

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.**

**GREETING**

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

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God ..... **Amen.**

**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**

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.  
Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING Exodus 24: 3 - 8**

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will

observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 115:12-13,15-18**

**R. The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. or Alleluia!**

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R)**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. **(R)**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. **(R)**

**SECOND READING Hebrews 9: 11 - 15**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Mark 14: 12-16. 22-26**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

**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**

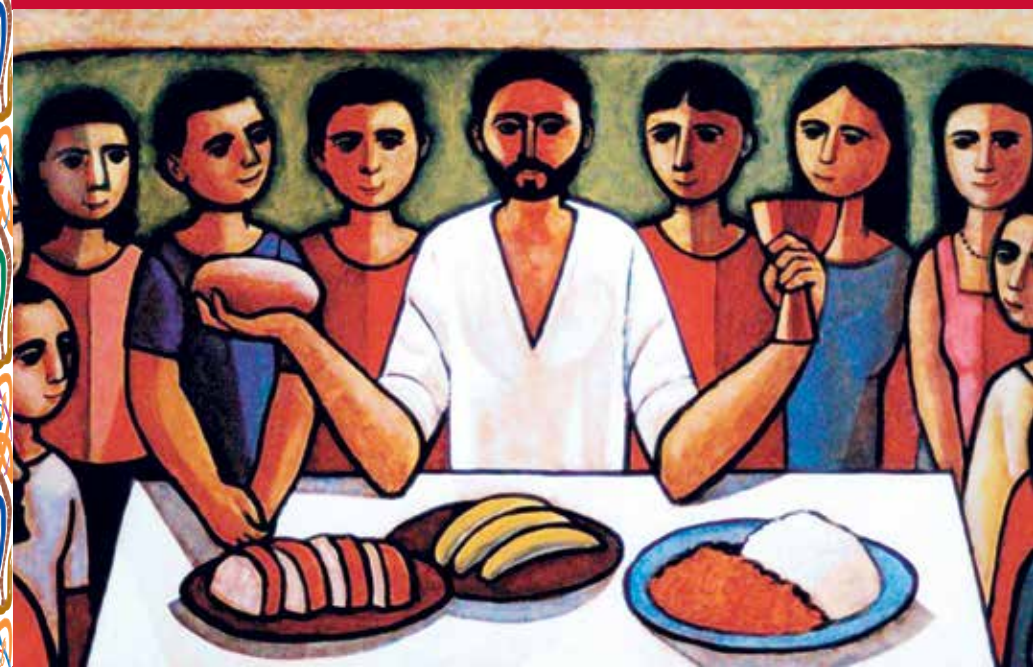
*Pray brothers and sisters, .....*

**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.**

**focus on sunday**

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST 6th June 2021

**Today is our celebration that Jesus is present always with us,  
in signs we can recognise but not understand.  
It is a feast of the mystery of his presence, always close to his people.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. 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.*

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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**

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**Thanks be to God.**



We are coming up to the feast of the Sacred Heart (Friday 11th), with its historical link to the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist and the devotion to the Sacred Heart have always been connected – many prayers in the old devotion linked our prayer to the prayer of the Mass.

In a sense the Mass is going on all the time. The mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus is now outside of time. We often reminded ourselves of that by saying 'every minute there is a Mass being celebrated somewhere in the world, and we can join our prayers to that Mass'. Like the devotion, the Eucharist is based on the love of God, seen particularly in Jesus our God assuming our humanity. The bread and wine of the Eucharist is the food of Jesus' humanity, the centre of the devotion to the Heart.

The devotion like many devotions in the Church has waned. Many of the prayers and hymns are in an outdated language, and the images often do not appeal today. But the Eucharist and Heart of Jesus will always be the centre of Christian faith. The heart of Jesus is a human heart beating with divine love. In Jesus humanity and divinity mingle, as we pray at Mass; 'by the mingling of this water and wine may we come to share the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

*Donal Neary SJ, editor, Messenger of the Sacred Heart.*

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



God our Father wanted to give a special food to His people, so he decided to come Himself to our world, and live in bread and wine at Mass. Jesus invites everyone to "Come, Take and eat," and we sing "Come Lord Jesus. Come and be born in our hearts. Come Emmanuel, Come and be born in our hearts."





### 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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### Tune in and Follow us on:

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## 6 June 2021 Newsletter Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ



## C o r p u s C h r i s t i

### Sympathies:

Sympathies and prayers to the families of Carmel Fitzgibbon, Fergus Road, and Leokadia Jakubowska, Tullyglass Hill, who died in the past week.

### First Anniversary Masses:

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon for Patricia Green (nee McGarry), Tola Park. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10am for Fr. Peadar O'Loughlin SSC, Navan & Ennis. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm for Bridie Cooling, Killian Park.

### Anniversaries:

Catherine Carton, Mary McDonald, Albert France, Anne Marie Fitzpatrick, Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Michael & Bridie Mooney, Irene Jones, Tom O'Shaughnessey, Patsy O'Donnell, Deceased members of the Keane family, Julita Barrett, Michael Browne, Tomás MacCormaic, Deceased members of Shannon Pioneer Total Abstinence Association.

### Return to Public Worship:

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 sanitizing of hands is mandatory. We invite you to return to public Mass. Our stewards will be there to assist you.



### Sacrament of Confirmation 2021



With confirmation from the Office of the Taoiseach and the Diocese of Killaloe, we are in a position to schedule dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. With the agreement of the schools the following are the dates

Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup> 11am for St Aidan's.  
Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> 2pm for St Tola's.  
Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> 11am for St Senan's & St John's with St John's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion to follow.  
Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> 11am for Gaelscoil Donncha Rua jointly with 1<sup>st</sup> Communion due to smaller class sizes.  
Monday and Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11am and 1pm on both days for St Conaire's.

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation and we thank everyone for their patience and understanding. Please continue to comply with safety protocols. There are high rates of infection especially in the Limerick area, to which many in Shannon have connections. We urge everyone to continue to adhere to the safety protocols so we can celebrate the sacrament in July.

First Communions will be celebrated in September in line with safety protocols and when schools return for a new school year. Dates will be confirmed on the resumption of school.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:



Continues every Sunday from now until the end of June, in Mary Immaculate Church from 12noon-6pm and 2-6pm in SS John and Paul Church. With the current safety protocols in place adoration is for private prayer only. All are welcome to visit our Church's.

### Mass and Baptismal Bookings:

If your intending to book a Mass or a baptism we would ask you book through the Parish Office. This enables us to ensure all Masses and Baptisms are scheduled. You can book by emailing [office@shannonparish.ie](mailto:office@shannonparish.ie) or calling 363243.



**Parish Collections:** We thank you for your great support to the parish on a weekly basis. The parish collection last Sunday was €2126.



### Upcoming Collections:

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of June 11-13<sup>th</sup> to go to support diocesan needs.

**The Priests' Summer Collection:** will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of July 2-4<sup>th</sup>.