



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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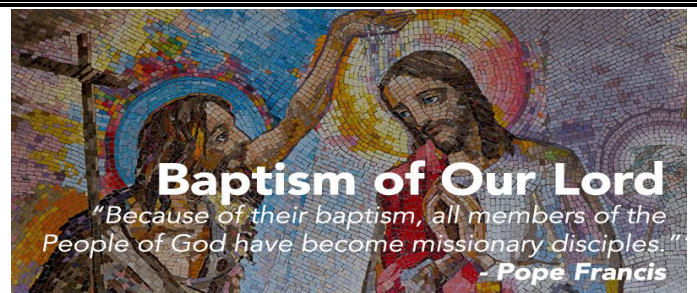


January 7th 2024, The Baptism of the Lord

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The O'Mahony family on the death of Emmet O'Mahony, Killanea, Kilkishen and Shannon.

Month's Mind Mass for: Kay Madden will be celebrated in SS John and Paul Church on Saturday 13th of January at 6.30pm.

Anniversaries: Michael and John Joe Carroll, Maureen Haughey, Billy Lagan, Jim Lagan and Myrtle Lagan, Tom Kinane, Fergus McTeggart, Mary O'Carroll and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry.

Shannon Active Retirement

Shannon Active Retirement will meet for their Annual General Meeting in the Oakwood Hotel on Wednesday January 10th at 11am. New members are always welcome. Membership is due at this meeting and new volunteers for their committee would be appreciated.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2024 - Direct from Shannon



May Pilgrimage: Shannon Airport to Medjugorje – May 22nd to May 29th, 2024 – €795 per person sharing. Price increases to €845 after 2nd February 2024.

September Pilgrimage: Shannon Airport to Medjugorje Sept 4th – Sept 11th, 2024 – €805 per person sharing. Price increases to €855 after 2nd February 2024.

- Shannon direct to Mostar-Medjugorje – Only a 30 minute transfer from airport to the Shrine.
- 7 nights air-conditioned accommodation near to St. James' Church.
- Freshly prepared breakfast and dinner each day.
- Luxury coach transfers accompanied by local guide.
- Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages.
- Assistance of Marian Pilgrimages rep. with 24 hour support throughout your stay.
- Travel Insurance up to 84 years of age.
- All airport and local taxes.

For more information on joining the group, please contact Kathleen or Jimmy Morris on 061 362657 or 086 3271657.

Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €1,872. 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.



Just to say thank you so much to all who made our Christmas celebrations so warm, welcoming and prayerful. It was lovely to see our Churches full to the brim with people coming together at this wonderful time of the year. It would be impossible to achieve this without the support of such a great parish community. A special word of thanks to all for your amazing support to the Priests' Christmas collection. Your generosity is very much appreciated. May the child Jesus, the light of the world, Emmanuel; fill all of your hearts with joy and light for the year ahead.

Blessings to you all

Fr. Tom, Fr. Michael and Canon O'Donoghue

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

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

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:

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, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:1-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh! come to the water all you who are thirsty:

though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me: listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,

for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;

for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the
heavens and do not return without watering the earth,
making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for
the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that
goes from my mouth does not return to me empty,
without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it
was sent to do.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Is.12:2-6*

**R. With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

1. Truly God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **[R]**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples,
declare the greatness of his name. **[R]**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **[R]**

SECOND READING *1 John 5:1-9*

A reading from the first letter of John.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves
the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has

commanded us;

this is what loving God is -
keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;

this is the victory over the world - our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,

but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness -

since the Spirit is the truth -



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 7th January 2024

Wherever there is water, there is life. Jesus' baptism in the Jordan marked the beginning of his life's work, his taking on the fullness of humanity. Our baptism is the source of our Christian vocation.



so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.
We accept the testimony of human
witnesses, but God's testimony
is much greater, and this is God's
testimony, given as evidence for
his Son.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**John saw Jesus coming towards
him and said: This is the Lamb of
God who takes away the sin of the
world. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Mark 1:7-11*

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

In the course of his preaching John
the Baptist said, 'Someone is
following me, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit
to kneel down and undo the strap
of his sandals. I have baptised you
with water, but he will baptise you
with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came
from Nazareth in Galilee and was
baptised in the Jordan by John. No
sooner had he come up out of the
water than he saw the heavens torn
apart and the Spirit, like a dove,
descending on him. And a voice
came from heaven, 'You are my
Son, the Beloved; my favour rests
on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

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



A birth is a joy to parents. The first words of a child or grandchild or nephew or niece make a big difference to our lives. A new estate of houses and the beginning of a parish, a country. We mark beginnings with some sort of ritual or ceremony.

Jesus' baptism begins his mission and joins him into the religious life of his people.

Baptism for us is the beginning of faith. It introduces us into the prayer and sacraments for important times of life, joining us to the community within the area and the parish, with people we meet through the Church - friends, husband, or wife. It brings us into a meaning in life in the gospel of Jesus, and the big traditions of the Church, and faith in the afterlife; by baptism we are to care for the poor.

We are part of the church. Baptism not just a prayer but a joining into the church. Part of a community which with all its faults and failings has made a huge difference to the world. How much health care, education and other services in Ireland and abroad can we thank our church and the other churches for?

And knowing Jesus, a friend. The one who forgives. So that we can always move forward to a fuller life, more joy, and peace. As was said to him, is said to us - 'you are my beloved son and daughter.'

For baptism we pray in thanks --- glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and always. Amen.

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