

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You will come in glory with salvation for your people: 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, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of Kings Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her

he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 145:7-10

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord, or Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. [R]
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. [R]
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. [R]

SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one, but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once and after that comes judgement, so Christ too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44 (*shorter form 12:41-44)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

*He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on. *

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

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. 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 Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. 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.



Love giving until it hurts' –Mother Teresa.

The poor woman of today's gospel, a widow who would have had little to live on, is praised not for the amount she contributed, but that she gave everything! The story is more than factual, and maybe Jesus was exaggerating, but he is talking about giving to God, in a way that sometimes costs. Mother Teresa speaks of 'love giving until it hurts'. Jesus is also comparing her humble giving, with the showy giving of other richer people. Does the latter, subconsciously, describe my giving? What is the value of giving in order for others to see? (Let not your right hand know what your left hand is doing).

Maybe what we give to the lives of others doesn't look much, but it has helped. We know this from the time spent by parents on their children, in time given to the elderly in the family and in the neighbourhood, in giving some money and going without other things in our lives, so that we can do that. Love given is never love emptied, for the in giving, we receive.

We never know where the effects of our love will bear fruit. Faith shared with our children may bear fruit long after we are dead. In later life people often go to the prayers and devotions they were taught in school or at home. Goodness and love shared is never wasted. Even though the lady of the gospel gave a lot, she went home the richer for it. Her religion was in the sharing of her heart, rather than lengthy and wordy prayers.

This was the prayer of St Francis –lord make me a means of your peace; where there is hatred let me sow love...for it is in giving that we receive and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Donal Neary SJ, (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked looking at people, with interest. To day He watches a lonely women putting money in a poor box. Often we don't have money to give away, but we do have eyes to see and notice people, and we have hands to help. We can welcome, hug and respect people and that is better than money.



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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Parish App



7 November 2021
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Prayers & Sympathy to: To the families of: Mary Mullins, Lios Darog who was buried last Saturday, Peter Meaney, Cul na Greine who was buried last Thursday, Annette Dunne, Cluain Airne, whose cremation took place on Friday. Sympathy to Eamonn Colgan, Rosmin, on the death of his father Tom Colgan, Santry, Dublin, who died last week. To Michael Collins, Hurler's Cross on the death of his brother Sean Collins, Kilkishen. Sympathies to the Sheedy family Cooraclare on the death of Fr Michael Sheedy, A.P Kilrush. To Fr. Lorcan Kenny on the death of his mother Margaret Kenny, Birr, Co. Offaly. Eternal rest grant unto all of them O Lord.

Months Mind Mass: Friday 12th November at 7pm in SS John & Paul Church for Dermot Dunne, The Grove. Sunday 14th November at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church for Denis O'Brien, Delginis.

First Anniversary Mass: Saturday 6th November at 6.30pm in SS John & Paul Church for Madeleine Clancy, Cluain Airne.

Anniversaries: Peggy Connolly, John Meehan, Terry Hannam, Breda Fanning, Bridie Scullion, Phil Boyd and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Parish Collection: last Sunday €1,699. Mission collection and Trocaire Emergency collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of November 26, 27, 28.

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.

Priests' Autumn Collection: We thank you for your support to the Priests' Autumn Collection. November Holy Souls envelopes can also be dropped back to the Church's and Parish Office with the list of your deceased.

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: 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.

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: this weekend at 2.30pm in Lemenagh, 4pm in Ilaunmanagh, and 4.45pm at the Crematorium. Please bring Water which will be blessed at the ceremony to sprinkle on your graves. Extra parking for the Ilaunmanagh ceremony is available at St Senan's Rugby Club.

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. Conaire's NS Parent Association are holding a 'Cash for Clobber' Collection at the GAA side of the school. 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.

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. 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

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

Lemenagh Cemetery: 2.30pm
Illaunamanagh 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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception December 8th

Masses at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church, 12.15pm and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

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.

Reconciliation Service

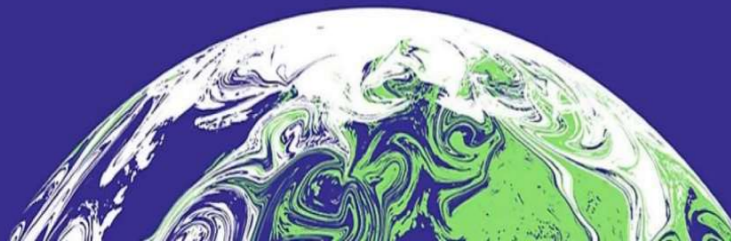
Wednesday December 15th at 7pm in SS John and Paul Church.
Note: No evening Mass.

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 12th. 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*

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

Christmas is coming!

Christmas is fast approaching and we are getting ready! Our parish office will be ordering religious Christmas stock this week. We now have already in stock a great range of Christmas Mass Bouquets which are very popular and which we ran out of last year and couldn't access more. We also have Christmas Card Boxes of 18 cards. Here are some pictures of the cards in stock and we will post more pictures of more stock in the coming days. Always welcome in the Parish Office...always ready to help you in any way we possibly can!



NOTICES

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.