



### 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/>

**f** [www.facebook.com/Shannon.Parish.Killaloe/](https://www.facebook.com/Shannon.Parish.Killaloe/)

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Parish App



## October 2nd 2022 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sympathies:** To the Sunderland family on the death of Michael Sunderland, Finian Park who was buried on Friday. John Daly recently deceased, who died last week in Leamington Spa, England. May the Risen Lord welcome them to Heaven.

**Month's Mind Mass:** For Ann McDonnell will be celebrated next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of October at 7pm in SS John and Paul Church.

**First Anniversary Mass:** For Thomas Halpin will take place this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of October at 12.15pm in SS John and Paul Church.

**Anniversaries:** Maeve O'Neill, Robert Stackpoole, Noreen Bergin, Liam Hartigan, Aidan Keane and James Frost, Peggy O'Shaughnessy, Austin and Rory Collins, Barbara Meehan, Joe Clarke, Frank McLaughlin and John Sheedy.

### 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.



### 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.

### 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)

### Day for Life 2022 – Caring for the Older Person

*Day for Life* is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church and is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's *Day for Life* will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 2 October on the theme 'Caring for the Older Person'. We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy, and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities. To read the pastoral message for Day for Life in full, visit [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)



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

### Shannon Senior Citizens Coffee Morning

Shannon Senior Citizens will be hosting their annual Coffee Morning in aid of Milford Hospice on Thursday 6th of October at 9 Purcell Park from 9am -1pm.

### Last Sunday's Collection

We thank you for your great support to the Priests Autumn collection. If you were away or forgot, we still will welcome your donation. Envelopes are available in our Churches and donations can also be made through our Parish website. Thanks also to the many envelopes distributors who distribute the envelopes to the houses in the Parish on our behalf. We are very grateful for their help and support. Mile buiochas!

### Monthly Music Session in Wolfe Tones



Club na Sionna will host its monthly session of music and song in Wolfe Tones GAA Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of October at 9pm. All singers, musicians and listeners are welcome. Special guests on the night are Blaise Phelan, Gary Mathewson and Sean Malone.

### First Communion and Confirmation 2023

There will be two meetings for all parents of First Communion and Confirmation candidates next week. Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October is for First Communion parents and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of October for Confirmation parents. Both meetings will be held in SS John and Paul Church at 7pm. Deacon Leonard Cleary who has experience of journeying with Sacramental parents will address the meeting

### 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 Accounts 2019 – 2021

The Parish Accounts for the years 2019-2021 are now available to be viewed with this newsletter.

### Special Church Collection Dates 2023

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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
And grant us your salvation.

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

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, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2 - 4

**A reading from the prophet Habakkuk**

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;  
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?  
Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?  
Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.  
Then the Lord answered and said,  
'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.  
'See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S.94: 1-2. 6-9

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. [R]
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. [R]
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' [R]

### SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:6 - 8 13 - 14

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

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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

### GOPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

### GOPEL Luke 17: 5 - 10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

**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,**



# focus on sunday

TWENTY - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2nd October 2022

## Day for Life

**Faith is a gift which is deepened or weakened in the experiences of our lives. Joy and success can make it easy to believe in God; sorrow and failure threatens our faith in God's care. Our readings encourage us to keep faith in all life's ups and downs.**



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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices  
instituted by your commands and,  
through the sacred mysteries, which  
we celebrate with dutiful service,  
graciously complete the sanctifying  
work by which you are pleased to  
redeem us. 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

**Though many, we are one bread,**  
**one body, for we all partake of the**  
**one Bread and one Chalice.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may  
be refreshed and nourished by the  
Sacrament which we have received,  
so as to be transformed into what we  
consume. Through Christ our Lord.



"Fan the flame of God's gift" says Paul to Timothy in today's second reading. Life is God's gift. It's a journey we try to make the most of. When we stop, things don't go right. What makes life's journey go right? What makes it worthwhile?

"A man may take to drink because he feels himself to be a failure, but then fail all the more completely because he drinks" – George Orwell. The old Greek philosophers taught that the goal of life is happiness. People often choose paths in life that lead only to pleasure and not happiness. Despite appearances to the contrary, money does not buy happiness. Check the lives of the rich and famous.

Before I left school my grandfather advised me to do something with my life that would be of benefit to others. I have had no regrets. Jesus taught his disciples that the purpose of their lives of following him was to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others. Many remember the words of the old school catechism: "God made us to know, love and serve him in this life...." There is a poster outside a Carmelite monastery in Dublin which says "God is Life." Very true, very rich, yet very simple. An old line attributed to St. Irenaeus runs, "The glory of God is a person who is fully alive."

We need to be like the apostles in the gospel who asked Jesus to increase their faith. We need to pray, slowly and sincerely, for the courage to trust in God. Maybe there is some cynicism about religion in our lives that blocks the growth of faith and trust. The Spirit of God can lead us through prayer to read the gospel through the lens of faith rather than through the eyes of material profit.

Fr. Joe Walsh

## Shannon Parish

### Income & Expenditure Account for Period Ended 29th March 2022

	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
<b>Income</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Offertory Collections	93,603	90,264	136,096
Tax Rebate	298	1,829	34,591
Shrine Income	22,473	10,778	22,597
Income from Investment Accounts	1,919	2,818	2,818
Donations & Bequests	15,000	-	4,000
Sacramental Donation	-	-	4,680
Goradiche	-	-	2,800
Insurance Claim Parish Radio	-	-	556
Adoration Chapel Roof Settlement	-	-	31,000
Trocaire (Income)	9,643	4,000	12,303
Mission (Income)	1,903	1,710	2,258
Lourdes (Income)	-	-	2,575
	<b>144,840</b>	<b>111,399</b>	<b>256,274</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Parish Office	26,238	20,049	30,749
Diocesan Levy	17,488	16,290	31,744
Local Property Tax	1,654	-	-
Electricity, Heating & Oil	7,813	6,600	7,597
Insurance	6,438	6,438	6,438
Telephone, Communications	1,515	6,379	3,609
Repairs and Maintenance	40,025	26,885	34,552
Altar Supplies, Shrine Candles & Requisites	7,083	4,431	5,617
Parish Functions, Ministries & Sacramental Preparation	2,862	2,990	13,391
Contributions/Subsidies to Parochial Houses & Clergy	7,754	11,029	12,188
Donation to Gorodishche Orphanage	-	-	-
Sundry	2,937	3,985	680
Bank Charges, Fees & Interest	1,012	428	702
Adoration Chapel Roof Repairs	-	-	23,862
Professional Fees	-	1,479	7,045
Kerala Sacramental Project 2019	-	-	1,500
Trocaire (Expense)	9,643	4,000	12,303
Mission (Expense)	1,903	1,710	2,258
Lourdes (Expense)	-	-	2,575
Ukraine Emergency Appeal	-	-	-
	<b>134,364</b>	<b>112,693</b>	<b>196,810</b>
<b>Net Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>10,475</b>	<b>(1,294)</b>	<b>59,464</b>

Please find printed the published accounts for Shannon Parish for the years 2019 to 2021 inclusive. We thank you for your tremendous support particularly during lockdown. As you can see your donations have gone to the different categories of Parish life. Please note the 2019 Tax Rebate figure will be included in the 2022 Accounts. I would like to thank Ronan Hynds who manages and publishes the Parish Accounts and to the Finance Team for their expertise.

With every Blessing,

Fr. Arnie