



**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*

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**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 -  
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Priest on duty this week: Fr. Michael Geraghty**

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to:** Martin McMahon on the death of his brother Fr. Joe McMahon, Scariff. The Ward family on the death of Ann Ward, Cronan Lawn. The Higgins family on the death of Marjorie Higgins, Cill Chais. The Walsh family on the death of Frances Walsh, Tullyglass Hill. Sally Grimes on the death of her sister Margaret Nealis, Broadford. May they rest in God's blessings and peace.

**Month's Mind Mass For:** Sharon Byrne will take place next Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church. Marlene Park will be celebrated Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

**First Anniversary Mass For:** Sean Reid will be held next Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

**Anniversaries:** Tom and Nora Brouder, John and Alan Caufield, Charlie Coleman, Johnie Dunning, John and Kathleen Dunning, Michael Hyde, Pat Kissane and Geraldine Kissane, Bridie McPhillips, Jim Rocks and deceased family members, Jackie Watson, Michael Wren, deceased members of the Loughnane and Murphy families, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

This Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> all members of our Parish Community and beyond are invited to join us at 7pm in Mary Immaculate Church as we remember all those who have gone before us. We hope you will join us for an evening of reflection and remembrance in honour of the loved ones who are always in our thoughts.

**Annual Clergy In-Service**

The Priests of the Diocese will be on their Annual Diocesan In-Service in Loughrea beginning on the evening of Sunday the 17th of November until the afternoon of Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. This is a very important time for priests to be together and to engage in on-going personal and pastoral development. It is hoped that all priests in active ministry would be completely free from pastoral engagements during this time. We are hoping where possible, that funerals would be suspended until priests return from their in-service on Wednesday afternoon. In parishes where training has taken place a Liturgy of the Word will replace the daily Mass. In Shannon we will have a Liturgy at 10am Monday – Wednesday. Please keep the Priests' of the Diocese in your prayers as they engage in this important time of prayer and reflection.

**Last Sunday's Collection**

Last Sunday's collection was €1,905. We thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

**Mass for Deceased Members of SPS**

Mass for deceased members of SPS will be celebrated Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church.

**Message from Shannon Lions Club**



On behalf of the Shannon Lions club, I would like to thank all who contributed generously to our church gate collection at the weekend also to our priests and staff of both churches for their help, God bless all - Tony Walsh.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
November 21st

From the beginning of her life, Mary was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

## 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.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

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

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

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

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 Daniel 12:1-3

**A reading from the prophet Daniel.**

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 15:5, 8-11

**R. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight; since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **[R]**

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **[R]**

3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **[R]**

### SECOND READING Hebrews 10:11-14,18

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.**

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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

### GOSEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**

### GOSEL Mark 13:24-32

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

**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, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.**



# focus on sunday

THIRTY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th November 2024

## World Day of the Poor

The end of time is a time of confidence when God will return to his people to call us home to him.

## The prayer of the poor rises up to God

(cf. Sir 21:5)



**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## 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.**

## 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

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.



Jesus didn't come to tell the people of Israel how to worship God in a different way. No, he came to tell the people of Israel, and the world, how to live together in a different way. The society into which

he was born was marked by enormous inequality; some people lived lives of conspicuous wealth while the majority of people lived at a subsistence level. And those in positions of authority used their power for their own self-interest. As we look at our world today little has changed. The UN World Food Programme estimates that to eliminate global hunger would cost \$40 billion per year. Last year, the increase in the wealth of the world's 3,000 billionaires was \$1,000 billion! Irish people are – deservedly – renowned for our compassion towards the poor but the Gospel challenges us to go beyond compassion to solidarity. The Son of God did not save us from the safety of his place in Heaven, but came down, in solidarity, to be one of us. Solidarity means that the suffering of others becomes our suffering and we do what we think is necessary to remove the pain. To share with the poor what we do not need is not charity, it is justice. Solidarity means paying higher taxes, by those who can afford to, to improve services to the poor. For those who own their own homes, solidarity means not objecting to homes for others being built near them. Solidarity is the test of our Christianity.

**Fr. Peter McVerry**