

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the Father.... **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us....

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked

him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 46:2-3. 6-9

**R. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
or Alleluia!**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High,
we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 4:1-13 (or*4:1-7.11-13)

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

* I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it.* It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And **to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.**

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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.

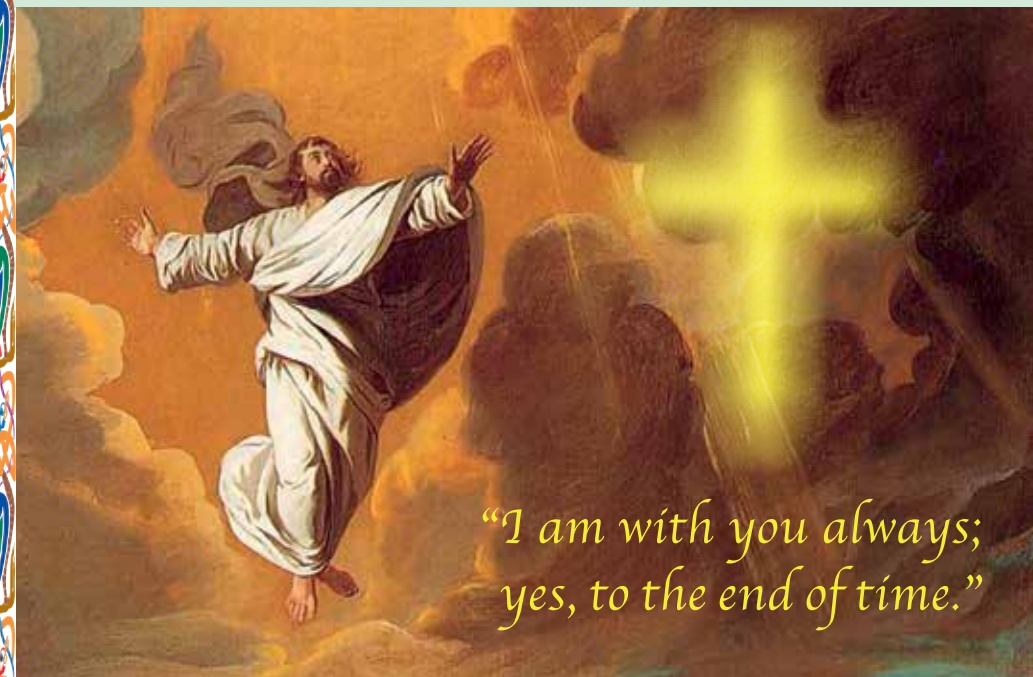
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (World Communications Day) 16th May 2021

**Jesus has taken his place at the right hand of the Father.
His entry into glory is a cause of hope for us: that when our time comes, we too, will follow Jesus into the glory of heaven.**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Pray brothers and sisters,.....

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We offer sacrifice now in supplication,
O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son:

grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.

Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,

Lord, I am not worthy that you
should enter under my roof, but only say
the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate
divine mysteries, grant, we pray,
that Christian hope may draw us onward
to where our nature is united with you.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.



I know some people whose work is never finished. They always seem to have something more to do – more tidying the house, more cleaning, more office work brought home. Sometimes we long for the day St John Newman talks of: 'when our work is done'.

Jesus was something like that. He says that 'the work you gave me is finished' and ascended to heaven. But the gospel around Ascension time shows that it is not finished. He will be with us all days, still helping, consoling, and the centre of our faith community.

Another way of the unfinished work is that he prays for us: he will pray for his apostles and later for 'all those who will believe through their work'. We are constantly in his thoughts and prayers, the one who is our lifelong companion.

Prayer is a work of Jesus now, and of the church. The apostles prayed after his going to his Father with Mary and several others. In bad times we have turned to prayer in confusion, almost going off the path of trusting in God. As we await the coming of the Spirit, we value prayer, the gift of the Spirit to us. If we have taught anyone to pray, or helped them to pray, we have given a great gift, as prayer is one of the sources of life of God and our neighbour.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Long ago there was no Radio, TV, Computers, Ipods or Skype. Today people can talk and see each other even though they are miles and miles away. Jesus promised to come to us in a new way, when HE was going home to The Father in Heaven. He would send us His Spirit, to be with us. His Spirit is in every human heart now, and in every breath of wind.



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:

10 am Mon-Fri Mary Immaculate
7 pm Thursday SS John & Paul Church (Webcam)

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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16 May 2021 Newsletter

Ascension of the Lord

Sympathies: Sympathies to the family of Mark Clifford, Gleann na Smol who died this week.

Month's Mind Masses: This Sunday 16th May at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church for Eddie Jones, Corrib Drive. Next Sunday May 23rd at 12.15pm in SS John and Paul Church for Michelle Farrell, Cronan Park.

Anniversaries: Ro Doyle, Peter Doyle, Eamon Leahy, Lucy O'Brien, Mary Gallagher, Birthday remembrance Karl Richter, Gerry Kelly



Welcome back to Public Masses!

Thank God we are back to the celebration of Mass in public. So many have remarked how much they missed attending Mass.

We now invite you to return in person.

The following is the Daily and Sunday Mass Schedule from now until the end of June when it will be reviewed in light of safety protocols.

Daily Masses

Mary Immaculate Church (Monday to Friday)

10am in Mary Immaculate Church. St Anthony's Novena Mass on Tuesday morning. In the event of a funeral in Mary Immaculate Church, Mass time may change.

SS John and Paul Church

7pm on Thursday. In the event of a funeral in SS John and Paul Church, the morning Mass in Mary Immaculate Church will be celebrated.

Sunday Masses

SS John and Paul Church

Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 6.30pm, Sunday at 10am and 12.15pm

Mary Immaculate Church

Saturday at 12noon, Sunday at 9am and 11am

The wearing of face coverings/masks and sanitising of hands is mandatory. We encourage you to return to public Mass. Our stewards will be there to assist you.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in both Church's after Sunday Masses from now until the end of June. Exposition in Mary Immaculate Church will be from 12noon to 6pm, while SS John and Paul Church will be from 2pm to 6pm. All are welcome to drop in for private prayer.

Baptisms:

Please call the parish office to book the baptism of your child and complete the registration form at 363243. Parish Office is open Tuesday and Wednesday 9.30am to 5.30pm and Thursday from 9am to 1pm.

Support Our Parish:

Thank you for your wonderful support to the parish. We are now delighted to offer you the opportunity to donate to your parish using this QR code which is placed at the doors and shrines of our Church's, Adoration Chapel Notice Board, and Parish Office. It's another easy way for you to support your parish using your smart phone.



Safeguarding Month of May:

An Adult Safeguarding Policy for all Munster Dioceses has been introduced into the diocese. 'Inspired by gospel values, the commitment of Pope Francis, and in compliance with law we will strive to ensure the participation and welfare of all adults who may be vulnerable in the life of the Church. We are committed to fostering a safeguarding culture characterised by empowerment, collaboration and zero tolerance of abuse.'

You can find a copy of the policy at <https://www.killaloe diocese.ie/safeguarding/safeguarding-forms-policies>



Prayer for Safeguarding:

Lord Jesus,
Hear our voices as we pray for your care and protection.
Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all.
We especially ask that the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care are protected.
Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts, see with open eyes, and speak out to ensure children and vulnerable adults are safe, loved, respected, and cared for.
May we also pray for those who have been harmed. Give them the courage to seek the truth and to heal.
Lord, you call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility to work together to safeguard our Catholic communities.
Guide us as we build a community that fosters everyone to flourish and be safe.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Join ACCORD:

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING
VOLUNTEER FACILITATORS



- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

For further information please contact Accord at 085-2358384 or email accordennis1@gmail.com before Monday 24th May, 2021