



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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March 16th, 2025 - Second Sunday of Lent

Priest on duty this week: Fr. Tom Whelan

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The Flynn family on the death of Dr. Michael Flynn, Tullyvarraga Hill. Mike Mullaney, Slaney Park on the death of his mother Kitty Mullaney, Cross. May they rest in eternal peace.

Months Mind Mass for: Kathleen McKeown will be celebrated Sunday, March 23rd at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Hannah Feighrey, Michael Hallinan, Mary Leonard, Darren McCarthy, Christy and Breda McLoughney, Jason and Martin Mullane, John O'Brien, Nora O'Connor, Eddie and Clara Stapleton, deceased members of the Kelly family and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €2,087. As ever, we thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society.

The bravery of Clare's Dragoons, immortalised by Thomas Davis and the Jacobite War to the Treaty of Limerick will feature in the Shannon Archaeological & Historical Society (SAHS) lecture at Treacy's Oakwood Hotel, at 8pm, Wednesday, March 19th. The illustrated talk by Dr Harman Murtagh, will outline the key role played by Ireland in the major war involving multi-national armies from 1689 to 1691. The lecture is free to SAHS members. €5 for non-members and on zoom.

Shannon Tidy Towns

A public consultation process will take place on Wednesday, March 19th at 7pm in St. Senans National School for the creation of a new Natural Play Area in Drumgeely. This consultation process has been organised by Shannon Tidy Towns in partnership with Clare Co. Council. All interested parties or individuals are invited to attend.

Alzheimer Information Cafe

The Monthly Alzheimer Information Cafe is being held on March 19th, in the Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, from 11.30am to 1.30pm. The topic will be "Technologies to Enable Independent living". For more information contact Linda Murphy [0879152151](tel:0879152151), e-mail : samantha.fennel@alzheimer.ie

Matt Talbot Novena

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, March 19th, at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Michael Collins will be the celebrant on the night accompanied by Tony Griffin, a former Clare Hurler and All Star who is also the author of "The Teenagers Book of Life" and works as a champion of Youth potential.



Lectio Divina

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

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Shannon's St. Patrick's Day Parade begins at 2pm with guaranteed fun for all the family. There will be music from 1pm to 6pm, stories with Eddie Lenihen, food trucks, dancing, face painting and balloon animals. *Volunteers to marshal the parade are needed.*



St. Patrick's Day Mass Times

**SS John and Paul Church:
9am and 12 noon**

**Mary Immaculate Church:
10.30 am**

*There will be no evening Mass in
SS John and Paul Church and the
Adoration Chapel will be closed.*

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.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly
by your word, that, with spiritual sight made
pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, "Look up
to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such
will be your descendants" he told him. Abram
put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as
making him justified.

"I am the Lord" he said to him "who brought
you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you
heir to this land." "My Lord, the Lord," Abram
replied, "how am I to know that I shall inherit
it?" He said to him, "Get me a three-year-old
heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old
ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon". He
brought him all these, cut them in half and put
half on one side and half facing it on the other;
but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of
prey came down on the carcasses but Abram
drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into
a deep sleep and terror seized him. When



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 16th March 2025

The gift of God's love and the following of Jesus is offered
to all of us by God. Lent, and today's gospel, reminds us of
the glory of our calling to follow in Jesus' ways.

the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there
appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand
that went between the halves. That day the Lord
made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:
"To your descendants I give this land, from the
wadi of Egypt to the Great River".

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 26:1.7-9.13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? (R)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R)

SECOND READING Philippians 3 :17 - 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

**Shorter form in italics - verses 3:20 - 4:1.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life.
Take as your models everybody who is already
doing this and study them as you used to study
us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today
with tears, there are many who are behaving
as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They
are destined to be lost. They make foods into
their god and they are proudest of something
they ought to think shameful; the things they
think important are earthly things. **For us, our
homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes
the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus
Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched
bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.
He will do that by the same power with which he
can subdue the whole universe.*



*So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not
give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss
you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and
my crown.**

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 Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and
James and went up the mountain to pray. As
he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed
and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.
Suddenly there were two men there talking to
him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in
glory, and they were speaking of his passing
which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter
and his companions were heavy with sleep, but
they kept awake and saw his glory and the two
men standing with him. As these were leaving
him, Peter said to Jesus 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke,
a cloud came and covered them with shadow;
and when they went into the cloud the disciples
were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud
saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen
to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus
was found alone. The disciples kept silence and,
at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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,

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

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.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries,
we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for
allowing us while still on earth to be partakers
even now of the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.