

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you  
all the day long.

## 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 ACT

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have  
failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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.

## 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 cause the minds of the  
faithful to unite in a single purpose,  
grant your people to love what you promise,  
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,  
our hearts may be fixed on that place  
where true gladness is found.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Joshua 24:1-2; 15-18*

**A reading from the book of Joshua**  
Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel  
together at Shechem; then he called the  
elders, leaders, judges and scribes of  
Israel, and they presented themselves  
before God. Then Joshua said to all the  
people: 'If you will not serve the Lord,  
choose today whom you wish to serve,

whether the gods that your ancestors  
served beyond the River, or the gods of  
the Amorites in whose land you are now  
living. As for me and my House, we will  
serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no  
intention of deserting the Lord our God  
and serving other gods. Was it not the  
Lord our God who brought us and our  
ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the  
house of slavery, who worked those great  
wonders before our eyes and preserved  
us all along the way we travelled and  
among all the peoples through whom we  
journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he  
is our God.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**P.S. 33:2-3.16-23**

**R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **[R]**
2. The Lord turns his face against the  
wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the  
earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal. **[R]**
3. They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will  
save. **[R]**
4. Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken. **[R]**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his  
servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be  
condemned. **[R]**

## SECOND READING

**Ephesians 5:25-32 (shorter form)**

**A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians**

Husbands should love their wives just as  
Christ loved the Church and sacrificed  
himself for her to make her holy. He made  
her clean by washing her in water with a  
form of words, so that when he took her  
to himself she would be glorious, with  
no speck or wrinkle or anything like that,  
but holy and faultless. In the same way,  
husbands must love their wives as they  
love their own bodies; for a man to love  
his wife is for him to love himself. A man  
never hates his own body, but he feeds  
it and looks after it; and that is the way  
Christ treats the Church, because it is his  
body - and we are its living parts. For this  
reason, a man must leave his father and  
mother and be joined to his wife, and the  
two will become one body. This mystery  
has many implications; but I am saying it  
applies to Christ and the Church.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit,  
Lord, and they are life: you have the  
message of eternal life. Alleluia**

## GOSPEL *John 6:60-69*

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

After hearing his doctrine many of the  
followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable  
language. How could anyone accept it?'  
Jesus was aware that his followers were  
complaining about it and said, 'Does this  
upset you? What if you should see the  
Son of Man ascend to where he was  
before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.  
The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not  
believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset  
those who did not believe, and who it was  
that would betray him. He went on, 'This  
is why I told you that no one could come  
to me unless the Father allows him.' After  
this, many of his disciples left him and  
stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What  
about you, do you want to go away too?'  
Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall  
we go to? You have the message of  
eternal life, and we believe; we know that  
you are the Holy One of God.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

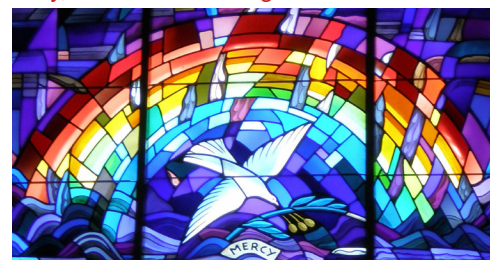
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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

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

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by  
adoption through the one sacrifice offered  
once for all,  
bestow graciously on us, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.  
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

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your  
work, O Lord;  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and wine to cheer the heart.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,  
the healing work of your mercy  
and graciously perfect and sustain us,  
so that in all things we may please you.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

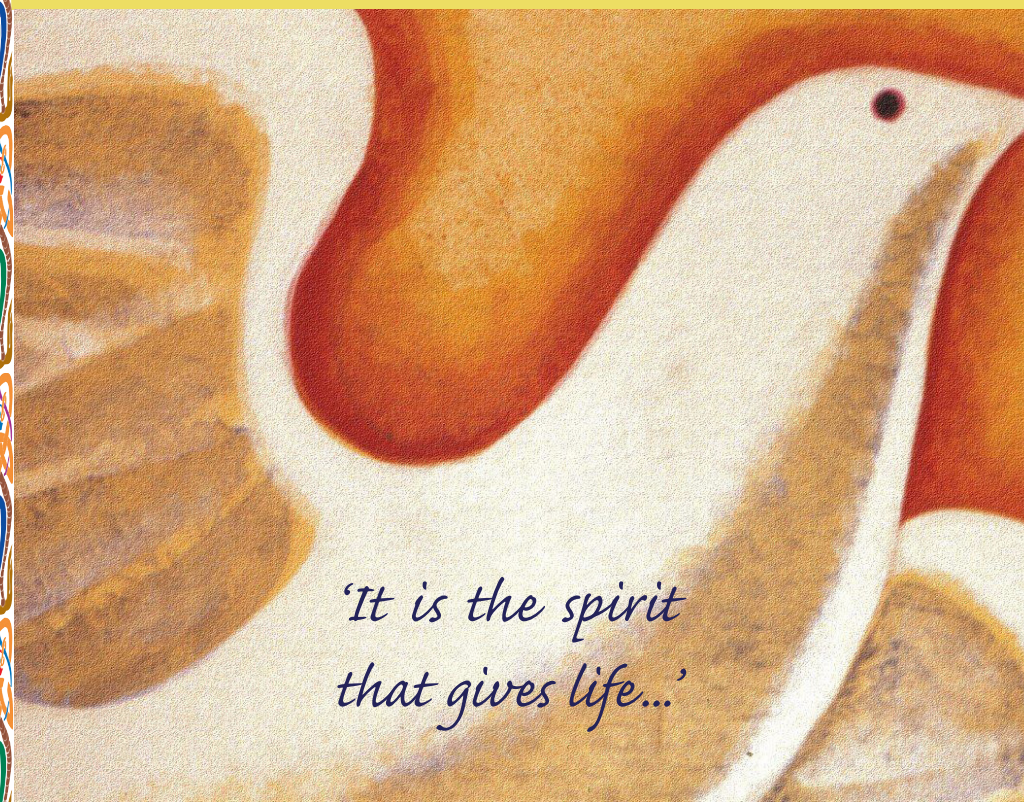
Keep your family safe, O Lord, and grant  
them the abundance of your mercies, that  
they may find growth through your teachings  
and the gifts of heaven. **Amen.**

And 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 forth, the Mass is ended.

**Thanks be to God.**

**God gives us the freedom of choice. He forces no one to obey him.  
He leaves us free. Our world is full of contradictory voices and false  
prophets. May we not be led astray. Only Jesus can give us eternal life.**



The deepest loves are the loves which say 'forever', as in  
marriage and many other relationships. Jesus in the gospel  
today is saying that his gift is forever. His love shown in death  
and resurrection is for all time, for all of us. This can be said to  
be the meaning of the Eucharist.

Each time we take part in the Mass we are 'present' at the death and resurrection  
of the Lord. Mass is not just a social gathering, or an ordinary prayer meeting.  
It is the highest point of Christian prayer, as we join in this love of God in Jesus,  
given for all time.

This gift of love is received or rejected. Jesus was in a way testing his disciples  
by asking them 'will you too go away?' knowing that they would stay even though  
there would be unfaithfulness and one would leave him. They would find out that  
staying with him would mean trying to share and live out love like he did.

The 'Holy One of God' is the One who loves all God's people to the end. Our  
Mass is also our thanks to God for this love and for God's call to be part of this  
love, sharing in his death and resurrection.

*Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)*

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



At Mass we thank God for loving us and being our companion in Holy  
Communion. We ask to be filled with the joy of The Holy Spirit. We pray  
that God may bless the Pope, leaders of the Church and State and all  
God's people. We include also all who have died that they may be in  
the company of Mary and all the saints, full of joy. We promise to be a  
blessing of peace to others.





### 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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## 22 August 2021 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Our Prayers & Sympathy to:** The families of Leonie Quish, Ros Silin who was buried last Saturday. John Gaffney, Cronan Grove & Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim who was buried last Thursday. Marie Driscoll, late of De Lacey Park & California, USA whose private funeral Mass takes place Monday August 23rd in SS John & Paul Church at 2pm with burial of ashes in Illaunmanagh Cemetery.

**Anniversaries:** Ann Clair, Deceased members of the Collins family, Joe Austin, Breda Moran, Peggy McCarthy, Annie Wall, Johnny McInerney, The McInerney & Leahy families, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**Last Sunday's Offerings:** €1,867. As always, thank you for your great generosity which is so much appreciated.

### **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.

### CONFIRMATIONS IN OUR PARISH:

**Congratulations** to the boys and girls who continue to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation over the weekend and into Monday of next week.

Again, we repeat for everyone to take responsibility in light of the present restrictions particularly with the alarming increases in new cases of Covid-19.

In these challenging times of trying to organise such events, our sincere thanks to the Teachers, our Schools, Sacristans, parents and all who journey with the children in time of faith development.

We pray that the coming of the Holy Spirit will strengthen them with confidence to bear witness to the Gospel.

If for some reason a family is away for holidays, please inform the school or parish office ( parish office email: [office@shannonparish.ie](mailto:office@shannonparish.ie) ) with your family name and mobile number and we can reschedule the ceremony for a later date.

*Wishing all Confirmation pupils and families every blessing.*

**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.

**Parish Office will be Closed this week due to holidays. Re-opens Tuesday 31st August at 9.30am.**

**In an emergency, please contact Fr. Francis or Fr. James at The Presbytery, 5 Drumgeely, Avenue.**

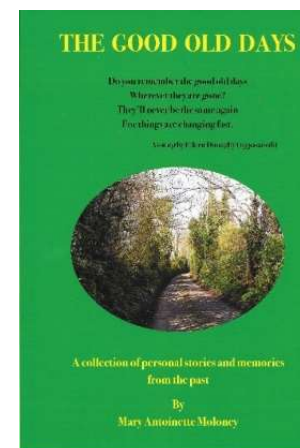
**Fr. Francis Xavier – 089 4494090**

**Fr. James – 089 2370053**

### **Ordained Deacon**

Antun Pasalic will be ordained deacon for the diocese of Killaloe on the evening of the Feast of the Birthday of Our Lady on September 8th at 7.30 pm in Ennis Cathedral. Antun completed his theological studies in June and is helping out in the Cathedral Parish at present. Congratulations, every good wish and blessing to Antun and please keep him in your prayers for diaconate and in preparation for priesthood.

### **The Good Old Days by Mary A. Moloney**



The Good Old Days is available from the author for €10.00 plus €5.00 P&P at Clyduff, Lisnagry, Castleconnell, Co. Limerick. The 120-page booklet contains the authorised biography of the famous Co. Clare priest, Fr. James Minogue (1925-1918), whose memories of his life and times are in themselves an actual archive of the twentieth century. Fr. Minogue served with us here in Shannon as P.P. from 1983 to 1988 and is still fondly remembered by all who knew him!

### **Are you interested in becoming a host carer?**

Home Share Clare offer short respite breaks to adults and children with an intellectual disability in the county of Clare. The uniqueness of this service is that you the host carer can offer support to an individual in your own home affording the person supported the opportunity to make new friends outside of their family circle. Currently our hosts come from a wide range of backgrounds and can be single, married, older, younger, working or retired. No formal qualifications or experience is necessary and training will be provided. A payment is made to host carers for the service provided.

If you would like to hear more about hosting and getting involved please email [homeshareclare@bocsi.ie](mailto:homeshareclare@bocsi.ie) or phone 065 6849400



**Bualadh Busk:** Outdoor busking sessions promoting local musicians -Thursdays & Saturdays: Running 6 hours of music each day at: Shannon Town Square from 11am, Shannon Town Park from 1pm, and later on at Newmarket on Fergus, Sixmilebridge and Bunratty. Catch all details on facebook! Great talent, great music, great treat!

**Interested in becoming a Samaritan volunteer?** Samaritans Ennis and Clare are currently seeking new volunteers for the Autumn 2021 training programme. Volunteers offer their time (approximately 3 to 4 hours a week) to help deliver a 24-hour emotional support service to callers from all walks of life. If you are tolerant, open-minded, and willing to help others please email [ennis.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org](mailto:ennis.branchrecruitment@samaritans.org) or call 085 1763491 for further information.

### **A Dog's Prayer**

*O Lord of all creatures, grant that man, my master, may be fateful to other men, as I am to him. Make him loving to his family and friends as I am to him. Give him O Lord, a happy and ready smile, as happy and spontaneous as the wagging of my tail! Give him patience as great as mine when I await his return without complaining. Grant him my courage and my readiness to sacrifice all for him, even my own life. May he possess my youthful spirit and joy of thought. O Lord of creatures, as I am in truth only a dog, may my master always be truly a man. Amen.*

### **Leaving Certificate Exam Students Prayer**

As the results of the Leaving Certificate draw nearer, students are anxiously awaiting the outcome. We pray that all students and families can pray the Serenity Prayer – to accept the things they cannot change, courage to change the things they can and the wisdom to know the difference!

### **Take a Moment**

*"You may give them your love but not your thoughts, For they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams. You may strive to be like them, But seek not to make them like you, For life goes not backward not tarried with yesterday."*

-Khalil Gibran