



### 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:

10 am Monday-Friday Mary Immaculate  
7 pm Thursday SS John & Paul Church

## SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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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## October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to:** The Healy family on the death of Brendan Healy, Aidan Park. The Coen family on the death of John Coen, Aidan Park.

**First Anniversary Mass For:** Paul Cullinan, Tullyglass Square will be celebrated next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of October at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church.

**Anniversaries:** Austin Collins, Rory Collins, John Daly, Tom Halpin, Liam Hartigan, Maxine Hickey, Mark McDonnell, Frank McLaughlin, Barbara Meehan, James Normoyle, Thomas O'Neill, Robert Stackpoole and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

### Priests' Autumn Collection

We thank you for your great support to the Priests' Autumn collection. If you were away or forgot, your donation is still welcome. Envelopes are available in our Churches and donations can also be made through our Parish website [www.shannonparish.ie](http://www.shannonparish.ie). Míle buíochas to the envelope distributors who kindly gave their time to distribute the envelopes to the houses in our Parish on our behalf. We are very appreciative of their help and support.

### Monthly Music Sessions in Wolfe Tones

Club na Sionna will host its monthly session of music and song in Wolfe Tones GAA Hall on Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9pm. All singers, musicians and listeners are welcome. Special guests on the night are Mickey Dunne and Daithi Simms.

### Positive Ageing Week

Shannon library is holding two free events to celebrate Positive Ageing Week. On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 6.30pm, well known organic grower Jim McNamara will talk about sustainable gardening and enjoying our gardens from childhood to senior years, with benefits for our physical and mental health. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 11am, nutritionist Gráinne Travers, will give a talk entitled 'Eat Well, Age Well, Live Well' highlighting how a healthy diet is key for optimal aging and sharing practical tips on how to achieve this. Tel. Shannon Library (061) 364266 for further information.

### Hail Holy Queen Conference

Hail Holy Queen Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of October. Speakers include Fr. Seán Maguire, Fr. Colum Power, Catherine McGowan, Fr. Freddy Warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01) 4373277.



### Mental Health Week 2023

Day	Time	Where	Event
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7pm	Kilrush Community Centre	Managing Anxiety Dr David Coleman
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7pm	Curtains Farm Kilmihil	Farmer Safety, Health & Wellbeing Talk
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.30am	Vandeluer Woods	Park Run/Walk
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	11am	Vandeluer Woods	Guided Mindfulness Walk

All enquires contact [westclaremha@mentalhealthireland.ie](mailto:westclaremha@mentalhealthireland.ie) or 085 859511



**University Maternity Hospital  
Limerick  
Annual Remembrance  
Service  
Sunday 5th November At 3pm**

**Church of the Holy Rosary  
Ennis Road  
Remembering our babies  
today & always**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are seeking volunteers who would like to assist in delivering parish correspondence 5 times yearly in various areas around Shannon. If you have free time and are willing to help, we would love to hear from you. You are welcome to contact the Parish Office on 061 363243 or email [office@shannonparish.ie](mailto:office@shannonparish.ie) with your details.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:

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 manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Ezekiel 18: 25 - 28*

*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps.24: 4 - 9*

**R. Remember your mercy, Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth,  
and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **[R]**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **[R]**

3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **[R]**

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 2: 1-11 (\*Shorter form 2:1-15)*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.*

*\*If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:\**

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are;  
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

### GOSPEL *Matthew 21: 28 - 32*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said.



# focus on sunday

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st October 2023

## Day for Life

We need the faith and example of each other for our faith to grow strong. Our faith is shared; its depth depends on how we share that faith with one another.



*Believe  
in him!*



## Doers of the Word

We all know people who promise the earth! They say they will do something and never deliver. Others make a song and dance when asked to do something but will still do it. It can be from helping in the home to co-operating on something big.

A relative of mine used to say to his wife, 'don't get anyone in to do the ceiling darling; I'll do it'. 10 yrs later ceiling was still the same! My father would say to my mother – 'Do you think I've nothing else to do than the garden?'. Ten minutes later, the mower is heard. In the end we are more pleased with the grumpy doer than the smiling non-doer!

Jesus means action when he speaks his message. While he is happy that people listen and pray and say good things, he is looking for men and women who put their hands where their hearts are and put the gospel into action. We are people whose light is to shine before others, and not be hidden.

He has a shocking way of saying this – that some of the most looked down on people will find their way into the kingdom of heaven first because they do the works of God – they love and care, they help and encourage. They are not just spiritual thinkers, but faith-filled doers of the word of God, even when their lives are not perfect. They will get there first; the others will come later.

Jesus comes back to this often: not those 'who say Lord, Lord will go into the kingdom of heaven'.

We can at times also enjoy the vineyard, sunning ourselves in it as the grapes sun themselves to ripen. Then we are asked to tend it, to care for it, and to bring forth fruit that will last.

*Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger*

Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in 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

### 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.**