



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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Radio 105.6 FM for Mass from SS John and Paul
Webcam: <https://www.shannonparish.ie/web-cam/>
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August 13th 2023, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: Eilish Ward, Jim McDonald, Geraldine Maloney, and Mary Dougan on the death of their brother Terry McDonald, Belfast.

First Anniversary Mass: For the late Patrick McGuane, Tullyvarraga Court will be celebrated on Sunday 20th of August at 12.15pm in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Joseph Fleming, Kathleen Fogarty, Martin Purtill, John Gaffney, Annie and James McGirl, Eddie Culligan, Sandy Cooke, Ambrose Sloan, Brigid Mackell, Myles Murphy, Pat Ryan and Martin Mc Quinn. Mary and Paddy McDonald Remembrance mass.

Killaloe Diocese Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Killaloe Diocese Autumn Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 2nd to 7th October. €780 full board. Limited seats available. Contact Joe Walsh Tours by email www.joewalshstours.ie or Telephone: 01-2410800

Burren Ramble

The waters and the wild of the Burren are calling to everyone to come on out on Sunday 3 September for the Burren Ramble in aid of the RNLI Lifeboats. Base camp is in the heart of the Caher Valley for parking at 11am. This route for parking is up by the Caher river and St Patrick's church in Fanore. The 8km ramble leaves at 12 noon. This year the ramble will be all on the road leading up into Caherbullog and Lismorahaun. The World famous Lismorahaun singers will sing in their own place for the rambles. Bring suitable walking and weather gear. Information from 0876260301. All proceeds to the RNLI Lifeboats.

Grow Mental Health

Grow Mental Health - Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting - Maria Assumpta Hall, Ennis. Monday 7-9pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/Wwww.grow.ie

First Friday Calls

Fr. Michael and Fr. Tom have commenced First Friday calls. They will be completed over the coming week. They thank you for your patience with this as they find their feet. If there is anyone sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the Parish Office 061 363243

Franciscan Brother Visit

We welcome Br. Brian Johnson from the Franciscan Brothers this Saturday and Sunday who will be speaking at all Masses. Br. Brian will be talking about the work the Brothers do in Kenya and Uganda. They provide food, medicines, and deal with other hardship cases amongst their many other missionaries.

Shannon Town and Environs Local Area Plan

Clare County Council is extending the pre-draft public consultation period for the preparation of the Draft Shannon Town and Environs Local Area Plan 2024-2030, to Monday September 4th, 2023. Details on making a submission are at www.clarecoco.ie. Please take this opportunity to have your say.

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Tuesday the 15th of August is the Feast of the Assumption and is a Holy Day of Obligation. This Holy Day marks the occasion of the Virgin Mary's bodily ascent to Heaven at the end of her life.

Mass times are as follows:

Shannon Parish

Tuesday 15th Mary Immaculate Church at 10am

Tuesday 15th SS John and Paul Church at 7pm

Newmarket on Fergus Parish

Monday 14th The Wells Church at 7pm

Tuesday 15th Our Lady of the Rosary at 10am

Sixmilebridge Parish

Monday 14th Sixmilebridge Church at 7pm

Tuesday 15th Kilmurray Church at 7pm



Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €2,208. As always, we thank you for your great generosity and support.

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 or Parish office with your intentions list.

Meals on Wheels



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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us:
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

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9.11 - 13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 84: 9-14

**R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **[R]**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **[R]**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **[R]**

SECOND READING Romans 9: 1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 14: 22 - 33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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



focus on sunday

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th August 2023

At times God is to be found where we least expect him. He appears in joy and anguish, in the mountain breeze and the sea storm. In our prayer we need the patience to wait for God to speak to us, and the faith to walk towards him when he calls.

Do not be afraid!



Many times in life we need help from others. The sponsor in AA, the one who loaned a bit of money to get a house, the one who listened in times of stress and loss, the school run, a help

to pray; we get through life with helping hands. The gospel today is about that. Jesus saves Peter from drowning. We all walk on water at times and need this help. Help in life comes from prayer – from Jesus himself and from Jesus in others.

There is the ordinary day to day help in family and among friends. In solidarity with our fellow human beings. Like neighbourliness, or just friendliness. We need to show solidarity not just with our immediate neighbours but with the world far and near.

When we show solidarity, we can be more than human. When we show solidarity we are doing the work of God - we are our brother's keeper, our sister's keeper! God works through us.

The helping hand of God is your hand and mine. Many are sinking today in addictions, mental health issues and poverty. They are like the sinking Peter – but together and like Jesus, we can lift up the sinking Peter! With solidarity, neighbourliness, friendliness and friendship.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

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**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

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
**When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.