



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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The Baptism of the Lord 8th of January 2023

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The McKenna family on the death of Michael. The Grzonkowska family on the death of Malgorzata. The Mazula family on the death of Thembelani. The Mooney family on the death of Michael, Ogonnelloe.

Month's Mind Masses: For Delia Howe will be held on January 14th at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church.

First Anniversary Mass: For Marie Kelly will take place on 14th of January at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: John Bullman, John Fleming, Bernard Shortt, Josephine Kelly, Rose McInerney, Maureen Haughey, Danielle Keane, Irene Keane and Baby Kaylah. Marie Murphy, Betty Scullion, Mary Purcell, John Sullivan and Mary Farmer, Rita McNulty, Tom Kinane, John Docherty, Catherine, and Michael Behan. We also pray for special intentions.

Daily Masses Monday to Friday

Mary Immaculate Church 10am.
SS John and Paul Church Thursday 7pm.

Sunday Masses

SS John and Paul Church Friday 7pm, Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 10am, and 12.15pm.
Mary Immaculate Church Saturday 12noon, Sunday 9am, and 11am.

Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's Collection was €2,053. We thank you for your great support to the Priests' Christmas 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.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

First Holy Communion Preparation Masses

Saturday January 21st for St. Aidans at 6.30pm.
Sunday January 22nd for St. Conaire's at 10am.
Sunday January 22nd for St. Tola's, St. Senan's and St. John's at 11am

First Confession Dates:

Monday January 23rd for St. Aidans at 7pm.
Tuesday January 24th for St. Tola's, St. Senan's and St. John's at 7pm.
Wednesday January 25th for St. Conaire's at 7pm.

Confirmation Preparation Masses

Saturday January 28th for St. Aidans at 6.30pm.
Sunday January 29th for St. Conaire's at 10am.
Sunday January 29th for St. Tola's, St. Senan's and St. John's at 11am.

Wearing of Masks to Mass

We are mindful of the huge number of people who have Covid or flu like symptoms and we want to ensure that you feel safe coming to Mass. In that context we would encourage you to wear a mask to Mass.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office is opened from Tuesday to Friday 10am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5pm. Please note the Parish phone outside of these hours is not always attended.

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 for Mary Mooney and deceased family members.



Medjugorje Pilgrimages direct from Shannon – 2023

Shannon Airport to Medjugorje – From 24th to 31st of May is €745 and 13th to 20th September is €765 per person sharing. Price increases to €795 and €815 after 31st January 2023. Bookings now being taken for this 7 night Group Pilgrimage with Kathleen & Jimmy Morris. Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team. Included are the following:

- Shannon direct to Mostar-Medjugorje – Only a 30 minute transfer from Airport to the Shrine;
- 7 nights air-conditioned accommodation near to St. James' Church;
- Freshly prepared breakfast and dinner each day;
- Luxury coach transfers accompanied by local guide;
- Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages;
- Assistance of Marian Pilgrimages rep. with 24hr support throughout your stay;
- Travel Insurance up to 84 years of age;
- All airport and local taxes. For more information on joining the group, please contact Kathleen & Jimmy Morris at 061 362657 or 086 3271657

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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.

THE GLORIA

Glorify 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, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:
Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.
He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.
Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the



people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 28:1 - 4. 9 - 10.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

- O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. [R]
- The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. [R]
- The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. [R]

SECOND READING Acts 10: 34 - 38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 3: 13 - 17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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.
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, the offerings we have
brought to honour the revealing of your
beloved Son, so that the oblation of
your faithful may be transformed into
the sacrifice of him who willed in his
compassion to wash away the sins of
the world.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

focus on sunday

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8th January 2023

This is the feast of Jesus receiving from his Father the calling and mission which he followed through in his life, death and resurrection. We too are baptised into a similar relationship with God in Christ.



Nowadays we see baptism as welcoming a new person or infant into the Christian community. There was no Christian community for Jesus to be welcomed into when he was baptised by John in the river Jordan. By his baptism Jesus identified with all who were in need of God's special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as foretold by the ancient prophets. The opening of the heavens, the voice, and the Spirit all confirmed that Jesus was God's presence in the world. He would treat people as if they were his Father in heaven.

His presence offered hope and healing to all who felt overwhelmed and overburdened. "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened...." Matthew 11: 28. We who have been baptised by water and the Holy Spirit have become other Christs. We are God's presence in the world. Christ lives in us - Galatians 2: 20. "Christ has no body now on earth but yours - no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks out his compassion on the world. Yours are the feet with which he goes about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses...." - Teresa of Avila.

Let's not underestimate the power we have to offer hope and help to others when they are down - a listening ear, a kind word, a welcome mat, a bit of humour.... Maybe we could go another step and offer the questioner a good reason for the faith we practise and the hope we have - 1 Peter 3:15.

Fr. Joe Walsh