



### 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 23rd, 2025 - Third Sunday of Lent

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

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to:** The Waldron family on the death of Joan Waldron, Drumgeely Avenue. The McKenna family on the death of Donal McKenna, Bunratty. The O'Brien family on the death of James (Rocky) O'Brien, Bru Ard Caoin. May they rest in eternal peace.

**Months Mind Mass for:** Noel O'Keeffe will take place next Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church. Bishop Willie Walsh will be celebrated Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in SS Peter and Paul Cathedral Ennis.

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Byrnes, Michael Keane, Joe Kelly, Seán O'Connell, Lisa Healy, John O'Rourke and Agnes O'Rourke, Maureen Ryan, Paddy Smyth, Sadie and Ray Smyth and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Matt Talbot Novena



The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Robert McCabe will be

the celebrant on the night. Currently working in Navan as the Central Spiritual Director of the Pioneer Association and as a former military chaplain, he has served with Irish peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, Kosovo, Liberia and Chad. Attending this Novena could be a meaningful Lenten commitment.

### Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection and St. Patrick's Day collection was €3,696. As ever, we thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

### Second Collection March 29<sup>th</sup> - March 30<sup>th</sup>



The annual collection to help support and finance sick and seriously ill pilgrims attending this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be held next weekend at all Masses. Your generosity to this appeal will enable them to experience peace and blessings at the Grotto of Lourdes.

### Shannon Multisector Jobs Fair

Shannon Multisector Jobs Fair will take place on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm in Westpark Innovation Campus, Shannon, V14 YF90. This fair will connect job seekers with leading employers across various industries in the Clare region. It will provide an excellent opportunity for individuals interested in starting or advancing their careers in multiple sectors, including hospitality, administration, IT, sales and marketing, engineering, healthcare, finance, and more. All are welcome.

### 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.

### Confirmation



Wholehearted congratulations and blessings to the pupils from St. Conaire's school who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. A special word of thanks to the Teachers and Parents who helped in making the ceremony such a special occasion.

### Lenten Video Series on Jubilee Theme of Hope

A series of videos from people around the diocese are available each day for the season of Lent on the Jubilee theme of hope on the social media platforms @BishopFintan, YouTube, TikTok, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, X, and Bluesky.



We are currently seeking volunteers who would like to assist in delivering parish correspondence 5 times yearly in various areas around Shannon. If you have free time and are willing to help, we would love to hear from you. You are welcome to contact the Parish Office by email at [office@shannonparish.ie](mailto:office@shannonparish.ie) or call 061 363243.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

## 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, author of every mercy and of all  
goodness, who in fasting, prayer and  
almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin,  
look graciously on this confession of our  
lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by  
our conscience, may always be lifted up by  
your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

### FIRST READING Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

*A reading from the book of Exodus*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his  
father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock  
to the far side of the wilderness and came to  
Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel  
of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of  
a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a  
bush. Moses looked; there was  
the bush blazing but it was not being burnt  
up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,'  
Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not  
burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to  
look, and God called to him from the middle  
of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I  
am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said.  
'Take off your shoes, for the place on which  
you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your  
father, he said 'the God of Abraham, the God  
of Isaac and the God of Jacob. At this Moses  
covered his face, afraid to look at God.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 23rd March 2025

The call of God is always to become more like Jesus in how  
we treat his people. We know our failings: the call to repent  
in today's gospel is also the promise of God's forgiveness  
for our failings and sins.

And the Lord said 'I have seen the miserable  
state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their  
appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes,  
I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to  
deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians  
and bring them up out of that land to a land rich  
and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to  
the sons of Israel and say to them, 'The God of  
your fathers has sent me to you.' But if they ask  
me what his name is, what am I to tell them?'  
And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This'  
he added 'is what you must say to the sons of  
Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also  
said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of  
Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the  
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God  
of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name  
for all time by this name I shall be invoked for all  
generations to come.

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 102:1-4.6-8.11

**R. The Lord is compassion and love.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and  
compassion. (R)
3. The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the  
earth so strong is his love for those who fear  
him. (R)

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12.

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.*  
I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers  
were all guided by a cloud above them and how  
they all passed through the sea. They were all



baptised into Moses in this  
cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual  
food and all drank the same spiritual drink,  
since they all drank from the spiritual rock that  
followed them as they went, and that rock was  
Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to  
please God and their corpses littered the desert.  
These things all happened as warnings for  
us not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden  
things that they had. You must never complain:  
some of them did, and they were killed by the  
Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it  
was written down to be a lesson for us who are  
living at the end of the age. The man who thinks  
he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of  
God! Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom  
of heaven is close at hand. Glory to you, O  
Christ, you are the Word of God!**

### GOSPEL Luke 13. 1-9

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the  
Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with  
that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them  
'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered  
like that were greater sinners than any other  
Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but  
unless you repent you will all perish as they did.  
Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam  
fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they  
were more guilty than all the other people living  
in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but  
unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'  
He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree  
planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for  
fruit on it but found none. He said to the man  
who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for  
three years now I have been coming to look  
for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it  
down: why should it be taking up the ground?"  
'Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year

and give me time to dig round it and  
manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not,  
then you can cut it down.' '

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*All bow for following two lines:*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
Church, the communion of saints, the  
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of  
the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## ✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial  
offerings, and grant that we who beseech  
pardon for our own sins, may take care to  
forgive our neighbour. 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

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow  
a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord  
of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed  
are they who dwell in your house, for ever  
singing your praise.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden  
in heaven and are nourished while still on  
earth with the Bread that comes from on high,  
we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is  
being brought about in us in mystery may  
come to true completion. Through Christ our  
Lord.