



Sunday Masses:

SS John & Paul (Webcam): 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 Mon-Fri Mary Immaculate

7 pm Thur-Fri SS John & Paul Church

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SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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October 15th 2023, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: Tony Kennedy on the death of his sister Maureen Kennedy Uí Ogáin, Crumlin. The McGettigan family on the death of Joseph McGettigan, Belfast.

First Anniversary Mass for: Mary Carroll will be held Sunday 22nd of October at 10am in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Joe Byrnes, Susan and Sean Byrne, Dermot Dunne, Edward and Nora Geary, Mary Jacintha, Tommy May, Sean Murray, Paul McMahan, Denis O'Brien, Teresa and Willie O'Flaherty and deceased family members, Helen and Ollie O'Shea and Michael Walsh.

Cemetery Sunday

Blessing of graves on November 5th will take place at 2pm in Lemenagh Cemetery, 3.30pm in Illaunmanagh Cemetery, 4.15pm at the Columbarium Wall in the Crematorium.

Friday Evening Mass

Friday Evening Mass will revert to a daily Mass in place of the Sunday Liturgy commencing this Friday 13th of October.


Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers who would like to assist in delivering parish correspondence 5 times yearly 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 with your details.



Eucharistic Adoration

We are blessed to have our Adoration Chapel open Monday – Friday between 2pm and 6pm for Eucharistic Adoration. If you would like to give one hour per week in the Adoration Chapel, please contact Michael McPhillips or Jimmy Morris.



Children's Liturgy will resume in SS John and Paul Church this Sunday 15th of October at 10am in the Childrens Room. Parents are asked to please accompany their children for the duration of the service to assist those in leading the Liturgy. Many thanks to our volunteers who allowed this important ministry to resume.

Second Collection Oct 21st -Oct 22nd



World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. There will be a second collection during all Masses next Weekend October 21st – 22nd to support Mission Sunday.

Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €2,251. We thank you for your great support to the Priests' Autumn collection. If you were away or forgot, your donation is still welcome.

Annual Clergy In-Service

The Priests of the diocese will be on their *Annual Diocesan In-Service* in Loughrea beginning on the evening of Sunday the 15th of October until the afternoon of Wednesday the 18th of October. This is a very important time for priests to be together and to engage in on-going personal and pastoral development. It is also a time for the priest of the diocese to respond to the synodal invitation of Pope Francis for priests to engage ministry in a discerned and reflective way. It is hoped that all priests in active ministry would be completely free from pastoral engagements during this time. Should the need arise a panel of retired priests have kindly agreed to provide emergency cover during these days. In the unlikely event where this cover might not be available, we are hoping where possible, that funerals would be suspended until priests returns from their in-service on Wednesday afternoon. In parishes where training has taken place a *Liturgy of the Word* will replace the daily Mass.

In the Tradaree Pastoral Area liturgies will be on at the following time

Newmarket on Fergus: Our Lady of the Rosary Church - Monday and Wednesday Mass at 10.00. Tuesday Liturgy of the Word at 10.00. An hours Adoration to follow on each morning.

Shannon: Mary Immaculate Church: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Mass at 10.00.

Sixmilebridge: St. Finnachta's Church, Monday, and Wednesday Liturgy of the Word at 10.00. Tuesday Mass at 10.00.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 25: 6 - 10*

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said:

See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.



We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps.22*

R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. [R]

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. [R]

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. [R]

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. [R]

SECOND READING *Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 22: 1-14 (*shorter form 22:1-10)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was



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God is generous to his people; his is the gift of life and love, of reconciliation and of justice. He expects us to be generous in return so that others may know his generosity.

furios. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.* When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.



Jesus often refers to the Kingdom of God as a feast, at which God presides.

He always talks about the guests who will be present. In this Gospel, Matthew had in mind the Jewish authorities who believed that they were entitled to be at the feast, but, by rejecting Jesus, the king's son, they were rejecting God's invitation. Jesus announces that everyone was welcome, "good and bad alike," some with whom the Jewish leaders would simply refuse to share a meal. And the poor man without a wedding garment? At first sight, it seems very unjust to banish him, maybe he couldn't afford a proper garment or didn't know he needed one. But no, Matthew was writing to a Christian community, many of whom had converted from Judaism. They were having a very hard time, their families often rejected them and their Jewish communities ostracised them for abandoning the God of their ancestors. So some of them were minded to give up the Christian commitment and return back to their Jewish faith. The wedding garment refers to the Christian faith that they had accepted and put on. Matthew is trying to encourage them to stay, even though life is very difficult for them.

He is warning them, that if they renounce the Christian faith, they may be excluded from the feast in the Kingdom. In the midst of all the difficulties in life which we may face, Jesus asks us to continue being faithful to him.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ