



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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November 5th 2023 - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The Brodie family on the death of Michael Brodie, Kingston, Galway and Shannon. Tony Flanagan and Mary McKenna on the death of their brother John Flanagan, Ballyvrohane, Tulla. Julia Dunne on the death of her brother Jack Gethings, Gorey, Wexford. May the Risen Lord welcome them to Heaven.

First Anniversary Mass for: Emily MacGoey will take place Saturday 11th of November at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church.

Anniversaries: Madeline Clancy, Breda Fanning, Leo and Eileen Malone, John Meehan, Damien McDonnell Jimmy Owens, Bridie Scullion and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €2,055. As always, we thank you for your great support and generosity.

Accord Marriage Counselling and Support

Do you need help or support in your relationship? If so, Accord offers both individual and couple counselling in their Ennis and Nenagh Centre. For further information Call : 065 6824297 or Email: accordennis1@gmail.com

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.



In November We Remember.....

Blessing of graves Sunday 5th of November

2pm in Lemenagh Cemetery,

3.30pm in Illaunmanagh Cemetery

4.15pm at the Columbarium Wall in the Crematorium.

Mass for All Children who have died:

An invitation to join us to remember all our children who sadly have died throughout the years.

SS John and Paul Church Saturday 11th November at 4pm

Liturgy for all who have died in the last year:

An open invitation for all to join us as we remember those who have died in the last year.

SS John and Paul Church Monday 13th November at 7pm

Mass for all our Faithful departed:

An open invitation for all members of our Parish Community and beyond to join us as we remember all those who have gone before us.

Mary Immaculate Church Monday 20th November at 7pm

Shannon Active Retirement

Shannon Active Retirement Association's next meeting is on next Wednesday 8th of November at 11am in The Conservatory at the Oakwood Hotel. They are looking forward to seeing everyone there and new members are always welcome.

Muse Productions – A Few Good Men

Local drama group Muse Productions are running their next play, 'A Few Good Men' by Aaron Sorkin from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th November at The Hope Café, Shannon at 8pm nightly. Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.eu/muse or by phone on 087-4136822.

Pioneer Pledge for the Month of the Holy Souls



A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers is available at www.pioneers.ie/pray or call 01 805 4226.



A word of thanks to all who came forward to register their children for the Sacraments this year. It was lovely to meet you all at the different gatherings. If you were away or unavailable to join us at any of the sessions, you are welcome to call into the Parish Office to complete the necessary forms.

Fr. Michael and Fr. Tom

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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 and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful
offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we
pray, that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Malachi 1:14-2: 2:8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my
name is feared throughout the nations. And now,
priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen,
if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name,
says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you
and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from
the way; you have caused many to stumble by your
teaching.

You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the
Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you
contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people
in repayment for the way you have not kept to my
paths but have shown partiality in your administration.
Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create
us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another,
profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 130

R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me.

[R]

2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. [R]

3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and forever. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own
children, we felt so devoted and protective towards
you, and had come to love you so much, that we were
eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but
our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers,
how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so
as not to be a burden on any one of you while we
were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you
is that as soon as you heard the message that we
brought you as God's message, you accepted it for
what it really is, God's message and not some human
thinking; and it is still a living power among you who
believe it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is
listening; you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 23: 1- 12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said,
'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of
Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and
listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what
they do: since they do not practise what they preach.
They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's
shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not
they! Everything they do is done to attract attention,
like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels,
like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets
and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted
obsequiously in the market squares and having
people call them Rabbi. You however, must not allow
yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only
one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call
no one on earth your father, since you have only
one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow
yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only
one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you
must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be
exalted.'

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

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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

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,
become for you a pure oblation, and for
us a holy outpouring of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power, O Lord,
increase in us, we pray, so that,
renewed by these heavenly Sacraments,
we may be prepared by your gift for
receiving what they promise.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prisoners' Sunday
God's gospel is best served in the humble way of living
among others, without pride, without jealousies,
in example of Jesus himself.



On one of my prison visits, I met with nine prisoners
for over an hour. On reflection afterwards, six of them
were known to me to have been sexually abused as
children; the other three I did not know them well
enough to say. Before they made other people victims of their crimes,
they themselves had been victims of serious crimes. This is not to
excuse their crimes, which can often leave their victims traumatised,
but it seeks to explain them. Understanding why people commit
crime is necessary if we want to reduce crime.

We often think of prison as full of dangerous people who have
committed serious crimes. And some are. But over 80% of those
who go to prison are sentenced to less than 12 months. Over 70%
have an addiction, and over 50% suffer some form of mental illness.
Many have been homeless on admission and will be homeless again
on release. Many of those who go in and out of prison ("lifers by
instalment") feel trapped in their lifestyle. As one said: "Life outside
prison is the same as life inside prison, except there are no bars."
Many want to escape but need help to do so. For many, that help
will never come.

I know that if I had been born into the circumstances of many of
those in prison, I too would now be in prison. And if they had been
born into my circumstances, they would be the priest coming up to
visit me in prison.

Fr. Peter McVerry