

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father ..... Amen. The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: 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**

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps.137: 1-5.7-8**

**R. Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **[R]**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **[R]**
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **[R]**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **[R]**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**  
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**  
**\*Shorter form ( italics) 15:3-8. 11.\***

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you - believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, *\*in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.\**

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me have worked harder than any of the others; *\*but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.*

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats - it was Simon's - and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

**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.**



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**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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.

**THE SIGN OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**

**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**

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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.**



God in Christ chooses his apostles, men whom the world would think weak, maybe unsuitable, these are the ones he wants for himself. We are all called by God even though we may feel unworthy in his sight. That in itself is a sign of God's grace: it is the way to his kingdom.



In many of our institutions and personal lives, there can be the sense of failure and of doom. Peter had a poor night's fishing - never such a bad catch. Money was lost, salaries had to be paid to James' and John's workers. Despite all this when Jesus asks Peter to try again, he does. He trusts in the Lord.

**SELF KNOWS THAT SELF IS NOT ENOUGH.**

Notice the word, they. Even talking to Peter the original has the plural. From the first we are loved and called together. We don't make it on our own. We follow together. We cannot be Christians on our own. We cannot go it alone. As in Brendan Kennelly's (R.I.P.) poem: Self knows that self is not enough.

This is a call and a challenge today, and a joy. Living in a world that is very impersonal at times, we need zones and places of community. Much of our communication now can be lonely - Facebook, texts and all are impersonal. We can get used to that. But it is not good, it turns us a little too cold and aloof. We try to find community online while ignoring the community of Christ's church which is always with us, especially in the shared community of our parish as we celebrate the Eucharist.

Gospel challenges the loneliness of going it alone. And the feeling of doom. God is always near, promising an abundance. We are never alone and never failures.

**DEPENDENT**

During illness we may be totally dependent and when battling addiction, we cannot make it on our own. People need the support of their communities, communities which are held together through their bonds of faith. Marriage needs the support of other couples. All ministry the same. And all life, married and single, needs friendship. We are caught together in the big net of God. He enjoys floundering around in the net with us.

Donal Neary SJ(editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

**Jesus' Story** Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked to go fishing with his friends. Today his friends were tired, because they caught no fish all night. Jesus said "I'll go with you in the boat, and we will try together for a catch. They caught hundreds of fish. Jesus told them that God Our Father holds the whole world in His Hand, the fish, and the sea, the birds, and sky, the little babies, you and I. God's Name is Love.



**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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**6 February 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sympathy:** To the family of Nancy Burke, Tullyvarraga Court whose burial took place last Sunday. To Sean O Callaghan on the death of his sister Ida Hernon, Dublin who died recently. To Breda O’Gorman on the recent tragic death of her nephew Ian McDonnell, Lucan, Co. Dublin. May their souls rest in God’s eternal peace.

**Months Mind Mass** Friday 4th February at 10am for Eddie O’Toole, Corrib Drive. This Sunday 6th February at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church for John Carrig, Corrib Drive.

**First Anniversary Masses** This Sunday 6th February at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church for Eileen Garvey, Tullyglass Hill.

**Anniversaries:** Edward Cahill, Sam & Margaret Merrigan, Stuart Merrigan, Catherine & Colm Fagan, Peggy O’Connell, Jim Bryan and deceased family members, James & Ellen Browne, James & Annie Ryan, Christopher & Mary Whelan, Patrick Smith, Jimmy Foley, Mary & Ollie McPadden.

**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](mailto:office@shannonparish.ie) or phone 363243.

**Last Sundays collection:** €2,003. Diocesan Administration €1,995. Trócaire €300. Míle Buíochas.

**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 HOLY COMMUNIONS/CONFIRMATIONS**

**St Aidan’s:**  
First Communion May 6th at 11am in SS John and Paul Church  
Confirmation April 29th at 11am in SS John and Paul Church

**St Conaire’s:**  
First Communion May 7th at 11am 1.30pm in SS John and Paul Church  
Confirmation on May 14th at 11am and 1.30pm in SS John and Paul Church

**St Tola’s:**  
First Communion April 30th at 10.30am in Mary Immaculate Church  
Confirmation on May 6th at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church

**St Senan’s:**  
First Communion on May 13th at 12noon in Mary Immaculate Church  
Confirmation on May 20th at 12noon in Mary Immaculate Church

**Gaelscoil Donncha Rua:**  
First Communion and Confirmation on April 29th at 1.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

*Wishing all our families every blessing!*

**Prayer intentions of the Holy Father for 2022**  
**FEBRUARY -For religious sisters and consecrated women**  
We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**A Gentle Reminder the wearing of masks or face visors, and sanitising of hands is mandatory in the Church.**  
**Do continue to stay safe.**

**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.killaloeocese.ie/synodal-pathway-plan-killaloe-diocese/>

**Donations of Candles**

If you would like to donate a box of sanctuary lamps for our Church’s and Adoration Chapel, or shrine votive candles for a special intention do contact the Parish Office. A box of x24 sanctuary lamps €30 euro.



**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**

Friday February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, it marks the first apparition of Mary to Bernadette Soubirous, the 160th anniversary of the recognition of the Lourdes Apparitions and the 30th World Day of the Sick.

On Friday the 11th there will be a Service of Anointing during the 10am morning Mass in Mary Immaculate Church. A shorter liturgy of anointing will take place at 2pm in SS John and Paul Church. All are welcome.

Lourdes, close to the Pyrenees, attracts up to eight million visitors annually, and has been a place of pilgrimage since 1858, when the 14-year-old St Bernadette Soubirous experienced the first of 18 visions of the Virgin Mary, while gathering firewood. On the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary on March 25th 1858 the Lady at last proclaimed her identity. Speaking to St Bernadette in the local Lourdes patois, she said

*Que soy era Immaculada Concepciou,  
‘I am the Immaculate Conception’*

Nearly a hundred thousand Irish pilgrims visit Lourdes every year. During the COVID pandemic we know that it has been difficult for many to visit the Grotto at Lourdes. Various e-pilgrimages are available online. The Grotto is always live on the official Lourdes Sanctuary site at <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/> so you can visit anytime!, light a virtual candle, make online petitions, or request a mass. The Grotto is also streamed live on youtube at <https://youtu.be/jPUCmOZcUku>

*O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. (mention your petition) Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen.*