



### 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

**Parish Office: 4, Dún na Ri, Shannon  
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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/>  
 [www.facebook.com/Shannon.Parish.Killaloe/](https://www.facebook.com/Shannon.Parish.Killaloe/)  
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Parish App



## Sunday November 27th, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: Pat McCarthy, Woodpark, Newmarket on Fergus on the death of his mother Bridget McCarthy, Limerick.

Month's Mind Mass: For Eugene McNulty will take place this Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of November at 6.30pm. For Mary Carroll will be celebrated this Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am For John Purcell will be held next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December at 7pm.

First Anniversary Mass: For Paulina Skomra will be held this Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of November in Mary Immaculate Church at 10am. For Seamus Leonard will take place next Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 6.30pm For Hugh O'Donnell will be celebrated next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of December at 12.15pm.

Anniversaries: Dan Fox, Paul Carr, Antionette Fleming, Michael Conway, Patrick and Theresa Glynn, Danny Glynn, Linda O'Connell, Michael O'Connor, Joe McCarthy, Mary Healy, John Mackell, Margaret Shanahan, Jonathan O'Sullivan, Gerry Hartigan, Anne Hourston, Vincent Carey, Eddie Galvin, John McCarthy and Mike McKee.

### Support Your Parish

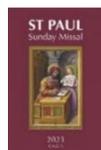
As well as the usual way to donate to your parish you can also use our new method of using the QR code (here) which is also placed at the doors and shrines of our Church's, Adoration Chapel Notice Board, and Parish Office. It's another easy way to support your parish using your smart phone.



### Missals

2023 Missals are available to buy in our Churches and in our Parish office for €5. Readers and Eucharistic Ministers can collect their Missals in the Sacristy.

### Last Sunday's Collection



Last Sunday's collection was €2,338. There will be a second collection this weekend to support Youth Ministry. As always thank you for your great generosity.

### Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will take place every Wednesday during Advent after 10 o'clock Mass in Mary Immaculate Church. All are welcome.

### Meals on Wheels

Shannon Senior Citizens 'Meals on Wheels' home delivery is available 3 days a week. Each dinner costs €5. Contact "The Kitchen" for lovely fresh homecooked dinners on 061 364144.



### Food Appeal

Shannon and District Lions Club will be holding a food appeal at Dunnes Stores, Skycourt Shopping Centre on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. All food donations will be greatly appreciated

### Getting Married in 2023!

Accord Pre Marriage Courses available face to face in Ennis. Courses on 20th January 2023 and 17th February 2023. Bookings on [www.courses.accord.ie](http://www.courses.accord.ie)

### Deceased Members of Shannon Development

#### Company Mass

Mass for Deceased Members of Shannon Development Company will be celebrated next Thursday December 1st at 11.30am in SS John and Paul Church.

### Sanctuary Lamps

Box of sanctuary lamps lasting 4 months in our Church's for special intentions are available for €25. Donations can be left into the sacristy with your intentions list. Donors intentions this week are Bridie McPhillips and the deceased members of the Shortt and Flannagan Family.



### Newsletters



Parish Newsletter will be available from this weekend, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent at the doors of the Church as you attend Mass. We look forward to you using your newsletter and taking one to a housebound Parishioner.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**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.**

*(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING Isaiah 2: 1 - 5**  
**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 121: 1-2.4-5, 6-9**

**R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **[R]**
2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement



- of the house of David. **[R]**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **[R]**
  4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **[R]**

**SECOND READING Romans 13:11 - 14**  
**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.**

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

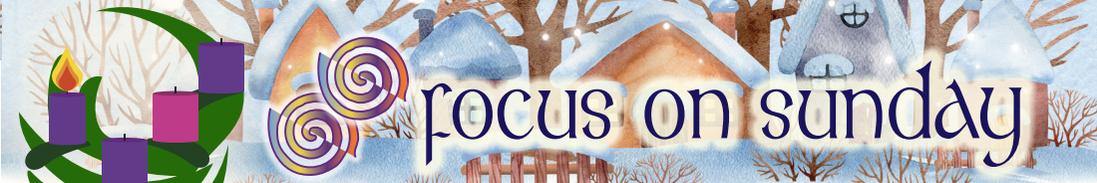
**GOSPEL Matthew 24:37 - 44**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

**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.**



Advent is a reminder that our life on earth is a preparation for the life of eternity in heaven; and that we wait for the coming of Christ to take us home.

**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, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. 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**

**The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.



**So stay awake,** because you do not know the day when your master is coming.



The of today's Gospel on this First Sunday of Advent is to 'Keep Awake' for we never know what life may bring. As recent events in our country and around the world this year have shown us, everything can change in an instant, with a phone call, an accident, the death of someone we love. These are the moments that stop us in our tracks. They come unexpectedly, like a 'thief in the night'. As we begin Advent, a season of joy and expectation, this might seem like a gloomy gospel to reflect on. Its tone is apocalyptic, but when Matthew was writing his Gospel, his community had these questions at the forefront of their minds: When will Jesus return? What signs will there be? Why is it taking so long? Jesus does not offer an answer to this question except to say, 'Keep awake!' Instead of worrying about questions that we cannot possibly know the answer to, we might remember that what is important is how we are living now, today, in the present moment. Are we living aware of Christ present here and now in each person and in all of creation? Awakening to this miracle of universal love is a second coming or re-awakening we can get on board with.

Advent is a very special time, a liminal space where we are full of expectant hope. It is an opportunity to take stock and see what is truly important; then we can experience the true joy which the season offers. Today's gospel invites us to be ready, not on tenterhooks and full of anxiety, but to be attentive, with open hearts, so that God's grace and love can enter once more this Christmas. It is through such an awareness that we can reflect on where we are being called to use our gifts and talents to work together for a more just world.

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