

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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 came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 24:4-5. 8-9,10,14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. [R]
2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. [R]

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2.

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!



GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28.34-36

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.' 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC 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.



focus on sunday



Advent calls on us, as we await the birth of Jesus to be a light for all who hunger for justice, peace and truth.



Trócaire

Abdul, 8 from Afar drinking water that his brother Mohammed has collected on a 5 hour round trip to the nearest river. Photo: Louise Norton/ Trócaire.



As we begin the season of Advent our thoughts turn towards the wonderful mystery of God entering our world in the person of a helpless child. It is the mystery of God's love for each one of us. And St Paul prays in the second reading in today's Mass "May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race".

The Christian invitation and challenge is not just to love those who love me but to love all people. In this regard Christ has shown us the way in his special love for the poor and the broken. We live in a world where most of us have more than we need. Sadly in so many other parts of our world millions of people are poor and broken, living permanently in dire poverty. What better way to prepare for this Christmas than to make a serious contribution to Trócaire or other such charities which works for the relief of poverty and to promote human development helping people to live lives of dignity. The work of Trócaire depends to a great extent on our contributions and it has suffered a significant fall in these contributions this past year because of the Covid pandemic.

In recent times we have become aware of the urgency of the threat of climate change. We have also learned that it is these poorer countries who are suffering most from the fallout of climate change. We are called to listen to the voice of the poor.

"May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race".

Willie Walsh
Bishop Emeritus Killaloe

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

A shop owner dreamt that Jesus was coming to his shop next day. The man got up very early to get everything ready. The first customer was a travelling woman looking for help for her children; next a man in bad humour complaining about everything; last, teenagers who came to look at things. The shopkeeper was disappointed. That night in a dream Jesus came back and said 'I came to your shop three times today. I was hidden in the travelling woman, the cranky man and teenagers'.



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

Thursdays: 9.00am - 1.00pm

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F i r s t S u n d a y o f A d v e n t

Our Prayers & Sympathy to: To the families of Michael Wren, Aidan Park who was buried on Tuesday and to the family of Kathleen Butler, Fergus Road, who was buried on Thursday. To Phil Fleming, Newmarket on Fergus on the death of her brother Padraic Concannon, Spiddal, Co. Galway who died during the week. To Susan Leonard, Carrig Lia, on the death of her mother Margaret Campion, England, who also died during the week. Eternal rest grant unto all of them O Lord and may the light of heaven shine on their souls.

Months Mind Mass: This Saturday 27th November at 6.30pm in SS John & Paul for Margaret Halpin. This Sunday 28th November at 10am in SS John & Paul Church for Mary Mullins. This Wednesday 1st December at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church for Peter Meaney.

First Anniversaries: This Saturday 27th November for Mary Healy at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church. This Saturday 27th November for Michael O'Connor at 6.30pm in SS John & Paul Church. This Sunday 28th November for Margaret Shanahan at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church. Next Friday 3rd December for Agatha Lenihan at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Antoinette Fleming, Deceased members of Molex, Gerry Hartigan, John Mackell, Ann Hourston, Vincent Carey, Mike McKee, Joan & John O'Kane, Owen & Margaret Rankin, John McCarthy, Linda O'Connell, Paul Carr, Michael Mullins, Jimmy Delaney and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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

Mass for Retired Members of Shannon Development Company on Thursday 2nd December at 11am in SS John & Paul Church.

Parish Collection: last Sunday €2,069. Míle Buíochas.

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.



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.

Adoration Chapel: Adoration will resume on Monday to Friday 2-6pm daily.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Sunday 2-6pm in SS John and Paul Church. With the current safety protocols in place adoration is for private prayer only.

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. Email office@shannonparish.ie or phone 363243.

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.

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Trócaire
A second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend in support of mission work, including Trócaire. It's our way of supporting the missions at this time.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SVP ANNUAL APPEAL
YOU COULD SAVE A FAMILY FROM IMPOSSIBLE CHOICES.

SVP Society of St Vincent de Paul FIND OUT MORE AT SVP.IE
St Vincent de Paul Shannon Conference will hold their annual appeal next Friday December 3rd in Skycourt. So many families are in need of support and your generosity goes a long way to helping families in need this Christmas.

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.

HSE now has the PCR test centre at Shannon Airport and is a convenient and easy location for anyone in our Parish who feels they need testing.

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.

Congratulations to Shannon Tidy Towns and all the volunteers who, once again, achieved wonderful high marks and huge praise from the National Tidy Towns Adjudicators in this year's National Tidy Towns Awards. Well done to everybody!



The Advent Season, which begins our Church's liturgical year, begins on Sunday, November 28, 2021. Advent encompasses the four Sundays and the weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. As you know "Advent" is derived from the Latin word adventus, meaning "coming," and thus the season is a time of preparation of our hearts, spirits, and minds for the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ's birth on Christmas.

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. We invite you to consider celebrating Advent by using or indeed making an Advent Wreath with family and children or grandchildren, in school, in a class or at home, and lighting the candles each week. For safety you can also use LED candles and or paint and label the candles. Alternatively, you might consider having children draw and colour in their wreath and the various scenes associated with each candle. Place your Advent Wreath on your table at home and use it to contemplate on the season of Advent.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the Alpha and the Omega, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The wreath is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ. The wreath which is made of various evergreens signify eternal life. The individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and

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resurrection. If you are making the wreath, you can gather and add these to the wreath over the Season if they are not immediately to hand.

The candles have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and we light one additional candle each consecutive Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the colour violet is a liturgical colour that signifies Advent as a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice to help us prepare room in our lives for the coming birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, "the Light of the World." John 8:12.

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. We call it the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold of the coming of the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14. The second candle, also purple, represents faith. We call this candle the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. We call this candle the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy of the faithful having reached the midpoint of Advent. On the fourth week of Advent, we will light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer, penance, and preparation as we ready for the birth of our Saviour. This candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace, Christ's divinity, and the blessings he brings, echoed in the message hymn of the angels: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14. The inclusion of a fifth and white candle is a tradition that has become popular in modern adaptations. It is placed in the middle and we light this candle on Christmas Eve, removing all other candles then on Christmas Day. We call this the "Christ Candle" and it represents the work of Christ to us, our light in the darkness through his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The colour white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure and loving Saviour. If you use or make an Advent wreath, please share an image of your wreath with us and we will post it on our Facebook and our social media pages. (var. Mercy Home)