



### 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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## Sunday December 4th, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to:** The Dalgarno family on the death of Kathleen Dalgarno, Boyne Park. The Carey and Dixon families on the death of Catherine Dixon, Inis Ealga. The Costello family on the death of Patrick Costello, O'Brien Park. The McDade family on the death of Carmel McDade, Cronan Grove. The Delaney family on the death of Terry Delaney, Cul na Greine. To Pat Cassley on the death of her brother Charles McCormack, Ballymena.

**Month's Mind Mass:** For Brigid Maguire will take place this Sunday 4th of December at 10am. For Tony Coleman will be celebrated next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> of December at 12.15pm.

**First Anniversary Mass:** For Seamus Leonard will take place this Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at 6.30pm. For Hugh O'Donnell will be celebrated this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of December at 12.15pm.

**Anniversaries:** Joe Garrihy, Agatha Lenihan, Bill Jones, Mary P. Ryan, Pdraig, Tony and Nellie Sweeney, Bruce Savage, John and Joan O'Kane, Tom and Ann Moore, Bridie McGrath and the deceased members of the Considine family and Maria Murray.

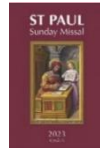
### Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina

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

### 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 €2,537. The second collection was €1,770. As always thank you for your great generosity.

### Meals on Wheels

'Meals on Wheels' available 3 days a week. €5 per meal. Please call 061 364144 for fresh cooked dinners.



### 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 the deceased members of the Noonan and Duffy families.



### Newsletters



Parish Newsletter is now available 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.

### 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 December 7th at 9pm. All singers, musicians and listeners are welcome. Special guests on the night are Oliver & Blackie O'Connell.



### Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception Mass Times

#### SS John and Paul Church

Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

(Blessing of Sleeping Joseph and Divine Mercy Shrines on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm)

#### Mary Immaculate Church

Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am

#### Adoration Chapel

Thursday December 8th at 1pm

Blessing of Christmas Crib, Adoration Chapel on Thursday December 8th at 12.30pm

Mercy on the Mall with the Opportunity of Confessions will take place in Skycourt on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm.



The message of repentance during this season of Advent is a call to each one of us to look deeply into our lives, to renew and deepen our relationship with God.



John the Baptist preached repentance. "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is close at hand." (Matt 3 v2). Today, "to repent" generally means "to be sorry for our sins." Most of us can identify with that and examine

or lives to see what adjustments (usually minor!) which we need to make. But "to repent" as attributed in the Gospel to John, was far more radical than that. It meant to turn your life completely around, to do a U-turn, to turn away from where you are going and turn back to God.

Today, as we accelerate towards climate catastrophe, John's radical message is more apt than ever, particularly to those of us who live in the economically developed world. Our pursuit of continuous - but ultimately unsustainable - economic growth, as we seek to maintain, or even expand, our comfort zones, through our attachment to ever increasing consumer goods, and our need to obtain the money to pay for them, is destroying God's creation. We are called today to "turn around." to turn away from seeking more and more, to live much simpler lives, and to find our rest, not in or possessions, but in God.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ



to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. [R]

2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. [R]

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. [R]

4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. [R]

**SECOND READING** *Romans 15:4-9*  
**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 3: 1 - 12*

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

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire.

I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

**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**

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. 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**

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
 May almighty God have mercy on us.....**Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 11: 1 - 10*

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.



The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps. 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17*

**R. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,

