8yj9WTpiZTANWNeN9AQ