



**Sunday Masses (Webcam):**

*SS John & Paul Church : Saturday 6:30 pm.  
Sunday 12 noon.*

*Mary Immaculate Church : Sunday 10:30 am*

**Daily Masses (Webcam):**

*Mary Immaculate Church : Tuesday -Friday 10 am  
Saturday : 11 am*

*SS John & Paul Church : Friday 7 pm*

**SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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*"I am the  
light of  
the  
world."*

JOHN 8:12



**September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Priest on duty: Fr. Tom Whelan**

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to:** Marian Hickey on the death of Margaret Molloy, Coventry, England. Chris Grimes on the death of her sister Kathleen McGuane, Kilnamona. The Moloney family on the death of Ellen Moloney, Cronan Gardens. May they rest in peace.

**Month's Mind Mass:** Catherine Collier will be celebrated next Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of September at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church. Nancy McKenna will take place Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of September at 10.30am in Mary Immaculate Church. Vivienne Carr will be held next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of September at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church.

**First Anniversary Mass For:** John Coen will be held next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of September at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church.

**Anniversaries:** John Kelly, Barbara Meehan, Seamie and Greta Mooney, James Normoyle, Gerry O'Dwyer, Mary and Jim O'Dwyer, Martin Quinn, Robert Stackpoole and all those that have anniversaries occurring at this time.

**Commissioning of Readers & Eucharistic Ministers**

At 7pm Mass on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in SS John and Paul Church the Blessing and Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers and Readers will take place. All are welcome to attend.

**Last Sunday's and Priests' Autumn Collection**

Last Sunday's Collection was €2,231. As always, we thank you for your great support. The Priests' Autumn Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes are being distributed by volunteers and will be available in our churches. You can also donate through our Parish website [www.shannonparish.ie](http://www.shannonparish.ie).

**Celebration of the Sisters of Mercy**



The Sisters of Mercy are celebrating 50 years serving our community in Shannon this year. As a parish, we wish to acknowledge and show our appreciation for this milestone with a Mass of Thanksgiving in Mary Immaculate Church on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of September, Mercy Day, at 7.30pm. We would like to thank all of the Sisters, past and present who have and continue to serve our community with great dedication and faith. All are welcome to join us in this celebration.



**School Masses**

Open year School Masses for St. Tola's and St. Senan's will take place on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of September at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church. To accommodate this, there will be no Mass at 10am. All are welcome to join us. Thank you for your understanding. **Please note the change of date to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> for St. Tola's School.**

**Message from Fr. Martin Mareja**



Thank you very much for allowing Fr. Liam, Bro. Steve and I to preach on behalf of the Pallottine Missions in the Tradaree Pastoral area on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of July and also 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2024. Due to your generosity and the generosity of your parishioners a total of €3,976.34 was collected for which we are very grateful. *Fr. Martin.*

**Eucharistic Adoration**



Eucharistic adoration is available Monday to Friday between 2pm and 6pm in our Adoration Chapel, Skycourt. If you would like to give one hour per week in the Adoration Chapel, please contact Michael

McPhillips, Jimmy Morris or the Parish Office.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and  
I will be their Lord for ever.

## 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.**

## THE GLORIA

**Glorify 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

O God, who founded all the commands of your  
sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour,  
grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit  
to attain eternal life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Wisdom 2:12. 17-20*

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

The goddess say to themselves,  
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.  
Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.  
If the virtuous man is God's son,  
God will take his part and rescue him from

the clutches of his enemies.  
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 53: 3 - 6.8*

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth. [R]
2. For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. [R]
3. But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. [R]

### SECOND READING *James 3:16-4:3*

**A reading from the letter of St. James**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find  
disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being  
done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from  
above is essentially something pure; it also makes  
for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full  
of compassion and shows itself by doing good;  
nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it.  
Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the  
seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.  
Where do these wars and battles between yourselves  
first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting  
inside your own selves? You want something and  
you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You  
have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you  
fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have  
what you want is because you don't pray for it; when  
you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have  
not prayed properly, you have prayed for something  
to indulge your own desires.

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

### GOSEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says  
the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the  
light of life. Alleluia!**

### GOSEL *Mark 9:30-37*

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

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples  
made their way through Galilee; and he did not want  
anyone to know, because he was instructing his  
disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will  
be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him  
to death; and three days after he has been put to  
death he will rise again'. But they did not understand  
what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in  
the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing  
about on the road' They said nothing because they  
had been arguing which of them was the greatest.  
So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said,



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There is no such question as to who is "the greatest in the service  
of God". We are all infinitely loveable in the sight of God.

*"If anyone wants to be first,  
he must make himself last  
of all and servant of all."*



The disciples were arguing about who was the most  
important. We can all identify with their argument!  
Today, we often value people by their achievements.

A person who runs a successful business employing dozens of  
people will be considered more important than a person who is  
unemployed or homeless. The value that society places on them is  
often reflected in the salary they are paid. However, during Covid, this  
value judgement was challenged. Nurses, bus drivers, carers and  
other essential personnel, who do not command enormous salaries,  
were recognised and highly valued for the work that they were doing  
(unfortunately that didn't last!). Today's Gospel affirms a central  
belief in our Christian faith, namely everyone has the same value  
before God, and therefore should be equally valued by the followers  
of Jesus. A little child has no achievements to boast of, they were  
the "least" in the society of Jesus' time. To be great in God's eyes,  
we must make ourselves the "least" by becoming the servant of all.  
We must put other people, and their needs, before ourselves, just  
as a servant puts their master's needs first. When Jesus washed  
the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper, he took on the role of a  
servant and the disciples found themselves in the role of a master.  
When Jesus hung on the cross, He was the servant giving his life for  
us. It is in serving others, putting their needs before ourselves, that  
we become great in the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Peter McVerry

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

*The mystery of faith.*

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