

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in  
his house; he himself gives might and  
strength to his people.**

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the  
nations into the peace of God's kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You will come in glory with salvation  
for your people:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
May almighty God have mercy on us...  
**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, protector of those who hope  
in you, without whom nothing has firm  
foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in  
abundance your mercy upon us and grant  
that, with you as our ruler and guide, we  
may use the good things that pass in such  
a way as to hold fast even now to those  
that ever endure.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44**

**A reading from the second book of Kings.**  
A man came from Baal-shalishah,  
bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread  
from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves  
and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the  
people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant  
replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred  
men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he  
insisted 'For the Lord says this, "They will  
eat and have some left over."' He served  
them; they ate and had some over, as the  
Lord had said.

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 144:10-11, 15-18**

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,  
and grant our desires.**

- All your creatures shall thank you,  
O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their  
blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your  
reign  
and declare your might, O God. **[R]**
- The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due  
time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **[R]**
- The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **[R]**

**SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-6**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul's 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, through  
all and within all.

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A great prophet has appeared among  
us; God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 6.1 - 15**

The Lord be with you **And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea  
of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large  
crowd followed him, impressed by the  
signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus  
climbed the hillside, and sat down there  
with his disciples. It was shortly before the  
Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds  
approaching and said to Philip, 'Where  
can we buy some bread for these  
people to eat?' He only said this to test  
Philip; he himself knew exactly what he

was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two  
hundred denarii would only buy enough  
to give them a small piece each.' One  
of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's  
brother, said, 'There is a small boy here  
with five barley loaves and two fish; but  
what is that between so many?' Jesus  
said to them, 'Make the people sit down.'  
There was plenty of grass there, and as  
many as five thousand men sat down.  
Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,  
and gave them out to all who were sitting  
ready; he then did the same with the fish,  
giving out as much as was wanted. When  
they had eaten enough he said to the  
disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so  
that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked  
them up, and filled twelve hampers with  
scraps left over from the meal of five  
barley loaves. The people, seeing this  
sign that he had given, said, 'This really  
is the prophet who is to come into the  
world'. Jesus, who could see they were  
about to come and take him by force and  
make him king, escaped back to the hills  
by himself.

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*All bow for following three lines:*

and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection  
of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
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.**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th July 2021**

**The love of God is a generous love, given to each of us.  
A generous love that asks his people, to make his generosity  
visible through the way we treat others.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings  
which we bring from the abundance  
of your gifts,  
that through the powerful working  
of your grace  
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify  
our present way of life  
and lead us to eternal gladness.  
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**

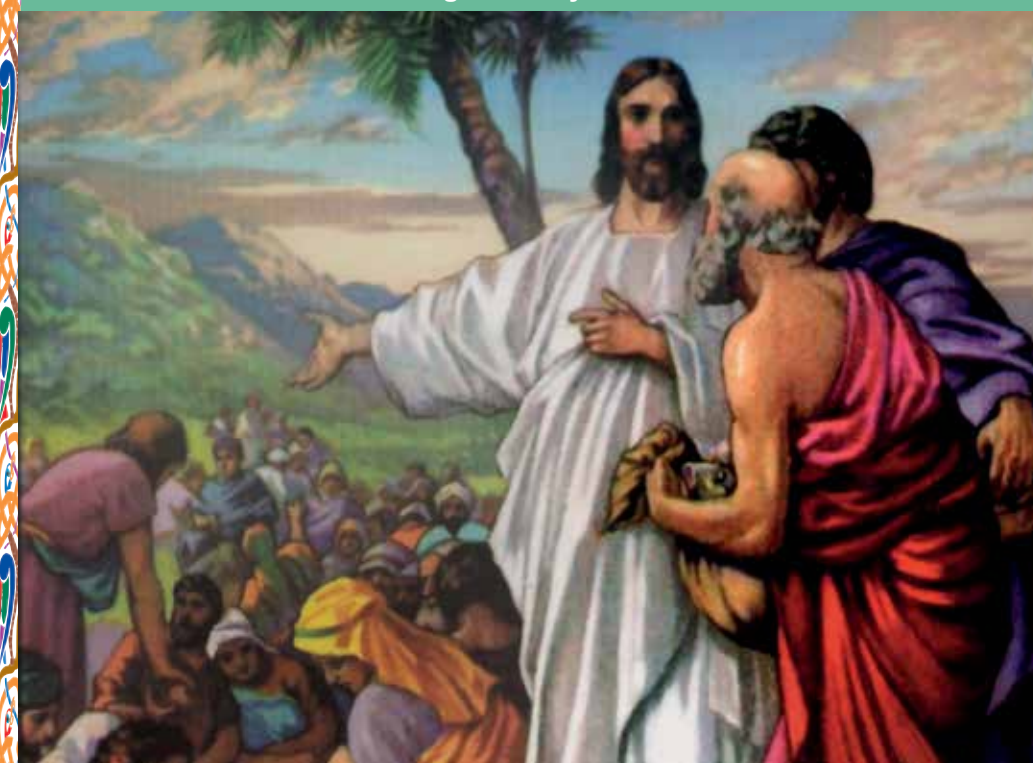
**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have consumed, O Lord,  
this divine Sacrament,  
the perpetual memorial of the Passion  
of your Son;  
grant, we pray, that this gift,  
which he himself gave us with love  
beyond all telling,  
may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
May almighty God  
bless you, the Father,  
and the Son,  
✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**  
Go in peace.  
**Thanks be to God..**



The generosity of Jesus is never exhausted; he is like  
the host or hostess who prepares too much. He fed the  
crowds, and much was left over; the disciples collected  
the leftover fragments, and we might say that what was  
left over would be the bread of life for the world for all  
times. What he gave to the crowds was himself, and this is what is given  
at every Mass.

The eucharist is not just eating – it is sharing. The people sat in groups and  
maybe they shared with each other. They just didn't each come up and  
get a fish or piece of bread. They ate together and all had the same menu.  
Over the last months we have come to realise that the Mass on webcam,  
even though we value it, lacks the personal touch and the sharing. It was  
great to get back to after some months of no worship.

Did they know where the bread and fish came from? The bread and fish,  
the food of the poor, was shared by the young boy. The boy could probably  
only have afforded enough for himself. Still, he gave it away!

We can give thanks for the bread of the Eucharist, but also for the people  
who prepare our ordinary meals. They are doing a holy thing!

*Donal Neary SJ, editor, Sacred Heart Messenger,*

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

Jesus liked parties because people were happy and there was good food and  
drink for everyone. In today's story, a little boy gives Jesus his lunch to help  
to feed people who are hungry. Jesus tells us that when we do a kind action,  
when we share and put others first we give a blessing to them.





### 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

**Parish Office: 4, Dún na Ri, Shannon**  
**Tel 061 363243**

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays:** 9.30am - 12.30pm  
(lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm) 1.30pm - 5.30pm

**Thursdays:** 9.00am - 1.00pm

**Email:** [office@shannonparish.ie](mailto:office@shannonparish.ie) [www.shannonparish.ie](http://www.shannonparish.ie)

### Tune in and Follow us on:

Radio 105.6 FM for Mass from SS John and Paul  
Webcam: <https://www.shannonparish.ie/web-cam/>  
[www.facebook.com/Shannon.Parish.Killaloe/](https://www.facebook.com/Shannon.Parish.Killaloe/)  
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### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sympathy to the families of:** Senan Talty, Fergus Drive, who was buried on Thursday and Mike Huismans, Cluain Aoiheann & formerly of Holland whose cremation took place on Thursday.

**Anniversaries:** Connie Kiely, Assumpta Farrell, Eamon Welsh, John Hanton, Paul Kiely, Pat Graham, Lorraine Mulcahy, Brendan Birchall, Eddie Power, Kieran O'Loughlin, Patrick Byrne, Frank King, George Justice and Christina Forde. We also pray for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Last Sunday's Offerings:** €1,585. Thank you for your great generosity.

### The Priests' Summer Collection:

#### Thank you from the Priests of the Parish

Thank you for your tremendous support to us for the priests' Summer Collection. Your contribution is still very welcome. The next Priests collection will be in the Autumn. God bless you as always for your great generosity to us which is very much appreciated. Donations can also be made online through Donate button on our website and our QR code.

### Mass and Baptismal Bookings:

If you are 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.



### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:



Every Sunday 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.

### Reek Sunday:

Normally the National Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place on the last Sunday of July. For this year, Reek Sunday has been extended to incorporate the whole month of July; each weekday from Wednesday to Saturday in order to facilitate those who wish to fulfil the Reek Sunday Obligations. Mass on the Summit: Wednesday to Friday 12 noon, Mass on Saturday 10am (Weather permitting). Confessions before and after Mass 11am-1.45am, 12.45pm-1.15pm

### Moving from Primary to Secondary school'.

- A Healthy Ireland at your Library event.  
Tuesday, 10th August 2021: Online event 1pm – 2.30pm

Join Dr. Mary O'Kane, lecturer in Psychology, Early Childhood Studies and Education, as she identifies the changes and challenges for children as they move from primary to secondary school. Dr. O'Kane will offer practical advice for parents on how to best support their children on this new educational journey. Free event for people throughout Co Clare aged 18+. Places are limited, booking is essential. In order to

take part, participants will require remote access to Zoom. Please book your place by emailing [kilrush@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:kilrush@clarelibrary.ie) or by calling Kilrush Library on 065 9051504 during branch opening hours.

### Life saving, innovative 24/7 text service has launched in Ireland

A new text-based mental health service funded by the HSE has been launched. '50808' is a first of its kind for Ireland, a free 24/7 text service, providing everything from a calming chat to immediate support for people going through mental health or emotional crisis.

Since the service began its pilot in September last year, it has provided support to 3,801 people through 6,694 conversations. It is expected that '50808' will support over 50,000 people each year once fully operational.

The service uses an artificial intelligence (AI) system to analyse a texter's initial message, scanning keywords, phrases, and even emojis to determine the level of severity. The texter's at most imminent risk are placed at the top of the queue.

The service allows trained Crisis Volunteers to volunteer from home. Crisis Volunteers complete a 30-hour training and have 24/7 supervision by full-time mental health professionals.

If you, or anyone you know is going through difficult times at the moment, remember there is help! No need to feel despair - Dial 50808 and talk it through!

### Happy Grandparents' Day

This Sunday 25th July, is the feast of SS Joacim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. A day of special celebration for all grandparents. Let's honour our grandparents dead or alive and the wonderful support, love and kindness they have shown to us especially as children:

Pope Francis has always reminded us to value the many gifts of our grandparents and elderly and, in recognition of their role, the Holy Father has now instituted an annual World Day into the Church calendar to be celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. A new dedicated World Day offers a welcome focus by the Church on grandparents and elders. The theme chosen for this inaugural year is 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20), highlighting that promise of closeness that generations share with each other. Not only are our young people called to be present in the lives of older people, but so too grandparents and elders have a mission to encourage young people on their faith journey

**Religious Gifts:** For all occasions are available from the Parish Office. If there is a particular religious item you are looking for we will source it for you.

### NOURISHING OUR ROOTS!

#### Plant 3 rows of Peas:

*Peace of mind, peace of heart, peace of soul.*

#### Plant 3 rows of Lettuce:

*Let us be faithful, let us be kind, let us love one another.*

#### Plant 3 rows of thyme:

*Time for God, time for study, time for prayer.*

*Water freely with patience & cultivate with love.  
There is abundance in your garden for you reap what you sow!*

#### Thought for the week:

*God gave humans two ends:  
One to sit on and one to think with!  
Ever since then, success or failure has been dependent  
on the one that is used most!*