

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Wisdom 2:12. 17-20*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.'

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 53:3-6, 8*

R. The Lord upholds my life.

- O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **[R]**
- For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **[R]**
- But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **[R]**

SECOND READING *James 3:16-4:3*

A reading from the letter of St. James

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!



GOSPEL *Mark 9:30-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again'. But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

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, **Thanks be to God.**

focus on sunday

TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th September 2021

There is no such question as to who is "the greatest in the service of God". We are all infinitely loveable in the sight of God.



'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'

Competition starts very young in life – we have here a story about jealousies among the first disciples of Jesus. He has just spoken about his death and now they are arguing who is the best of the group. But... He does not get involved in their argument instead He calls a child – the child was a nobody in those days and greets that child with love. He does not ask us here to become like little children but to welcome them just as they are. He is somehow highlighting something very important – welcome and hospitality. A welcome for everyone in the love of God and in the church. This was his lesson to their jealousies. Our care for all whom we meet. Our care should also extend not just to each other as individuals but to all of creation.

We are here to care for and not subdue creation. This requires a change of mindset. Climate change affects us all; but it affects the poorest and weakest of us most of all. Children, suffering poverty and hunger, families made homeless, farmland made barren or flooded. We have a duty to act to protect these most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.

Take time each day to give thanks for the earth, for the food we eat and the air we breathe. Give thanks for the beauty of creation – the things that nurture not our bodies but our souls. The quiet places we escape to when the busyness of life is too much, the beauty of nature which can brighten our dark days. The more we remember to be grateful for the earth the more we will remember our duty to care for it. Jesus reminded His disciples that they must be humble servants – in our care for creation we are the humble servants of future generations.

This week – start making some small changes: refuse plastic in a store; turn off lights you do not need; it won't change the world immediately but if we all get into this mindset, things can change.

Why care – because the heart of God goes out to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

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Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Before we drive a motor car, or cycle or skate on the footpath, we have to read rules and instructions. Jesus says that is good, but it is more important to respect other people on the road or footpaths. We serve others by giving way, and leaving room for walkers with babies and little children. Rules give us knowledge. Heart gives us manners, courtesy, and respect.



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

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Parish App



19 September 2021 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Prayers & Sympathy to: To the Quinlan family, Ballycasey, on the death of Michael (Mick) Quinlan. To John Kelly, Bru na Sionna on the death of his sister Mary McCafferty, Ballina, Co. Mayo, who died recently.

Months Mind: This Saturday 18th September at 6.30pm for John Gaffney, Cronan Grove & Manonhamilton, Co. Leitrim. Next Friday at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church for Hugh Campbell, late of Finian Park and Ratoath, Co. Meath.

First Anniversaries: Next Sunday at 12.15pm for John Kelly, Cronan Lawn.

Anniversaries: Helen Neylon, Mary Barrett, Baby Anna Bialkowska, Krzysztof Rydzynski, Mary Conway, Fr. Eamon Gaynor.

Last Sunday's Offerings: €1,696. 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 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.



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.

Second Collection: this weekend is for is to support the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund. This fund enables Bishop Fintan to help our senior priests who have given a lifetime of service to parishioners in the diocese. We thank you for supporting this fund.

Thank you for your wonderful support to the parish.

As well as the usual way to donate to your parish you can also use our new method of using the QR code (here) which is also 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.



Notice: We are seeking volunteers who would like to assist in delivering parish correspondence 4 times yearly in various areas around Shannon. If you have free time and are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office during office hours on 363243 or email office@shannonparish.ie

COVID-19 Protocols: We ask all parishioners attending Mass, and other Church ceremonies that the wearing of masks and sanitising of hands is mandatory. We are also permitted to have 50% of Church capacity. We thank everyone for your co-operation and to the teams of stewards who assist you.

Free Smartphone Classes: Contact our Library to avail of free smartphone classes and become more familiar with installing apps, using Zoom and sending emails. Classes are starting from the 27th September. Shannon Library 061 364266.

Special Church Collections Dates 2022 will be taken up on the dates below:

24/25 th December 2021	Priests' Christmas Collection
29 th /30 th January 2022	Diocesan Administration Appeal
19 th /20 th February 2022	Parish Faith Formation Appeal
16/17 th March 2022	Diocesan Education Fund
16 th /17 th April 2022	Priests' Easter Collection
14 th /15 th May 2022	Lourdes Invalid Appeal
18 th /19 th June 2022	Priests' Summer Collection
23 rd /24 th July 2022	Diocesan Needs Appeal
27 th /28 th August 2022	Diocesan Sick & Retired Priests' Appeal
24 th /25 th September 2022	Priests' Autumn Collection
22 nd /23 rd October 2022	Mission Sunday Appeal
26 th /27 th November 2022	Youth Ministry Appeal
24/25 th December 2022	Priests' Christmas Collection

Most of the above collections fall on a Sunday or Holy Day and include the Vigil Masses. We ask that no other collection would take place on the weekend of a second collection or the day of the Priests' collection.

We thank you for your continued generosity to all our Collections as they play a primary part in the pastoral care of the Parish.

Fr. Arnie

Synodal Pathway

For a synodal Church:
communion, participation
and mission.



We're Going to Have a Synod...A What?

Earlier this year, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference announced that they were embarking on a synodal pathway for the Irish Catholic Church leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. The word "synod" and a synodal way of working is perhaps more familiar among our friends in the Church of Ireland who are used to gathering regularly in synod to make important decisions. But there hasn't been a national synod of the Catholic Church in Ireland since 1927. That said, in other centuries, there have been very significant synodal gatherings where decisions were made which impacted the course the Catholic Church took in the years and indeed even in the centuries which followed.

What is a Synod?

For the Church it is a time-honoured way of working out together the "navigation map" for the Church at particular times. Synodality is about the whole People of God helping each other to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. This way of working has been given a new emphasis and a new urgency by Pope Francis who has emphasised that this is the way of being "which God expects of the Church of the third millennium". He has insisted that it is not just bishops but the whole People of God which is called to be synodal. Listening, he says, is at the heart of this way of working. He emphasises that this is not simply a matter of discussion as in a parliamentary debate. Rather it is primarily a prayerful spiritual time of communitarian discernment. It is about finding the best ways forward for the Church given the challenges it faces.

A preparatory document can be viewed on www.killaloe-diocese.ie