



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

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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October 29th, 2023 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The Joyce family on the death of Annemarie Joyce, Tradaree Court.

First Anniversary Mass for: Brigid Maguire will take place this Sunday 29th of October at 10am in SS John and Paul Church. Tony Coleman will be held Sunday 5th of November at 12.15pm in SS John and Paul Church. Ambrose Sloan will be celebrated Sunday 5th of November at 12.15pm in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Betty Brennan, Patrick Cantillon, Patricia Collins, John Sr. and Kathleen Dunning and Johnny Dunning, Peter Geraghty, Peter Meaney, Margaret Moroney, Carlos Ofalia, Matt Petticrew, John, Gerard, and Brenda Roche.

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.

Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €1,440. Mission Sunday was €2,880. As always, we thank you for your great support and generosity.

November Holy Souls

Please return to the Churches or Parish Office your Holy Souls envelopes along with a list of the deceased you would like prayed for. If an envelope was not delivered to your home, feel free to take one from our Churches or Parish Office.



Thanks to all Parents/Guardians who enrolled their child for the sacraments this weekend. The final session of registration will take place in SS John and Paul Church (Children's Room) on Wednesday 1st of November from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

First Communions and Confirmations Ceremony Dates for 2024 in our Parish:

St Aidan's: First Communion on Friday May 17th at 11am in SS John and Paul Church.

Confirmation on Friday April 26th at 11am in SS John and Paul Church.

St Conaire's: First Communion on Saturday April 20th at 11am in SS John and Paul Church.

Confirmation on Saturday May 18th at 11am and 2pm in SS John and Paul Church.

St Tola's: First Communion on Saturday April 27th at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church.

Confirmation on Friday May 10th at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church.

St Senan's and St. John's: First Communion on Saturday May 11th at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church.

Confirmation on Friday May 24th at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church.

Gaelscoil Donncha Rua: First Communion/Confirmation on Saturday April 27th at 1.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

Wishing all our families every blessing!

Feast of All Saints and All Souls Nov 1st & Nov 2nd

Parish Masses are at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church and 7pm in SS John and Paul Church. Please note the Feast of All Saints on the 1st of November is a Holy Day of Obligation.



Killaloe Diocese
invites you to

An Adult Faith Formation
Pathway to Advent, 4 night series

Wednesday Nov 8th, 15th, 22nd 29th

8pm— 9.15pm

'Do this in memory of me'
Deepening our experience of the Mass

Night one: Nov 8th

"Assembling for Mass
all together now!"

Followed by a facilitated discussion

Where: Pastoral Centre
Church rd
Nenagh

Light Refreshments To conclude



Night two Nov 15th Please bring a friend

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:

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

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 *Exodus 22: 20 - 26*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 17: 2-4, 47, 51*

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes **[R]**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed **[R]**

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 1: 5 - 10*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia.

GOSPEL *Matthew 22: 34 - 40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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.



focus on sunday

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 29th October 2023

The commandment of God is to love him and love people: both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.

LOVE YOUR
Neighbour
AS YOURSELF

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, 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

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 all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.



The first reading is like a commentary on the gospel reading, to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. It recalls the people who in that time needed special care and compassion: the strange (migrant, asylum seeker),

the widow, the orphan (those who are lone parents, whose parents have died), the poor who need money (the people struggling with debt, mortgage, unemployment) and are overcharged by money lenders and banks. We are to keep our promises to people and not rob them of what they need.

Jesus had a kindly eye for those in need and asks that we do also. In the world now many have suffered great financial loss as well as loss of loved ones, and indeed of good health.

Pope Francis echoes this: "the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters living in the cities and peripheries of every part of the world, must not be abandoned" (May 2019 to UN).

We look in this command to love those who need our care most. We can give comfort and care directly to those in our family and community and we can support those further away through donations of goods or financial support.

We can recall gratefully a time when we ourselves were helped by someone and let the energy of our gratitude reach out to practical love for others.

May your love be visible and tangible, o Lord, on earth as it is in heaven.

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