



### 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

**Parish Office: 4, Dún na Ri, Shannon**  
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**Tuesday to Friday:** 10.00am - 1.00pm  
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### Tune in and Follow us on:

Radio 105.6 FM for Mass from SS John and Paul  
Webcam: <https://www.shannonparish.ie/web-cam/>  
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## August 6<sup>th</sup> 2023, The Transfiguration of the Lord

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to:** The MacCormaic family, on the death of Eimear Kennedy, Tullaroan, Kilkenny. To Phil Fleming on the death of her sister Bridget Kennedy, Concord, Australia.

**Months Mind Masses for:** Jo Gee, Ballycaseymore Hill will be celebrated Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

**First Anniversary Masses for:** Mary (May) Vallely, Gort Road will be celebrated Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of August at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

**Anniversaries:** Bernie Burke, Ray Conway, Johnny and Mary Creegan, John Finn, Joan Gooney, Kitty Halpin, Abraham Lorenzana, Lily McLaughlin, Phil McTague and the deceased members of the Sheehan and Cahill families (County Kerry).

### 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](http://www.joewalshstours.ie) or Telephone: 01-2410800

### Volunteering at Carrigoran House

Carrigoran House Nursing Home has volunteer opportunities for people looking to make an impact within their community. They are seeking volunteers who are willing give their time and experience to enhance the lives of the residents through social interaction and emotional support. If you think you are a suitable fit, please contact Karina on 061 368100 or [karina.mccarthy@carrigoranhouse.ie](mailto:karina.mccarthy@carrigoranhouse.ie).

### 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

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Details on making a submission are at [www.clarecoco.ie](http://www.clarecoco.ie). Please take this opportunity to have your say!

### Pilgrimage to Lough Derg

Our Parish and Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place this Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of August to Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of August. The Bus will leave from the Cathedral, Ennis at 7am. Telephone 065 6824043.



### Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €2,085. The second collection for The Killaloe Sick and Retired Priests was €2,225. 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.

### Franciscan Brother Visit

We welcome Fr. Brian Johnson from the Franciscan Brothers next weekend Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of August – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of August who will speaking at all Masses. Fr. 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.



On behalf of us both, a huge word of thanks to all Parishioners for the lovely welcome you gave to us last weekend. Change is never easy but you welcomed us with open arms which we are so grateful for. We look forward to getting to meet and know you all over the weeks, months and years ahead.

With every blessing,  
Fr. Tom and Fr. Michael

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

## 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

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you .....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Daniel 7:9 - 10.13 - 14*

**A reading from the prophet Daniel**

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place  
and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.

A thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,



one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and  
kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages  
became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which  
shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be  
destroyed.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 96:1*

**R. The Lord is king,  
most high above all the earth.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. **[R]**

2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. **[R]**

3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. **[R]**

### SECOND READING *2 Peter 1:16 - 19*

**A reading from the second letter of Peter**

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved,  
he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia**

### GOSPEL *Matthew 17: 1-9*

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus, 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a



# focus on sunday

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 6th August 2023

**At every moment of our lives God is caring for us. He knows our hopes and our fears, our joys and our worries. When we feel anxious he is close to us, saying, 'I will never forget you.'**

*'This is my Son, the Beloved....*

*Listen to him.'*



We are told that Jesus took three disciples up a high mountain where they could be alone. Already there's an intimation of mystery. Jesus was surrounded by mystery. When we enter

a church, whether for Mass or otherwise, we enter a place of mystery, wrapped in it as if in a blanket. The poet William Wordsworth, in his long poem *The Prelude* spoke of such a mysterious experience when he crossed the Alps. God seems overwhelmingly present at certain vantage points in nature. A kind of rapture in a horizon beyond our knowing. We need to be touched by such moments as we go through life.

"This is my Son, the Beloved... Listen to him!" Talking comes to us more easily than listening despite that we have two ears and only one tongue! And Bob Dylan asked "How many ears must one man have before he can hear people cry? The experts say there's a difference between hearing and listening: hearing informs, listening transforms. How keenly do we listen to the cry of those who are in need of help? While sacred scripture doesn't distinguish between hearing and listening we can be sure that 'listening' is meant whenever we are told in the bible to hear God's word. Jesus came from God to transform us by his message. Listening involves mind, heart and conscience, and has a way of making us stop and think. How often have we allowed the cry of the poor to change us?"

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bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

**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

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray, these offerings here made to celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son, and by his radiant splendour cleanse us from the stains of sin. Through Christ our Lord.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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