



### 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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**January 14<sup>th</sup> 2024,**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to:** The Daly family on the death of Clinton Daly, Brookfields, Shannon and Youghal, Cork.

**Month's Mind Mass for:** Mary (Milcie) Duff will be celebrated in SS John and Paul Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of January at 12.15pm.

**First Anniversary Mass for:** Michael Maguire will be celebrated in SS John and Paul Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of January at 10am.

**Anniversaries:** Roger and Georgina Bevan and Patrick Nolan. Pat Caffrey and Roseanne Caffrey, Jimmy Cosgrove and deceased family members. Noel Courtney, John Fleming, Danny and Irene Keane, Baby Kaylah Marie Murphy and Linda O'Connell. Josephine Kelly and Rose McInerney. Marie Kelly, Martin O'Shea, Betty Scullion, Bernard Shortt, Nora and Patrick Stapleton and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection and Holy Day collection was €2,633. As always, we thank you for your great generosity. Thank you also for your great support to the Priests' Christmas 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).

### Second Collection

There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> of January to support the Administration of the Diocese.



### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 - 15<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of January

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2024 was selected by the Pontifical Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, the World Council of Churches, and the Christian Churches in Burkina Faso, coordinated by the community of Chemin Neuf, a French Catholic and ecumenical community of vowed and lay people and its local community in Burkina Faso.

The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbour with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbour". In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

### Prayer for Christian Unity

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbours and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

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 ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

**A reading from the first Book of Samuel.**

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered,

'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 39: 2.4 7-10**

**R. Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

[R]

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I.

[R]

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

[R]

4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

[R]

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.**

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body.

Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**We have found the Messiah - which means the Christ - grace and truth have come through him. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL John 1:35-42

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the



# focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14th January 2024

The Christian life is a calling from God to be companions of Jesus and work for the spread of his love and justice. All of us are asked to do this in our own lives.

## Come and see



The experts tell us that the longest journey on the planet is the journey within. And it's probably the hardest journey we can take. Our interior world is confusing. People struggle with the personal issues

of the 'inside world' that confounds them. Without spending time in personal reflection before God, the heart can feel like a foreign territory. It's easier to engage with the busyness of daily life than listening to what's stirring within us.

When Jesus first sees John's disciples in today's Gospel he asks them about their heart's desires. "What do you want?" And then they ask him a question, but it is not "what are we to do? Feed the poor? Say our prayers?" Instead they dig deeper. "Rabbi, where do you live?" They wanted to know what goes on in Jesus' inmost heart. Who ARE you?

The Christian life begins with some inside wisdom about Jesus Christ. Very shortly before his death Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say I am?" He wasn't looking for an answer from his CV. Jesus wanted something more, a personal and heartfelt relationship of trust. To follow Christ is to live with a heart open to commit, a heart willing to change, a heart ready to serve, a heart disposed to pray, like Samuel, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

The world is hungry not for more experts and busier people but for people with big, big hearts. It seeks not only people who work for God but those who have come to know God through personal prayer and encounter.

Fr. Joe Walsh

## 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.

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**The mystery of faith.**

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