

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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February 12th 2023, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Prayers and Sympathies: To the Guilfoyle family on the death of Frances Guilfoyle. To the Shea family on the death of Luke Shea. To the Loughnane family on the death of Conor Loughnane. To the Kelly family on the death of Terry Kelly. May they Rest in Peace.

Anniversaries: Jimmy O'Brien, Jim and Mary Barry. Oliver and Mary McPadden, Breege Sweeney, Kathleen Forde, Teresa McMahon, Ciarán Ó Lionáin, Mary Allen, Luisa and Simon Viesca, Christy Sherlock, Michael Coughlan, Margaret Meade Dunlea, Margaret, Sam, and Stuart Merrigan.

Samaritan Volunteers Needed

Samaritans Ennis and Clare are currently seeking new volunteers for the Spring 2023 training programme. For information phone 085 1763491 log onto their website samaritians.org/ireland/branches/ennis.

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.

Ash Wednesday



February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. Blessing and distribution of Ashes will take place at all Masses. Mass times are 10 am in Mary Immaculate Church, 1pm in the Adoration Chapel and 7pm in SS. John and Paul Church.



Trocaire is an Irish Charity founded by the Bishops of Ireland to overcome the challenges of poverty and injustice in the developing world.

This year Trocaire are celebrating their 50th Anniversary and their Lenten campaign focuses on the Mahat Family in Gedo, Somalia who have had to leave their home because of drought, climate change, conflict and acute food shortage.

Trocaire will be working with local partners to provide essential healthcare, food programs and education to displaced people.

During the season of Lent, we have a great tradition of supporting Trocaire and the Trocaire boxes will be available from next week in our Churches and schools.

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. Donor's intentions this week are for Roger and Mary Bevan and deceased family members and George and Mary Nolan and deceased family members.



Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's Collection was €2,372. As always, we thank you for your great generosity and support.

St. Anthony's Brief

St. Anthony's Brief Magazine is available to take away at the Shrines and front door of both Churches for a donation of €2 in support of The Missions. Thank you for your support.

Synodal Pathway

Information on the Synodal Pathway in our Diocese can be accessed on our Killaloe Diocese website <https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/>.

Upcoming Sacramental Masses



First Holy Communion Preparation Masses

Saturday February 25st for St. Aidans at 6.30pm.
Sunday February 26th for St. Conaire's at 10am.
Sunday February 26th for St. Tola's, St. Senan's and St. John's at 11am

Confirmation Preparation Masses

Saturday March 11th for St. Aidans at 6.30pm.
Sunday March 12th for St. Conaire's at 10am.
Sunday March 12th for St. Tola's, St. Senan's and St. John's at 11am.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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

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 teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.
 If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34
R. They are happy who follow God's law!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
 They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **(R)**

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **(R)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **(R)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
 We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.
 These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL Matthew 5:20-22.27-28.33-34.37 (Shorter Form Only)

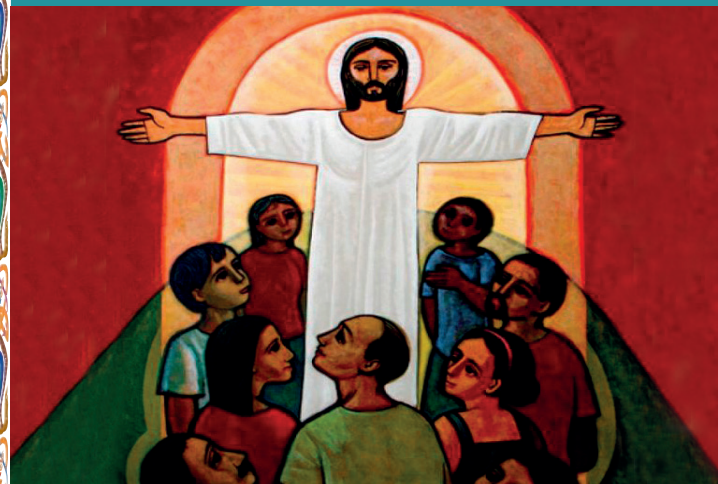
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
 Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.
 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court;
 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



focus on sunday

The gospel of Christ will often force difficult decisions in our lives. The gospel offers a fullness of life which in turn offers us joy and a meaning of life which promises a hope and love that is eternal.



THE 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

Pray brothers and sisters,
 May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. 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

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.



A bit of criticism again from Jesus of the scribes and the Pharisees. Not a judgment about them personally but about their religion not going deep enough, and the fact that they didn't seem to notice that. They seemed happy

to keep the law even when it might become a huge burden to others. They never investigated the reason why people did religious things.

There is 'true religion' and 'false religion'. False religion has been used to promote war and violence over the centuries, and in fact still does so in many countries. Religion and Christianity have been used to violate the dignity and rights of many groups of people like the single parent, LGBT men and women and others over the years. True religion is the religion of the heart, rooted in compassion for all God's creation. Any religious practice like living by rules, participating in worship and our relationship with God is to come from the heart and from the desire only to do what God wants and give God first place in our lives.

The 'righteousness' of the people of Jesus's time sometimes came from the desire for power over others. True religion is humble and sees everyone as an equal child of God unlike the false religion, including clericalism, which puts traditionalism and its practices above compassion. This year we should strive to think synodally – to help develop a listening church which is open to the views of others.

As Pope Francis puts it:
 "Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties....so often our certainties can make us closed. Let us listen to one another"

Lord, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

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