



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 3rd, 2024 -
Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Priest on duty this week: Fr. Michael Geraghty

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The Murphy family on the death of Marie Murphy, Carrowmeer, Newmarket-on-Fergus. The Clifford family on the death of Pattie Clifford, Tullyglass Crescent. The Johnston family on the death of James Johnston, Radharc Doire. May God grant them eternal rest.

Month's Mind Mass For: Mary Grue will take place next Sunday 10th of November at 10.30am in Mary Immaculate Church.

First Anniversary Mass For: Mary O'Keeffe will take place next Sunday 10th of November at 10.30am in Mary Immaculate Church. Peggy Coyne will be held Sunday 10th of November at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church. James Duff will be held Sunday 10th of November at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church

Anniversaries: Tony Coleman, Breda Fanning, Edward Jones, Carlos Ofalia and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €1,710. We thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

November Holy Souls Envelopes

Outside of Mass times, please return your Holy Souls envelopes to the Parish Office.

November Gatherings In The Week Ahead

Blessing Of Graves Sunday 10th Of November:

1pm - Illaunmanagh Cemetery, followed by blessing of the Columbarium Wall in the Crematorium.

3pm - Lemenagh Cemetery.

Mass For All Children Who Have Died:

SS John and Paul Church, Saturday 9th of November at 3.30pm.

Liturgy For All Who Have Died In The Last Year:

SS John and Paul Church, Monday 11th of November at 7pm.

Shannon Lions Club Church Collection

Shannon Lions club are holding a Church collection next weekend, 9th & 10th of November. All monies collected will be used to help out families who may have money difficulties leading up to Christmas.

Monthly Music Session at Wolfe Tones

Club na Sionna will host its monthly session of music and song in Wolfe Tones na Sionna, GAA on Wednesday, 6th November at 9pm. Special guests on the night are Bríd O'Gorman and Sinéad Mulqueen. Singers, musicians and listeners are all welcome.

Tax Rebate Boxes for 2025

Any Parishioner who contributes to the Parish with their envelope and are part of the Tax Rebate Scheme are asked to call into the Sacristy to collect your new box for Nov 24 – Nov 25.

In November We Remember



As we come to the turning of the year, with the clocks going back, the long nights and the short days we say goodbye to the summer that has past, remembering the trees full of leaves, the flowers in full bloom, the green of the fields, all reminding us of endings.

We are drawn to remember our lives, the journey travelled and those who were a part of that journey. It is a time of remembering and we remember departed loved ones. We are aware of their unique and precious place in our lives, and we know that we are blessed in them. We are thankful for all they were to us.

We are aware that they are a part of us. Our family members remain forever a part of us. We share their DNA, their values are our values, we are made of the same stuff. Let us always be grateful to our past generations.

Our history reminds us that the dead have always been remembered. The truth of a new homeland has forever existed in the minds of people and we as Catholics have the truth ever close to us through Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead and promised eternal life to all who follow him.

The one gift that we can give to our departed loved ones is prayer. We converse with God through prayer, and we ask our loving God to care forever for our departed loved ones and we pray.

Lord, may you support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening falls, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

focus on sunday

THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3rd November 2024

The commandment of God is to love him and love people: both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.



“Love the Lord your God”



Today's Gospel paints a familiar scene: Jesus being tested by the Jewish authorities for holding unconventional beliefs. Yet this interrogation ends with a startling turnaround. The topic, once again in the Gospels, is the importance of love as the greatest commandment and greatest gift in life. This is not new from the mouth of Jesus: but it is completely novel and, indeed, brave coming from the mouth of a Jewish scribe. The scribe's complete change of heart, places him in a long line of listeners who are radically transformed by Jesus's message, and who often express the truth of his coming in the most succinct terms. The scribe's synthesis of the message of love constitutes the Shema, the profession of faith which is kept by the doors of all Jews. He can uncover the true meaning of divine love and salvation, cutting through layers of rules and regulations. The scribe's addition that love is far more important than holocaust is a direct repudiation of the most holy sacrificial practices of Temple Judaism. Jesus came as the new Temple, superseding the building in Jerusalem, and embodying faith himself.

This scribe is a powerful witness and would have rendered himself disgraced among his fellow Jews by this statement. He models the clarity, faith, and truth that real conversion brings. This week may we be inspired to show similar clarity of thought, sincerity of heart, and courage to stand by our beliefs in challenging times.

Giovanna Feeley



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. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, 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
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS
 May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
 May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 17:2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. [R]

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. [R]

SECOND READING Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

PENITENTIAL RITE

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

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 and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6: 2 - 6

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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