

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

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 is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.
Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem; Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you,

he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Isaiah 12:2-6

R. Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. [R]
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. [R]
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. [R]

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

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

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown

among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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.



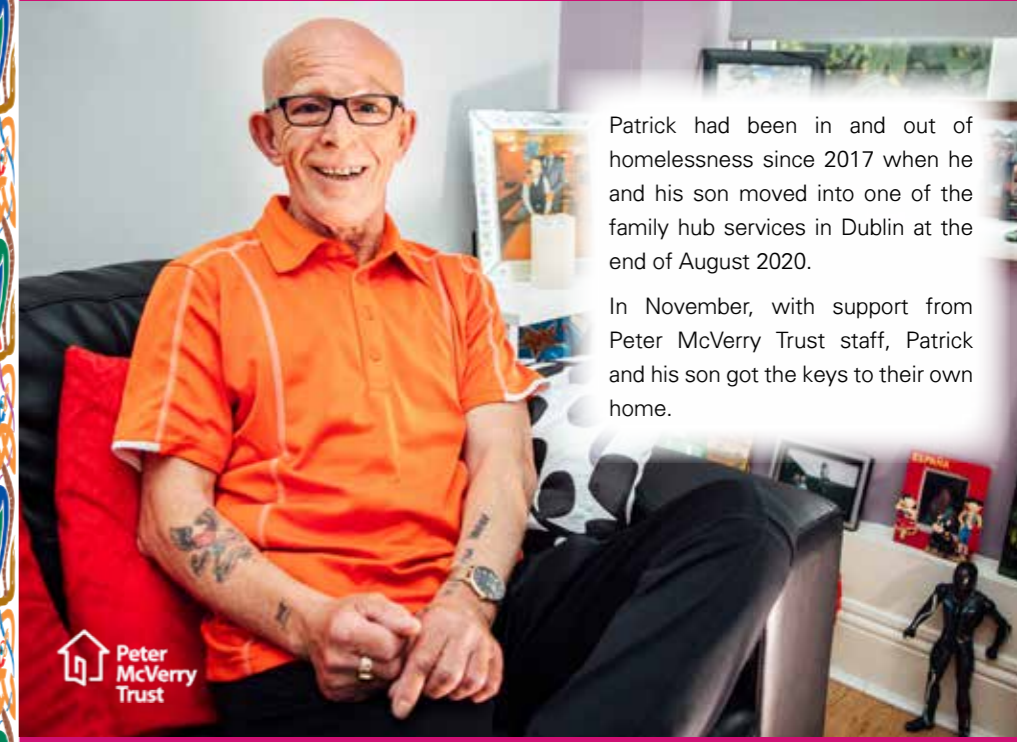
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.



focus on sunday

The coming of Jesus is joyful news for all his people. Our hope at Christmas is to be bearers of his joy.



Patrick had been in and out of homelessness since 2017 when he and his son moved into one of the family hub services in Dublin at the end of August 2020.

In November, with support from Peter McVerry Trust staff, Patrick and his son got the keys to their own home.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work.
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.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts.
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.



Today's gospel is just as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

Today, millions live in poverty, die of hunger and have no place to call home, while some of us have more than we could ever need.

"What I have belongs to me and I can do what I like with it" is a widely accepted attitude.

But the fundamental value of the gospel is solidarity. Solidarity is a radical concept: it means doing whatever we can to lift the burdens from the shoulders of those less fortunate than ourselves, at whatever cost to ourselves. It calls us to love, not just those in our family, our friends or those who are "like us," but to have a special love for the poor and "the other."

Love for them is expressed in caring and sharing what we have. It calls us to recognise that what I have does not, in fact, belong to me; everything is a gift, and I am only a steward of the gifts, called to use them responsibly in the light of the needs of others. WE can experience the joy at the re-birth of Jesus in our lives at Christmas in the joy of giving. Perhaps today Jesus would say: "Live simply and share generously."

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ, Peter McVerry Trust.

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus was always saying that people don't realise how good they are, getting up everyday for work for family, walking the floor at night minding children, having to watch what others want on TV, paying money for accommodation, clothes, food and books instead of buying fancy extras for themselves. All this is unselfishness. That is what Jesus noticed and praised in people. Lord, bless our preparations for Christmas. Help us to make home happy by working for each other.



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
Tel 061 363243

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 9.30am - 12.30pm
(lunch 12.30pm-1.30pm) 1.30pm - 5.30pm
Thursdays: 9.00am - 1.00pm

Email: office@shannonparish.ie www.shannonparish.ie

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Our Prayers & Sympathy to: families of Hugh O Donnell, Tullyglass Court who was buried this week. To Gwen Flynn on the death of her sister Maria Murray, Athlone. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may the light of heaven shine on their souls.

Months Mind Mass: Thursday at 7pm for Tony Alford and the late Marie Alford. Next Saturday December 18th at 12noon for Paul Halpin. Next Sunday December 19th at 12.15pm for Michael Wren

First Anniversaries: Next Saturday December 18th at 12 noon for Mary Power, and 6.30pm for Nuala McCoy. Next Sunday December 19th at 12.15pm for James O Brien and the late Clare O Brien

Anniversaries: Danny Dunne, Bridget and Ann Buckley, Jack and May Manly, Margaret Greaney, Ann and Michael Kavanagh, Jimmy Wall, Joe Carey, Helen O Loughlin, Gus and Kitty Barrett, Mary Ryan, Bridie McGrath and deceased family members, Tom and Ann Moore, Teresa McAllen, Danny Dunne, Gerard and Nellie Brooks, Paddy Harte and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Parish Collection: last Sunday €1,670. Trócaire €2,143. Mission Sunday €1,903. 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.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2022

Seven Nights B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Reconciliation Service on December 15th will NOT take place. There will be evening 7pm Mass with confessions to follow.

Confessions after all Masses up to Thursday December 23rd.

Priests Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Envelopes will be distributed to your home over the coming week, with additional ones in the Church's and parish office. You are also welcome to donate on www.shannonparish.ie using the donate button or you can use the QR Scan code which will take you directly to the donate button.

Support St Vincent de Paul ... You're welcome to leave any financial donations to the Parish Office and mark your donation for SVP in their efforts to assist needy families this Christmas. Unfortunately we are not in a position to accept food or toys. Thank you for your support.

Gorodische Gift Cards are available in the sacristy and Parish Office for a minimum of €10 per card.

Flowers for Christmas If you would like to give a donation for flowers to decorate our Christmas Altar's your welcome to do so by calling into the sacristy.

Parish Office Christmas Items You're welcome to call to the Parish Office where we have a stock of Christmas items, and statues of the Sleeping St Joseph.

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

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

Sunday Missals for 2022 available in the sacristy for €7.00.
2022 Parish Calendars are available at the Church Doors.
Do continue to stay safe.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2021

CONFESSIONS:

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday (Dec 20-22nd)
after 10am & 7pm Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE: 2pm (Mary Immaculate Church)
4pm (SS John and Paul Church)
6pm (Mary Immaculate Church)
7pm (SS John and Paul Church)
9pm (Mary Immaculate Church)
Midnight (SS John & Paul Church)

CHRISTMAS DAY: 8am (SS John & Paul Church)
9am (Mary Immaculate Church)
10am (SS John & Paul Church)
11am (Mary Immaculate Church)
11.30am (SS John & Paul Church)

Sunday 26th December:

SS John & Paul: Sunday 10am, 11.30am, and 12.15pm
Mary Immaculate: Sunday 9am, 11am.
(Please note there is an extra Mass at 11.30am in SS John and Paul Church on Sunday December 26th)

*****Note: Extra Masses are scheduled for Christmas and Sunday December 26th. There are NO evening Masses on Christmas Day or Sunday December 26th. Daily Masses (Monday to Friday) from December 27th to January 7th will be at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church.**

We welcome you to Mass for Christmas and we encourage you to attend. We ask parishioners and friends (especially families with children, and elderly) to attend an early Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Masks/Face coverings and sanitising on entry and exit are mandatory in the Church.

We ask everyone to attend ONE Mass for Christmas Eve/Day and ONE Mass on Sunday Dec 26th.

A Blessed and Happy Christmas to Parishioners and Friends!