



### Sunday Masses (Webcam):

**SS John & Paul Church:** 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 (Webcam):

**Mary Immaculate Church** Monday -Friday 10 am  
**SS John & Paul Church** Thursday -Friday 7 pm

## SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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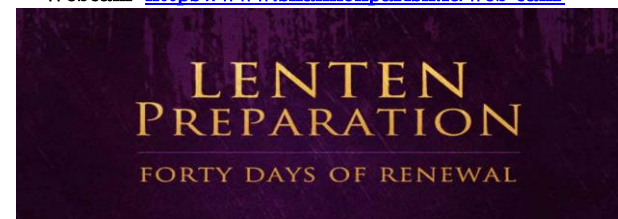
**Tuesday to Friday:** 10.00am - 1.00pm  
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## February 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to:** The McCarthy family on the death of Margaret McCarthy, Cluain Airne. The Kirwan and Cusack families on the death of Leona Cusack, Ballycasey. Ann Reynolds, Tullyglass Court on the death of her niece Caroline Power, Waterford. Chrissie Meaney, Aidan Park on the death of her brother Paddy Collins, Dublin. May God grant them eternal rest.

**Month's Mind Mass for:** Eugene O'Connell will take place in Mary Immaculate Church Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am. Moira Lowry will be held Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12.15pm in SS John and Paul Church.

**Anniversaries:** Deceased members of the England family, Brenda Collins, Jim Conway, Mary Corry, Teresa Hayes, Brendan Hughes, Frank Kenny, Ellen and William Kent, Anne and Mary Magee, Liam Mason, Kathleen McAlinden, John and Teresa McGuinness, Jimmy O'Brien, Martin O'Regan, George Quinn, Tommy and Rose Tambling, Ita White and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina (reflective reading of the Sunday Gospels) will take place every Wednesday during Lent after 10am Mass in the Jubilee Chapel in Mary Immaculate Church. All are welcome.

### Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €2,122. As always, we thank you for your great support and generosity. There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend in support of Parish Faith Formation.

## LENT and Letting Go



Let go of bitterness.  
Embrace forgiveness.



Let go of jealousy.  
Embrace gratitude.



Let go of anger & hate.  
Embrace charity.



Let go of pride.  
Embrace humility.



Let go of lust.  
Embrace purity.



Let go of sins.  
Embrace GOD.



### First Confessions

Congratulations to all the students from St. Aidan's, St. John's, St. Senan's and St. Tola's who made their First Confessions recently.

We think of the students from St. Conaire's and Gealscoil Donnacha Rua who will make their First Confessions in the week ahead.

### Matt Talbot Novena

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, 28th February at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Willie Walsh will lead you in prayer and reflect on the spirituality and celebration of age. On the night they will welcome students from St Mochulla's National School. They would love if you joined them in this pilgrimage through Lent.



World Day of Prayer will be celebrated next Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Convent Oratory at 3pm. The theme of the service this year is "I Beg You.....Bear With One Another in Love" Ephesians 4:1-7 and has been prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine. All are welcome.



## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord,  
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.  
Let not our enemies exult over us.  
Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in  
what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Genesis 22.1-2. 9-13. 15-18. A reading from the book of Genesis.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 115:10.15-19

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted.'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

(R)

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I:  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:

I will call on the Lord's name.

(R)

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

(R)

### SECOND READING Romans 8.31-34

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

### GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

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

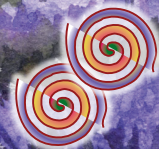
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**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,



# focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 25th February 2024

Jesus is glorified by his father and receives his mission from him.  
Jesus's transfiguration encourages us to be confident that we  
shall be with God eternally if we are faithful to him now.

## GOD is with us



The mountain and the cloud were important and significant places for Jesus. He would have known of Moses coming down out of the cloud where he met God; the mountain of Tabor and then of Calvary were big in his life, as was the sermon on the mount. These were places and atmospheres where he found himself near to his Father.

We may ask where are places we find the nearness of God?

And what happens when we find a nearness to God? There can be a sense of peace that the love of God lives within us; there can also be the call to spread this love of God in different ways in our life, as Jesus, having found God on the mountain, went with the others to spread this love.

An authentic nearness to God will bring us closer in love and compassion to those near and far, and a compassion for the cry of the earth which so badly needs our care.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse us of our faults and sanctify  
your faithful in body and mind for the  
celebration of the paschal  
festivities.

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

**This is my beloved Son, with  
whom I am well pleased; listen to  
him.**

