



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 19th 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The Coyne family on the death of Peggy Coyne, Tola Park. Bridget Kirby, Corrib Drive on the death of her sister Mary O'Keeffe, Lisselton, Kerry. May they Rest in Peace.

First Anniversary Mass for: Patrick Costello will take place Saturday 25th of November at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church. Kay Dalgarno will be celebrated Sunday 26th of November at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church. Catherine Dixon will be held Sunday 26th of November at 12.15pm in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Geraldine Bevan and deceased members of the Bevan and Nolan families. Jimmy Delaney, Michael Hyde, Joe Kerr, Pat Kissane and Geraldine Kissane, Eithne MacCormaic, John and Jean O'Kane, Jim and Tony Parry, John Shiels, Alipio Andreas and Simon Viesca, Michael Wren, deceased members of Wolfe Tones and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

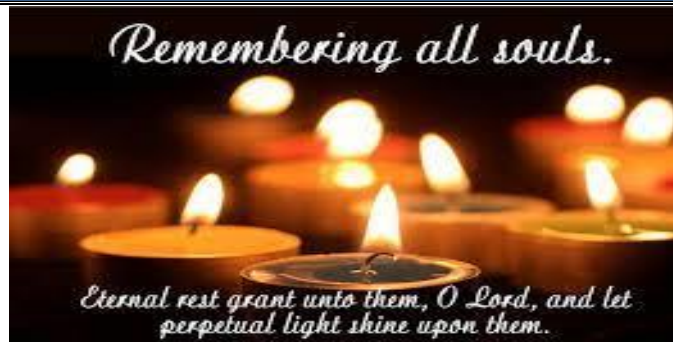
St. Vincent de Paul Flag Day



St. Vincent de Paul's flag day will be held in Skycourt Shopping Centre next Friday the 25th of November from 9pm – 5pm. Please support this important event if you can.

Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €2,140. There will be a second collection next weekend 25th – 26th of November to support Parish Ministries As always, we thank you for your great support and generosity.



In November We Remember.....

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

Tax Rebate Scheme

Any Parishioner who contributes to the Parish with their envelope and are part of the Tax Rebate Scheme are asked to call into the Sacristy to collect your new box for November 2023 – November 2024. If you're interested in being part of the scheme, please contact the Parish Office for details.

Pioneer Calendar 2024

The 2024 Pioneer calendar is available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support to people who are assisting families or who are praying for a relation or friend who is impacted by alcohol and addiction. www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar. The calendar costs €5.

Mass for Deceased Members of SPS

Mass for deceased members of SPS will be celebrated Saturday 25th of November at 12 noon in Mary Immaculate Church.



Burren Chernobyl Project

are delighted to invite you to an evening of celebration and acknowledgement of our 30 years work in Belarus.

An evening of stories and sharing, all made possible because of the generosity and support of our local community and throughout Ireland.

Venue: Falls Hotel, Ennistymon.

Date: November 25th 2023

Time: 6pm

RSVP: by email to office@burrenchernobyl.ie or by phone to our office on 065-7071130

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31.

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127: 1 - 5

R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. [R]

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,

around your table. [R]

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14 - 30 (*Shorter form in italics)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. **Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.*** His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th November 2023

World Day of the Poor

We find today an invitation from the gospel to put all our talents at the service of God and of his kingdom.

"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7)



I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. 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.



The context for today's gospel is the Last Judgement scene which immediately follows, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, welcome into the Kingdom." We have all been given talents, in varying degrees, our intelligence, the skills we have acquired, our health, our limited time on earth. Some may have ten talents, some five, some one. Those talents were not given to us to bury in the ground, to possess just for our own personal advantage. We are asked to use whatever gifts we have been given in the service of those in need, those who are poor and unwanted. The greater the gifts we have been given, the more responsibility we have to use them.

Unfortunately, our culture often blames the poor for being poor. They are often considered to be lazy, untrustworthy, or irresponsible and therefore undeserving. But we can hardly blame the 89,000 children who are living in poverty in Ireland today for being poor!

Gratitude is the only solid foundation for our relationship with God. How can we repay God for all that God has given to us? God needs nothing from us. But God's children do. We express our gratitude to God by sharing our talents and gifts in the service of God's children who are in need, the poor, lonely, homeless, or unwanted. We are only stewards of the gifts we have been given, called to use them responsibly in the light of the needs of others.

Fr. Peter McVerry