

#### 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)

May 14th 2023, Sixth Sunday of Easter

<u>Our Prayers and Sympathies to:</u> The Quinn family on the death of John Quinn, Brookfields.

<u>Month's Mind Mass</u>: For Christina Halpin will be held next Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of May at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church.

First Anniversary Masses For: Eddie Riordan will be celebrated this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of May at 6.30pm in SS John & Paul Church. John Kelly will be celebrated this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of May at 12.15 in SS John & Paul Church. Michael O'Halloran will take place Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of May at 12.15pm in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Jack and Grainne Brown, Mary and Patsy Carroll, Sheila and Jimmy Donovan, Ro Doyle, Helen Griffin, Terence and Margaret Madigan, Jean Murphy, Elizabeth Normoyle and Lucy O'Brien.

#### Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's Collection was €1,977. As always, we thank you for your great generosity and support.

#### Healing Programme for People Bereaved by Suicide



Clare Suicide Bereavement Support have organised a Healing Programme for people finding it difficult to cope with the death by suicide of a family member or friend. Starting at 7.30pm on Tuesday May 16th at Innovation

House (near Liddys), Roslevan Centre, Tulla Road, Ennis, and will continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays. Please feel welcome to come for support and meet others in the same position as yourself. For further information phone 086 0565373 or 087 3698315.

# SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### **Safeguarding Month of May**



# Safeguarding

During the last year, 24 Pastoral Ministers were appointed to the Diocese of Killaloe, in Pastoral Care and Catechesis. These Pastoral Ministers have been appointed to different Pastoral Areas, working alongside priests and Pastoral care teams. All the Ministers have been Garda vetted and undertaken Safeguarding training in line with Diocesan Safeguarding Policy. Prayer, reflection and continues discernment, is a vital part of the Ministers life, ensuring that they remain steadfast and diligent as Pastoral Ministers of the Church.

# **Confirmation**

Congratulations to all the pupils from St. Aidan's and St. Tola's schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

#### **Appeal for Blood Donations**

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service are running low on blood stocks. New and existing donors are welcome to make their donation next Wednesday

17<sup>th</sup> of May or Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of May at the Oakwood Hotel between 4.00pm and 7.20pm. Please call 1800 222111 to book an appointment.

#### **Vocation**



This year is the year of Vocations to the Diocesan priesthood. We encourage you to pray for Vocations and to support any young man considering Vocations at this time.



# Bring Flowers of the Rarest

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Bring flowers of the fairest, Bring flowers of the rarest From garden and woodland And hillside and vale; Our full hearts are swelling, Our Glad voices telling The praise of the loveliest Rose of the vale.

 O, Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
 O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

> Our voices ascending, In harmony blending, Oh! Thus may our hearts turn Dear Mother, to thee; Oh! Thus shall we prove thee How truly we love thee, How dark without Mary Life's journey would be.

 O, Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
 O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

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#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

#### PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth: Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

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.

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING Acts 8: 5 - 8. 14 - 17.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 65: 1-7. 16.20 R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth. or Alleluial

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! [R]

[R]

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maker of heaven and earth.

true God from true God.

and by the Holy Spirit

and became man.

no end.

of all things visible and invisible.

the Only Begotten Son of God,

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

For us men and for our salvation

was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

For our sake he was crucified

he came down from heaven.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with

the Father: through him all things were made.

All bow for following three lines:

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

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

catholic and apostolic Church.

to the resurrection of the dead

glorified, who has spoken through

the prophets. I believe in one, holy.

- 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.
- 3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules forever by his might.
- Come and hear, all who fear God.
  I will tell what he did for my soul.
  Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
- nor withhold his love from me. [R]

#### <u>SECOND READING</u> **1 Peter 3: 15 - 18 A reading from the first letter of Peter.**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL John 14: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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

# focus on sunday

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 14th May 2023

Wherever the love and compassion of Jesus is present; there we find his Spirit. Wherever his people try to spread some justice and equality, we find his Spirit. In any work of reconciliation or of peace, his Spirit is present. We are called to be people who spread the work and the presence of his Spirit.

He is with you, He is in you



"And you in me and I in you"

We continue to read this Sunday from the Farewell Discourse of John's Gospel (Ch 14-17) where Jesus is consoling the disciples, "I will not leave you orphaned";

he will send an "advocate" (*parakletos*) to them. This term is only found in John's writings and translates as a helper, a comforter, someone whom you call to your aid. Jesus has been this advocate for the disciples but now he will be present for them in a different way, dwelling amongst them, dwelling in them, in-dwelling. This in turn calls for a loving response from the disciples and from all followers of Christ.

In a famous reflection, Joseph Whelan SJ, wrote about this type of love; he said, "Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way." This love will decide everything, what gets you up in the morning, how you spend your time, what breaks your heart, what amazes you. Whelan says, "Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything." Experiencing something of this indwelling presence of God and keeping God's commandments are deeply interconnected. This love will decide everything because it must flow outwards, be lived out in our daily lives, for it cannot be contained.

The words of the Gospel today are deeply intimate, they cannot be understood with the head, only with the heart. As we spend time with them we begin to realise that it is not just the disciple's story, it is also our story, a story we experience on a deep level. It is another reminder to us that all beings are sacred, all beings carry Divine DNA within. Let us begin again to see God present within ourselves, in others and in all of creation.

"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

Jane Mellett, Laudato Si Officer, Trócaire Co-author of The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew, Messenger Publications, 2022

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and the life of the world to come. Amen.

I confess one Baptism for the

forgiveness of sins and I look forward

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

#### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

all his holy Church.

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

set us free. <u>CONCLUDING RITE</u> The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Go in peace, Thanks be to God.