



**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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**Tune in and Follow us on:**

Radio 105.6 FM for Mass from SS John and Paul  
Webcam: <https://www.shannonparish.ie/web-cam/>

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Parish App



**September 18th 2022**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sympathies:** To Pat Regan, Ard na Mara on the death of his sister-in-law Mary Regan, Limerick. To the O'Neill family, Parteen on the death of Brigid O'Neill (Pick n Pay, Drumgeely). To the family of Marichu Almazan, Rossbracken who was cremated this weekend. May the Risen Lord welcome them to Heaven.

**Month's Mind Mass:** For Patrick McGuane will take place this Saturday 17th of September at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

**Anniversaries:** Mary and Michael Grimes, Eugene Logan, Mary Barrett.

**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 to support your parish using your smart phone.



**Nourishing your body this Winter'**

On Thursday 22nd September at 7pm, Shannon Library will be welcoming Grainne Travers, Nutritionist, for expert tips on how to nourish your body this winter. Learn how to support your immune system and gut health through diet. Grainne will also share practical cooking ideas and recipe tips. Free event. Places are limited and booking is essential. For booking and information, contact Shannon Library on 061 364266 or email [shannon@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:shannon@clarelibrary.ie) This is a Healthy Ireland at Your Library Event

**Samaritans Ennis and Clare Branch**

Samaritans Ennis and Clare Branch are currently recruiting new volunteers. No experience is necessary as full training will be given. For information, please log on to [volunteer.samaritans.org](http://volunteer.samaritans.org) or email [Ennis.BranchRecruitment@samaritans.org](mailto:Ennis.BranchRecruitment@samaritans.org)

**Clare Community Response Forum**

Clare Community Response Forum are aware of many Ukrainians beings hosted in private arrangements through the county. The Forum is assisting and coordinating agency supports to those in emergency accommodation but is also keen to reach out and ensure adequate supports are in place for Ukrainians AND their host families. If you are hosting Ukrainians, or if you are a Ukrainian being hosted, we would like to hear from you. There are supports in place to help you all and we want to assure all in the county are receiving appropriate supports. Please feel free to contact on [communityresponseforum@clarecoco.ie](mailto:communityresponseforum@clarecoco.ie) or on our portal at <https://www.clarecoco.ie/ukraine/>.



Website: [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

**Last Sunday's Collection**

Last Sunday's Collection was €1,886. The Priests Autumn collection will take place next weekend 23rd to 25th of September. Envelopes will be distributed and available from both Churches this week. As always, we thank you for your great generosity and support.

**Lourdes Autumn Pilgrimages**



September 22nd – 27th  
Franciscan Pilgrimage

October 2nd – 7th Diocesan  
Autumn Pilgrimage

Both pilgrimages are direct from Shannon Airport. Details and booking from [joewalshtours.ie](http://joewalshtours.ie). Tours to Holy Island Lough Derg Contact 083 8535899

**Volunteers Needed**

With the increase in the population of our Parish we are always in need of extra help. If you have one hour to spare in the week, please contact us in the Parish Office.



**Parish Notice Board**

All poster notices that are placed on the Parish notice board must be approved by the parish office first. We would also ask that no booklets and materials be left in the Church porches without prior Parish approval. We thank you for cooperation.

**Special Church Collection Dates 2023**

will be taken up on the following dates:

- 23rd–25th December 2022 *Priest's Christmas collection*
- 4th–6th January 2023 The Epiphany
- 27th–29th January 2023 Diocesan Administration Appeal
- 24th–26th February 2023 Parish Faith Formation Appeal
- 17th March 2023 St. Patrick's Day
- 24th–26th March 2023 Diocesan Education Fund
- 7th–9th April 2023 *Priests' Easter Collection*
- 28th–30th April 2023 Youth Ministry Appeal
- 26th–28th May 2023 Diocesan Needs Appeal
- 16th–18th June 2023 *Priests' Summer Collection*
- 28th–30th July 2023 Killaloe Sick & Retired Priests' Fund
- 15th August 2023 Assumption of BVM
- 25th–27th August 2023 Training of Lay People
- 22nd–24th September 2023 *Priests' Autumn Collection*
- 20th–22nd October 2023 Mission Sunday Appeal
- 1st November 2023 All Saints

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.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

**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**

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Amos 8: 4 - 7**

**A reading from the prophet Amos.**

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 112: 1 - 2. 4 - 8**

**R. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.**

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **[R]**

2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,



who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down to look down upon heaven and earth? **[R]**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **[R]**

**SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy**

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our Saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Luke 16.1-13 (\*Shorter form in italics 16: 10 - 13)**

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

*\*Jesus said to his disciples:\** 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

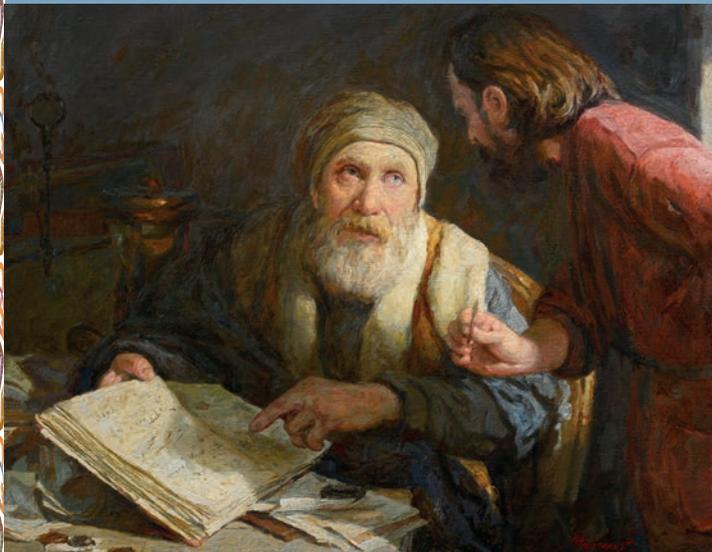
'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. *\*The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great.*



# focus on sunday

The prophet Amos reminds us of our duty not to exploit the poor and needy while in today's Gospel St. Luke tells us that we cannot serve both God and money. If we serve God, then, we will not forget today's victims of poverty.



*If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?*

*'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'*

**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**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.

Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

*The mystery of faith.*  
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.



If you think that all the parables of Jesus are pleasant stories about people of integrity, then today's gospel might make you think again. In this story, a manager has been given his notice by his CEO and decides, while he

still can, to even up the tables for those who are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He uses the power he still has to change the future for these debtors – and for himself. The only value the money really has is in the way it is used. He is squandering money, but he is not squandering opportunities. During this Season of Creation, we are called to look at our lifestyles and to see how we are using the resources which have been gifted to us and which are on loan to us. Are we squandering them? Are we walking gently on the earth? Are we thinking of those who are on the front lines of climate change and biodiversity loss? The manager in the Gospel today is up to holy mischief, doing what he can to even up the tables for those who are struggling and changing the course of the future for the debtors. The environmental crises our world is now facing requires a similar response. Young people are crying out to us to safeguard their futures. While we share what we can with those who are suffering, we must also address the root causes of what is crushing them. May we respond to Pope Francis' call to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. May we live our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork and walk more gently on this earth.

*Jane Mellett, co-author of*

*The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke, Messenger, 2021.*