

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and
splendour, strength and honour in his
holy place.**

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amèn.**

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us
and bring us strength:
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,
direct our actions according to your
good pleasure, that in the name of your
beloved Son, we may abound in good
works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10**

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the
assembly, consisting of men, women, and
children old enough to understand. This
was the first day of the seventh month.
On the square before the Water Gate, in
the presence of the men and women, and
children old enough to understand, he
read from the book from early morning till
noon; all the people listened attentively to
the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden
dais erected for the purpose. In full view
of all the people - since he stood higher
than all the people - Ezra opened the
book; and when he opened it all the
people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the
Lord, the great God, and all the people

raised their hands and answered 'Amen!
Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face
to the ground, prostrated themselves
before the Lord. And Ezra read from the
Law of God, translating and giving the
sense, so that the people understood
what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and
Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites
who were instructing the people) said to
all the people, 'This day is sacred to the
Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do
not weep.' For the people were all in tears
as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink
the sweet wine, and send a portion to the
man who has nothing prepared ready.
For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do
not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your
stronghold.'

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps18:8-10.15

**R. Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.**

- The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **[R]**
- The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **[R]**
- The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **[R]**
- May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians

(Shorter form only, 12:12-14.27)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made
up of many parts, is a single unit because
all these parts, though many, make one
body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit
we were all baptised, Jews as well as
Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and
one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any
one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but
each of you is a different part of it.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Lord has sent me to bring the
good news to the poor, to proclaim
liberty to the captives. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke.**

Seeing that many others have undertaken
to draw up accounts of the events that

have taken place among us, exactly as
these were handed down to us by those
who from the outset were eyewitnesses
and ministers of the word, I in my turn,
after carefully going over the whole story
from the beginning, have decided to write
an ordered account for you, Theophilus,
so that your Excellency may learn how
well founded the teaching is that you
have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him,
returned to Galilee; and his reputation
spread throughout the countryside. He
taught in their synagogues and everyone
praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been
brought up, and went into the synagogue
on the sabbath day as he usually did. He
stood up to read, and they handed him
the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling
the scroll he found the place where it is
written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to
me, for he has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring the good news
to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it
back to the assistant and sat down. And
all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on
him. Then he began to speak to them,
'This text is being fulfilled today even as
you listen.'

**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 our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
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

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace
by which you bring us to new life,
we may always glory in your gift.
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.

Sunday of the Word of God. Catholic Schools Week

**Jesus preached with power that the kingdom of God has come. This kingdom
is seen, not in prestige and wealth, but in justice, peace, reconciliation and
love. The gospel invites us to share in working for that kingdom.**

**The spirit of the Lord
is upon me**

Jesus' words today, at the Beginning of his ministry are like a priest's sermon at his
first Mass – on a theme or themes important to the priest. He knows he is appointed
and chosen by God.

Jesus, in this sermon presents his mission statement:

- He is anointed by the Spirit of the Lord.
- He cares for the poor and those who are looked down upon.
- And that the Lord is always loving, by proclaiming the 'year of the Lord's favour.

LEARNT AT HOME

We can remember also that he learnt all that at home from Mary and Joseph. He
would spend his life fulfilling his mission statement.

The word must become active and fulfilled. It is not just letters on a paper, but energy
in the heart, to proclaim and live out the love of God. This will be his life.

Like oil seals in the flavour of food or sealing wax on a letter meant that nobody could
open it, the love of God is sealed in, and nothing you or I can do can block that again.
The secret of happiness is to know that we are loved. This was sealed into the heart
of Jesus and is still there in the love of his heart.

This love will be spread by his followers, and in our second reading we are invited
simply to recognise our own gifts and offer these to God. In this Catholic Schools
Week, we gratefully greet the teachers of our young people, and particularly our
religion teachers and chaplains who are among the important ones today for handing
on the faith with the support particularly of the parents and grandparents.

Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus is asked to read a story from the Sacred Scroll Book. He stood up
in front of everyone. He was handed the holy scroll. He opened it and read
God's Story. Then He sat down. Everyone watched him. He said that the
story means that God loves every person, boy and girl, religious and non
religious people. He said 'I have come to bring God's blessings and healing
for everyone.'



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

Thursdays: 9.00am - 1.00pm

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23 January 2022
Word of God Sunday

Sympathy: To the families of Marie Kelly, Aidan Park & Ballycasey who was buried last Sunday and Joe Monaghan, Tradaree Court who was buried on Thursday. Sympathies to the Lynch family, Inis Fail on the recent death of Fr Eugene Lynch. We remember Ashling Murphy, Tullamore, who was laid to rest on Tuesday. May they all rest in God's eternal peace.

Months Mind Mass This Sunday 23rd January at 12.15pm for Joseph McCarthy, Tullyglass Crescent.

First Anniversary Masses Marie Killeen, Collins Park on this Saturday 22nd January at 12 noon. Imelda Portway, Cronan Grove and UK on this Saturday 22nd January at 12 noon.

Anniversaries: Patrick & Sean Hardy, Jim & Nono O'Brien, Ron & Jo O'Leary, Daniel & Irene Keane and Baby Kaylah Marie Murphy, Bob Haughey.

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.

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 to book through the Parish Office. Email office@shannonparish.ie or phone 363243.

Last Sundays collection: €1,819. Additional Christmas Parish Donations €635. Míle Buíochas.

Second Collecction 29th and 30th January

29th/30th January 2022 Appeal to support Bishop Fintan in Diocesan Administration

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration on Sunday in SS John and Paul resumes on January 9th from 2-6pm

First Confession Dates 2022

January 31st for St Aidan's at 7pm in SS John and Paul Church
February 1st for Gaelscoil Donncha Rua at 1.30pm in SS John and Paul Church

February 1st for St Conaire's at 7pm in SS John and Paul Church
February 2nd for St Tola's at 7pm in Mary Immaculate Church
February 3rd for St Senan's at 7pm in Mary Immaculate Church

Dates for First Communion and Confirmation Ceremonies will be published in the coming days.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25 2022



The theme for the 2022 Week of Prayer is 'We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him' (Mt 2:2), taken from the account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to the infant king (Mt 2:1-12). It is a call to unity, of those from the North and the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women.

Serving the Gospel today requires a commitment to the human being, especially the poorest, the weakest and those marginalised. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other.

This means churches need to cooperate to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve the burdened, and to build a just and honest society. Further resources at: <https://dublindiocese.ie/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

Lord, we pray that we may work together to build a good future according to God's heart, a future in which all human beings can experience life, peace, justice, and love. Amen.

Update on the Synodal Pathway 2021-2023

Since our launch of the Synod the Diocesan Pastoral Council have been busy working on a Communications Strategy and also preparing and discerning what the big questions are that will be given to the various groups as we move forward in Communion, with our Mission, and Journeying together as Church.

When these questions are ready we plan that there will be some discernment at local level in the Parish Pastoral Councils, the Pastoral Council Area Groups, and then through larger gatherings. We look forward to this wider and deeper level of engagement over the next number of months on how we journey together as Church and serve the mission of Jesus Christ. For a video update from Bishop Fintan visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TTqgYMQS0c>

Synodal Pathway Prayer

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.
Amen.*

A link to the plans and resources for the synodal pathway as published October 2021 is here:

<https://www.killaloeodiocese.ie/synodal-pathway-plan-killaloe-diocese/>

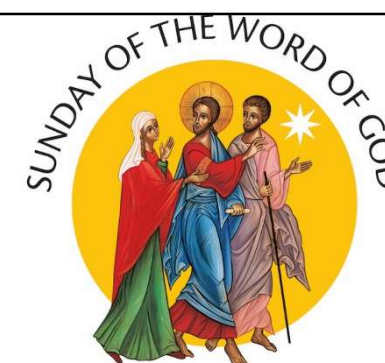
The vademecum on the synodal can be found here pathway <https://www.synod.va/en/news/vademecum-for-the-synod-on-synodality.html>



Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools in our parish and across Ireland from Sunday 23rd January – Sunday 30th January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full'. During Catholic Schools Week children, young adults, teachers, classes, schools, families and parishes are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society.

Each day of the week has a special focus: on living with God (Monday); living together as family, community and Church (Tuesday); celebrating Grandparent's (Wednesday); wondering and celebrating Creation (Thursday); and living as a people of Hope facing the future (Friday). As we look forward to celebrating CSW2022, we encourage you to dip into the full suite of resources for use in schools, your home and in the parish. Visit: <https://www.catholicschools.ie/catholic-schools-week-2022/> for resources from posters, resources, workbooks, powerpoints and prayer. Share what's happening in your school on social media using the hashtag #CSW2022

Lord, We pray for the success of Catholic Schools Week 2022. Help us to make our school communities in Shannon special places of nurturing and care. Bless our students and our teachers. Give us wisdom and strength to help all students reach their full potential and respond to Your call. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Pope Francis has declared the Third Sunday of the Year as 'Word of God Sunday'. This year we celebrate it today, on January 23, 2022, with the primary focus on the Bible. We invite you to use the following resources offered so we can all hear what God is saying to us in Bible, and to grow in knowledge of Him.

Digital Bibles

Sorting different programmes

SMART PHONES

Olive Tree Software - very comprehensive range of free and paid modules; in my opinion this is the very best for mobile devices.

Accordance - an excellent programme for the iPad, iPhone etc.

You Version - a very compact and convenient app

Bible.is - a very interesting app, with the bible in very many languages. Some of the versions are audio, which is very practical.

PAY COMPUTER PROGRAMMES

Accordance - the programme for MACs; a full adaptation for PC is now available. It is the cadillac of bible programmes.

Bible Works - the standard programme for PCs

Logos Bible Software - for MACs and PCs

Laridian - powerful suite of software for PCs and mobile devices

Olive Tree Software - a desktop version for MACs which should prove very handy and not so expensive has just become available. Olive Tree have just produced a version for Windows 7.

FREE COMPUTER PROGRAMMES

E-Sword - a completely free programme for PCs

Bible Explorer - a completely free programme for MACs and PCs

Bible Database - free programme with 200 translations

Theophilus - free multilingual bible programme for PCs

The Word - free programme for PCs (only, I think)

Davar3 - free programme for PCs

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina for the Third Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty ever-living God,
direct our actions according to your good pleasure,
that in the name of your beloved Son
we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Collect, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading (Lectio)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable
to the Lord.*

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Meditation (Meditatio)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?



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If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (Oratio)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (Contemplatio)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us. Who has been most influential in helping you understand the faith? How can you share your faith story with others?

So that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. When have I experienced doubt about Church teaching? What authoritative sources can help me learn more about what the Church teaches?

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives/ and recovery of sight to the blind,/ to let the oppressed go free. From what sinful behaviors do I need God's grace to free me? How can I help to free others from the chains of oppression, prejudice, and loneliness?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart
find favor before you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

From Psalm 19

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Spend time each day this week reading Sacred Scripture and meditating on its meaning.

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BLESSING OVER BIBLES

The presider may offer this prayer after Mass. Instruct people to hold their Bibles to their chests.

PRESIDER: (Instruct those gathered in these words or in your own words.)

The Bible is already the blessed Word of God. It does not require a blessing.

So we take this moment to pray for God's blessing upon us as we commit to read our Bibles and let God's Word guide our lives.

The Bible you hold in your hands is the inspired word of the Lord. As Catholics, we believe this is the holy book of the church, the sacred literature of God's people. Our church encourages us to read and reflect frequently on the pages of this book so that we may be continually formed into committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

Let us continue the ancient practice of asking the Holy Spirit, who inspired these writings, to help us as we study and pray these Scriptures. May we listen to the word of God in these texts and find our nourishment and strength in its message.

Hold your Bibles near your hearts, in the place of the Lord's Eucharistic presence, and please respond: "Come, Holy Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of your love."

Pause for a moment of silence.

PRESIDER: May the Holy Spirit encourage us to give greater honor to this holy Bible, enthrone it in a place of honor in our homes, and commit to frequent reflection on its pages.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of your love.

PRESIDER: May the Holy Spirit instill in us a deep desire to know God's word so that we will grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of your love.

PRESIDER: Through the Holy Spirit, may our reading of Scripture lead us to a deeper faith, a more lively hope, and a more fervent love for the Lord and his holy church.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of your love.

Instruct the people to place their hands on their Bibles during the blessing.

PRESIDER: Please respond to this closing with an Amen. Let us pray:

Saving God, you have revealed your life and your love through the lives of our ancestors in the faith. From Abraham and Sarah, Moses and David, to Mary and Joseph, to Peter and Paul, you have spoken your word and called your people to fuller life. We honor your presence in these Scriptures, and we pray that the words of this sacred book may become for us more deeply the living word of God, forming our thoughts, desires, and actions. We ask your blessings on these Holy Bibles and in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.



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