

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You came to call sinners: **Christ, have mercy.**
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
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

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6: 2 - 6
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a

land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 17:2-4,47,51
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **[R]**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **[R]**

SECOND READING Hebrews 7:23-28
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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 Mark 12:28-34
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one

and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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
May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.



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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
Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, shall have life because of me, says the Lord.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. 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. Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

The commandment of God is to love him and love people: both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.

You shall **LOVE** the LORD your GOD with all your **HEART SOUL MIND STRENGTH**

Many people asked Jesus about how they could enter the kingdom of God. Or they asked what is the greatest of the commandments. In Judaism, a religion that prided itself often on the observance of many rules and regulations this was quite a loaded question. The answer Jesus gave is the reason for all his teaching: 'love God and your neighbour'. This is simple to say and is a lifetime's joy. Love of those near and far is what can bring greatest joy to our lives. Love is in the ordinary. We visit someone in hospital, we oblige others, we go without so that we can help someone worse off than ourselves. It is in giving time to people – not just Facebook time but real presence. Trying to live in peace with others. A lot of life calls the best out of us. We fail sometimes, other times we succeed. Love gives a lot in ordinary family life. Parents and grandparents give us an example of steadfast love, the word used in the Bible for the love of God. From God's love for us we can reach out to others, knowing we are loved so much. The love of God and love of the neighbour are the one love. We know then we are not far from the kingdom God, the kingdom where love is the foundation of all that we do. To spread this love is the heartfelt desire and mission of Jesus. Give me the grace Lord of knowing your love for me and reach out in love this as best I can.

Donal Neary SJ. (editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*

Our hearts and our heads are blessed with perfume oil when we celebrate Baptism. Jesus tells us that our hearts that love, are more important than our minds that think. We can know all the rules in a good manners book, but it is our heart that makes us help others, be polite, respect people and nature, smile, be kind, put others first, say 'sorry and thank you.' The Spirit warms the heart, and enlightens the mind.



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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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Month of the Holy Souls Masses for November 1st (All Saints) and November 2nd (All Souls) will be at 10am (Mary Immaculate), 12.15pm and 7pm in SS John and Paul. The 7pm Mass on Wednesday is cancelled due to the ceremony for those who died in the past year.

Our Prayers & Sympathy to: To the family of Fiona Durcan, Inis Fail who was cremated on Friday. To the family of Mary Mullins, Lios Darog who was buried this weekend. To Pat and Rupert Caughran on the death of their brother Bill Gaughran, Limerick and St Pat's Comprehensive School. To Geraldine Lambert on the death of her brother Jim Howard, County Tipperary. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.

Anniversaries: Peter Geraghty, Matt Petticrew, Patricia Collins, Patrick Cantillon, Charles & Kathleen Ward, John, Gerard & Brenda Roche, Betty Brennan, Margaret Moroney, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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.



Priests Autumn Collection We thank you for your support to the Priests' Autumn Collection. You're welcome to support us if you happened to be away. November Holy Souls envelopes can also be dropped back to the Church and Parish Office with the list of your deceased.

November Holy Souls Envelopes have been distributed with the Autumn Priests Collection with extra envelopes available from the Church's and Parish Office. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Parish Tax Rebate Scheme: If you are part of the Tax Rebate Scheme where the parish benefits, you're new box of envelopes are available in the sacristy. If you're interested in being part of the scheme please contact the Parish Office for details.

Mass and Baptismal Bookings: If you are intending to book a Mass or a baptism we would ask you book through the Parish Office. 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.



Adoration Chapel Skycourt re-open's on Monday November 1st from 2-6pm (Monday to Friday) for private prayer only. We are planning to re-start Adoration for Advent. We need at least 40 to sign up for Adoration. We welcome existing and new members to join. You can do so by signing your name and mobile on the table in front of the altar, or to the sacristans, or Parish Office.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: The new roster is available in the sacristy. We thank you for your great ministry.

Cemetery Sunday: next weekend at 2.30pm in Lemenagh, 4pm in Ilaunmanagh, and 4.45pm at the Crematorium.

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.

St Senan's National School Bingo fundraiser returns! On Thursday, 4th November, at 8pm in Wolfe Tones GAA Club. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Social distancing rules apply. Thank you.

St. Conaire's NS Parent Association are holding a 'Cash for Clobber' Collection at the GAA side of the school. Every Saturday from October 16th to December 4th from 10 am to 12 noon. We accept clothes, belts, towels, sheets, curtains and shoes. Thank you for your support.

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

Clare Suicide Bereavement Support: Are you finding it difficult to cope with a death by suicide of a family member, relative or friend? It may help to talk to a Clare Suicide bereavement Support Volunteer. We offer confidential and free support to people who have experienced a death by suicide. Please phone or text 086 0565373 or 087 3698315. www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

Searching Which Way to Go? 'Tell me what it is you plan to do with your one wild and precious life' – Mary Oliver Why not join a 'SAMUEL GROUP' and meet like-minded and like-hearted people on a similar journey? SAMUEL is a group for young adults 20-35 years of age who want relationship with God to influence their life choices. Join us on Zoom, Nov 3rd 2021 at 7:15 pm. For more information and Zoom link contact Rita 086 3434448 or Marion 087 2688561 Samuel will run monthly from Nov 2021 to March 2022.

Parish Schedule for November and December
SHANNON PARISH

Feast of All Saints (Nov 1st), Feast of All Souls (Nov 2nd), and December 8th

Masses at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church, 12.15pm and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church. Note: November 1st and December 8th are Holydays of Obligation

Cemetery Sunday (Nov 7th) - Prayer and Blessing of Graves

Lemenagh Cemetery: 2.30pm
Ilaunamanagh Cemetery: 4pm
Columbarium Wall at the Crematorium: 4.45pm

Note: At the Lemenagh Cemetery gathering, due to safety, a general blessing of the graves will take place from the center point of the cemetery. We encourage families to bring Holy Water and sprinkle your family graves.

Daily Masses (Mon-Fri) for November to January 6th 2022

10am in Mary Immaculate Church
7pm in SS John and Paul Church

(Note: No evening Mass on November 8-9th due to Killaloe Clergy In-Service, or on Wednesday Nov 3rd, when there will be a Remembrance Service for those who have died over the past year.

Reconciliation Service

Wednesday December 15th at 7pm in SS John and Paul Church.
Note: No evening Mass.

Mercy on the Mall (December 8th)

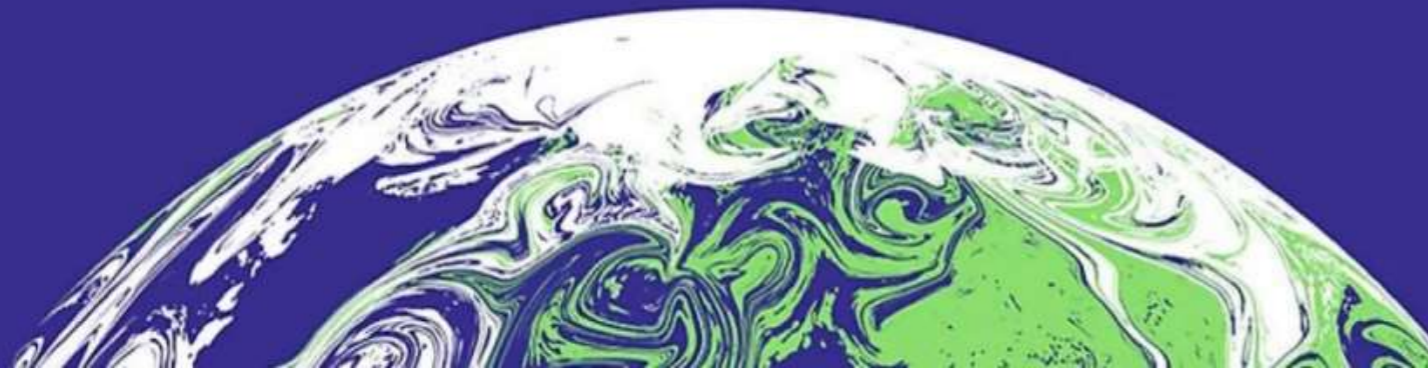
Mercy on the Mall will **NOT** take place this year. All going well we will resume it in 2022.

Christmas Masses (Dec 24/25th) and Sunday (Dec 26th)

Mass schedule for Christmas will be published in early December

Do continue to stay safe and well,
and thank you for your continued encouragement and support.
Fr. Arnie.

COP26



The 26th UN Climate Conference (or COP26 for short) begins today in Glasgow and will go on until November 12 th. We are already seeing signs of climate breakdown. Parts of the world are under threat because of rising sea levels due to global warming. Severe extreme weather events are causing devastation, destroying lives, homes, lands and livelihoods, especially in the poorest parts of the world which are most at risk.

At COP21 in December 2015, the Paris Agreement was reached which committed countries to try to limit global warming to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and not to allow it to go above 2°C. Six years later, global temperature rises are on track to reach a catastrophic 3°C.

Pope Francis, along with other religious leaders has called on those attending COP26 to renew their commitment to keep global temperatures below 1.5°C and to take action to make this possible.

“We have inherited a garden: we must not leave a desert to our children,” the statement says.

We are asked to pray for the success of COP26 during these days.

*Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.
You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.
We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
as stewards of your creation.
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26
as they seek to embrace the changes needed
to foster a more sustainable society.
Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement
fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen*



Winter Time A reminder that clocks will go back an hour at 2 am on Sunday, October 31.



All parish notices are on the website, the parish app, and the schedule for November and December is posted in the Church notice boards, especially if there is a change at short notice.

November

The Month of

The Holy Souls

November is a special time of the year when in a heartfelt and intimate way ‘We Remember’ all our loved ones who passed over to new life with Christ this past year. Death, loss, and sadness is something we all experience, but in a particular way the death of a family member, relative, neighbour, or friend is all the more difficult to come to terms with and comprehend. We have lived with them, shared our lives with them, and walked the road of life through the joys and challenges with them. Their passing leaves a huge void and absence in our lives, and we will never forget their presence in our lives. While they are no longer physically present to us, their spirit lives in our hearts.

In remembering our loved ones we are brought back to the moment they breathed their last. We recall with affection in the midst of the tears, the final words they said to us. We feel the sense of the mystery of the moment where they closed their eyes to this world and opened them to life with the Father in heaven. In remembering our loved one we are brought back to planning for their funeral ritual and carrying out their final wishes. Whether it was celebrated in a Church, or the Crematorium Chapel, or in the home, or at the graveside we bid them farewell until we meet again.

This past year the passing of our loved ones occurs in the context of the pandemic. The grieving process was made all the more challenging and upsetting with restrictions and protocols. Yet within the reality of those experiences, the words of the Saviour Jesus Christ gives us hope;

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God...’

In the past year we have perhaps understood there is a part of life that doesn’t belong to us, but to God. We do not know the day or the hour when God will call us. But I’d like to think we continue to do our best, to give without counting the cost, to have a sense of compassion and kindness. I have no doubt the legacy of your loved one is now bestowed on you, and you now take on the baton of their lives. In that task may you be given the courage and fortitude to live each day with a heart of love. In so doing you will truly stand at that moment in time, when you will never ever lose them again.

God bless you and may your loved one be enfolded in God’s love forever.

Fr Arnie