

May this day and the scripture we hear call us to look at the depth of our faith. We are called on to look into our hearts to show forgiveness and reconciliation to all we meet. Christ's forgiveness is without condemnation.



Is Jesus the God of surprises? Some men had brought a sinful woman to him. Would he condemn, and approve of death by stoning? They wondered what he might say about the law. They had come to punish her. His actions were different.

No condemnation of the woman and no condemnation of them either, just a very challenging question about the way we condemn people – 'if you have no sin, cast the first stone.' no words about law – just a writing in the sand and we don't know what he wrote. A surprising Rabbi, a surprising God.

Whatever way he acted, they did not argue. Maybe they saw some truth. They just quietly left. Maybe they got some message that love, like his for the woman, was more important than such a violent law, to stone someone to death.

A surprise for the woman also. She was so used to being condemned, with no mention of the partner in adultery. She realised that because of Jesus now, nobody condemned her. Because of this love and acceptance, she had strength not to sin again which was the challenge given to her by Jesus, 'go and sin no more.'

Lord by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the saviour of the world.

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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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

SECOND READING *Philippians 3:8-14*

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

I believe nothing can happen that will out-weigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead.

Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL *John 8: 1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there; in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said 'Woman where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir', she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God are my strength.

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.**



OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:16-21*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 125*

R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

- When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R)
- The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them! What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.' (R)
- Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R)
- They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R)





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 Streamed on Webcam:

10 am Mon-Fri Mary Immaculate
7 pm SS John & Paul Church **(Webcam)**

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5th S u n d a y o f L e n t

Sympathies To the family of Tara O'Brien, Rineanna North who was buried this week. To Peter Fitzgerald, Tullyvarraga Hill on the death of his sister Anne Crowley, Greystones. To the family of Ann Conway, Tullyglass Crescent who was buried on Saturday.

Month's Mind Mass

For Noirin Roche, Stonehall this Sunday April 3rd at 9am in Mary Immaculate Church

First Anniversary Mass

For Alex Wiseman this Saturday April 2nd at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church. Next Sunday April 10th at 12.15pm for Michelle Farrell

Anniversaries:

Deceased members of the Shanahan and Reeves family. Deceased members of the Fitzgerald family, Joanna Harty, Margaret and Michael O'Connor, Deceased members of the Lizak family, John Aylmer, Margaret Byrne, Brendan Regan, Josie Griffin, Lily, Frank and Sinead Corr, Maree Duffy, Paddy Chambers, Eileen Ryan, Pat Costelloe, Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Imelda and John Barry, Gerry Guinnane.

Support Your 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 Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 10am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm. Office is closed on Monday. We ask that all bookings take place through the Office. Phone (061)363243, email office@shannonparish.ie

Last Sundays Collection:

Last Sunday's collection €1872. We thank you for your great support on a weekly basis, and also to parishioners who have donated sanctuary lamps for various intentions. If you like to donate a box, the donation is €25 and the box lasts 4 months. Donations can be left in sacristy or office.

Lent 2022

Daily Masses for Lent are 10am and 7pm
Lectio Divina continues on a Tuesday following the 10am Mass.

Resources for Lent

prayasyougo.org
Sacredspace.ie

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2022

June 28th-July 3rd

Departing Shannon Airport. Sick or assisted will not be travelling this year. Cost €739-€759 depending on your hotel.

Further details from Joe Walsh Tours or Fr Tom in Ennis 087-2349816

Trocaire Campaign 2022

www.trocaire.org



Questionnaire's on the Synodal Pathway can be returned to the Parish Office before Easter. Play your part in shaping the future of the Church in Ireland. There is still time!

Ukraine Appeal

A big Thank You to everyone who donated to our appeal for Ukraine at all our Parish Masses last weekend. To date the total figure is €8405. Thanks to your fantastic generosity.

Remaining donations can be left into the Parish office.

The Parish are also putting out an appeal to anyone who has a stand alone home that is unoccupied, and if you feel you'd like to offer for a Ukrainian family, contact us at the Parish Office on (061) 363243 or office@shannonparish.ie

Holy Week Celebrations 2022

Palm Sunday

Normal Sunday Mass Times
Monday, Tuesday, Spy Wednesday
Mass at 10am and 7pm on Monday and Tuesday
Spy Wednesday
Mass at 10am, No evening Mass.
Chrism Mass in Ennis Cathedral at 7.30pm

Holy Thursday

No Morning Mass, 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper in SS John and Paul Church

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 12noon in Mary Imm Church
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm in Mary Immaculate Church and 6pm in SS John and Paul Church. The annual Trocaire appeal will be taken up at the Good Friday ceremonies.

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Polish Food at 12noon in SS John and Paul Church

Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses

Vigil Masses of the Resurrection of the Lord at 7.30pm in SS John and Paul Church and 8.30pm in Mary Immaculate Church

Easter Sunday

Dawn Mass in Ilaunamanagh Cemetery at 6am.
Easter Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am in Mary Immaculate Church and 10am and 12.15pm in SS John and Paul Church.

(All ceremonies from SS John and Paul Church are broadcast on our webcam

www.shannonparish.ie/web-cam)

Priest's Easter Collection will be taken up at all Masses at the Easter Vigils and Easter Sunday Masses, including the Dawn Mass.

