

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.



GREETING

In the name of the Father Amen. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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 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 ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Daniel 7: 13 - 14

A reading from the prophet Daniel.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of

heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 92:1-2.5

R. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. [R]
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. [R]
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. [R]

SECOND READING Apocalypse 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a

king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. 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.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you in his kindness and pour out saving wisdom upon you. Amen.

May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith and make you persevere in holy deeds. Amen.

May he turn your steps towards himself and show you the path of charity and peace. 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 in peace. Thanks be to God.



Jesus' kingship is the kingship of one who is dedicated to his Father. He lives and dies for the truth. In his death and resurrection he is enthroned in the glory of his Father. This is the kingship we celebrate: one who has passed through the worst of human life to a life and joy that is eternal.

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listen to my voice."



A big thing in life is where you are from. We say 'your accent betrays you'. Sometimes we judge totally on where people are from. Pilate was the same with Jesus. With all he knew of him and heard, the miracles and the speeches – where are you from? Are you a king really? What sort is your kingdom? Pilate was intrigued always with Jesus and so are we. Our Christian life is getting to know Jesus more, and taking part in his mission. The type of person he was. That he came from God and from humanity. He speaks of the best of God and the best of us, the best of heaven and the best of earth. He is worth our following. Our role – vocation/called to be like him. Our mission is a calling to live like him in love and service.

'FROM ABOVE'

There is the 'from above' in Jesus and much of John's gospel stresses the divinity of Christ. He doesn't look very divine but he does look very human. In the human is the divine. So we could be like him. We become like him by reading about his life and living like he did.

King is a strange feast....he never wanted it. But he accepted what that happened to him. He took it on out of love. What sort of king do we meet? One of truth, justice, compassion and love. The defender of the poor. The King who prays.

A good ending of one church year to begin another. King and servant. We'll see more of what it's all like in the weeks of December. Meantime we want to live in this reign of God and pray and live – your kingdom come.

Donal Neary SJ. (editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



It was a sports day at school. During a big race one boy slipped and fell. His pal stopped to help him. Neither of them won a medal, but they won a better prize. Jesus tells us that God Our Father is like the boy who stopped to help. God's power is in the gold of love and kindness, and that is God's Kingdom.



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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**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

Our Prayers & Sympathy to: To the family of Paul Halpin, Dun an Oir whose cremation took place on Wednesday. To Marie McDonnell, Cronan Grove, on the death of her brother Tommy Johnston, Belfast and brother in law Laurence McGillan, Beflast, both of whom who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto all of them O Lord and may the light of heaven shine on their souls.

Months Mind Mass: This Sunday 21st November at 12.15pm in SS John & Paul Church for Rosanna Curran, Castledermot, Kildare, mother of Mary Boreland and the late Aidan Curran. Next Saturday 27th November at 6.30pm in SS John & Paul for Margaret Halpin.

First Anniversaries: This Sunday 21st November for Frank Fitzgerald at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church. Next Saturday 27th November for Michael O'Connor at 6.30pm in SS John & Paul Church. Next Saturday 27th November for Mary Healy at 6.30pm in SS John & Paul Church

Anniversaries: Lazimiera, Bronistaw, & Krzysztof Lizak, John Shiels, Eileen Fitzgerald, Jim Sexton, Paddy McDonald, Eithne MacCormaic, Geraldine Bevan & Bevan and Nolan families, Charles Coughlan and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Mass for Deceased Members of SPS on Saturday 27th November at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church.

Parish Collection: last Sunday €1922.43.

Trocaire

A second collection will be taken up at all weekend Masses on November 26,27,28 in support of the mission work, including Trocaire. It's our way of supporting the missions at 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.



Return of November Holy Souls Envelopes Please return envelopes distributed to your homes with the list of your deceased to the Church's. 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.

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.



Adoration Chapel Skycourt re-opened 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.

Mass and Baptismal Bookings: Baptisms celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Saturday every month. 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.

Sacred Spaces: Do call into our Church's and visit our Sacred Spaces in honour of the Holy Souls. All Masses for the month of November are offered for the Holy Souls.

Religious Gifts: The Parish Office has a great arrangement of Christmas items for purchase, including Mass Bouquets, candles, children's books, Christmas cards, and much more.



Wolfe Tones GAA Christmas Market

Wolfe Tones GAA will hold an outdoor Christmas Market on their grounds on Thursday 25th November from 4.30pm onwards. 60 plus stalls with a wide range of goods on sale.

St. Conaire's NS Parent Association are holding a 'Cash for Clobber' Collection Every Saturday 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.

An Garda Síochána
Shannon and Cratloe Senior Residents
Senior Citizen's Christmas Gift Drop
from 13th to 17th December
Register By calling us on
061 365900 before December, 3rd
Give Your Name,
Phone number and Address

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 adults 20-35 years of age who want relationship with God to influence their life choices. For more information call Rita 086 3434448 or Marion 087 2688561 Samuel will run monthly from Nov '21 to March '22.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8).

Parish Masses will be celebrated at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church, 12.15pm and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church.

Feast of Christ the King - from Universalis www.universalis.com

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, the sixteenth centenary of the Council of Nicaea at which the doctrine of the consubstantiality of Christ with the Father was defined. Its place pointing to the final destiny of the soul and of humankind was confirmed by its move, in the Church calendar reforms of the Second Vatican Council, to the final Sunday of the liturgical year.

The Pope asserted that the most effective defence against the destructive forces of the age is the recognition of the Kingship of Christ; and, furthermore, a feast which is celebrated every year by everyone is a far better way of deploying that defence than any number of books written by learned people. First, we do; then we come to understand what it is that we are doing.

Each of us has been anointed with holy oil at baptism, as priest, prophet, and king. The feast of Christ the King is thus a good moment to reflect on our kingship and on what "king" means and how to be one. Understanding the feast makes us understand our own call in life better.

One possible point of entry is in Genesis, where Adam sits in state and God brings him all the animals for him to give them names. To give names to one's subjects is an act of a king. The responsibility of a king is then to care for his subjects, which is why we are obliged to act as custodians of creation: something no other creature is. How far that responsibility takes one can then be seen in the King of the Universe, who is simultaneously the ruler of all and the servant of all. He rules in triumph; and he rules from the Cross.

Perhaps a way into a meditation on all this would be to ask, "Over whom am I, personally, king?" and hence "Whom am I called to serve?"