



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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SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Webcam: <https://www.shannonparish.ie/web-cam/>



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**December 22nd, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Priest on duty this week: Fr. Tom Whelan

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The family of Mary O'Callaghan, St Joseph's Nursing Home, Ennis. May God grant her eternal rest.

Month's Mind Mass For: Maurice Murphy will take place Saturday December 28th at 11am in Mary Immaculate Church. Stanislaw Knotowski will be celebrated Saturday, December 28th at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church. Doris Keane will be celebrated Sunday 29th of December at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Noreen Bergin, Nora and Denis Cahill, Audrey Carrig and John Carrig, Brian Collins, Charles Connolly, Hillary Doyle, Martin and Bella Doyle, Mortimer and Kathleen Duggan, Margareet and William Flynn and Fr. Michael Flynn, Peggy Long, Michael Lynch, Melanie Lynch, Tom Mannix, John, Agnes and Una McMahon, Bert McNulty, Mike Moloney, Michael and Stevie Moran, Stephen Moran, Mary and Peter Mundy, Maria Murray, Mary and Luke Murray, Pat O'Callaghan, Susan O'Flaherty, Baby Alex Regan, Bridie and Joe Stewart, David Tyler and deceased family members, deceased members of the Reilly and Kelly family and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

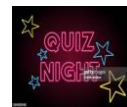
Last Sunday's Collection and Priests' Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €2,340. Thank you for your continued support and great generosity. The Priests' Collection will be taken up on Christmas Day and over the Christmas period. Thank you also for contributions made to Goradiche of €255 this week. All funds raised go to Goradiche Orphanage.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish office is open this Monday, December 23rd from 10am – 1pm. The office will be closed from Tuesday, 24th of December until Tuesday January 7th.

Charity Quiz



The Annual Honk Charity Quiz will take place this Monday 23rd of December at 9.15pm in aid of the Oncology Unit at UHL. Team of 4 = €40. Quizmaster Tom O'Dea.

Shannon Lions Club

Shannon Lions Club annual Christmas party for the residents of Carrigoran nursing home takes place this Sunday December 22nd from 2pm - 4pm.

Goal Mile



Shannon Athletic club will be hosting the Goal Mile on St. Stephen's Day from 11am to 12 noon. People can come along to run or walk a mile.

You can register or make a small donation on:
<https://www.goalmile.org/>

Christmas Mass Schedule
Tradaree Pastoral Area 2024

Christmas Eve:

Shannon

Mary Immaculate Church - 4pm and 8pm
SS John and Paul Church - 6pm and Midnight

Newmarket on Fergus

Carrigerry - 5pm
The Wells - 7pm
Our Lady of the Rosary - 9pm

Sixmilebridge and Kilmurvy

Sixmilebridge - 6pm
Kilmurvy - 8pm



Christmas Day

Shannon

Mary Immaculate Church - 9am and 11am
SS John and Paul Church - 10am and 12 noon

Newmarket on Fergus

Carrigerry - 9am
Our Lady of the Rosary - 10.30am
The Wells - 12 noon

Sixmilebridge and Kilmurvy

Kilmurvy - 9am
Sixmilebridge - 11am



focus on sunday

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22nd December 2024

Mary's first journey after the annunciation was to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who needed her help. Christmas brings the question to each of us, "who needs my help?"



The story of Mary going to help her cousin, an older lady who was now pregnant, is an ordinary story of the life of Mary. They were both pregnant.

They both needed companionship and ordinary love. They needed to share the problems of any expectant mother and also share their joy.

We could say of Mary she did ordinary things extraordinarily well – she wouldn't make the newspapers– just the two women giving a listening ear and the little helps a pregnant mother needs.

There are many little visitations in life – to be present with people when they need us in the family and the neighbourhood.

In doing that like Mary we bring the grace of God and the presence of the Lord...what you do for anyone you do for me... Jesus could think of his mother in saying these words.

In receiving Mary, Elizabeth was visited by Jesus. In the give and take of our lives we bring Jesus to each other.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger



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 the Holy Spirit, O Lord, sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar, just as he filled with his power the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

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 is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)



OPENING PRAYER

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Micah 5:1 - 4

A reading from the prophet Micah

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord,

with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.79:2-3.15-16.18-19

R. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **[R]**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **[R]**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **[R]**



SECOND READING Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;

then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,

'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:39 - 44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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.

