

focus on sunday

TWENTY - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3rd October 2021
(Day for Life)

God has created us to live in love with and for each other. We pray today for a strengthening in our society of the value of the bond of marriage and family.



LIVE IN LOVE



The right to life is the first and foundational human right; the gospel and church value human life from its first beginnings to its end. The day for life each year highlights the way the Church can value life. Not just at the beginning and end, but in the years in between.

This valuing of life was behind the Church's traditional commitment to health care, to hospitals and hospices in a time when otherwise medical care would not have been provided. Even pilgrims on their journeys found hospices along the way to care for physical illness.

It can be seen in our personal care of the sick at all times of life, and in our commitment to the gospel and teachings of the Lord in different issues of conflict regarding life issues, such as abortion and the end of life. How we speak of life, how we vote for politicians in this area and how we give good care to our bodies is part of our care for life.

It also reaches into our care for all creation; that we are 'stewards' of creation, given the joyful task by God to care for all creation.

Donal Neary SJ. (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)



Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

God Our Father made a beautiful world first. Then, God made man to enjoy the world, but the man wasn't happy. He longed for a companion. God gave him a companion. Her name was woman. That was the first Marriage in all the world. We thank God for the great blessing, of love.

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
Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER
The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.* Lift up your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

SANCTUS
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION
Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE
The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**
Go in peace, **Thanks be to God.**

said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.*'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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. 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.**



enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:
'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127
R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **[R]**
- Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **[R]**
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **[R]**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2: 9-11
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10: 2-16
(*Shorter form 10: 2-12)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

GREETING
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT
Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you. Show us, O Lord, your mercy. **And grant us your salvation.** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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
Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2: 18 - 24
A reading from the book of Genesis
The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and



Sunday Masses:

SS John & Paul (Webcam): Friday 7pm;
Saturday 6:30 pm; Sunday 10 am and 12:15 pm
Mary Immaculate Church - Saturday 12 noon;
Sunday 9 am and 11 am

Weekday Masses:

10 am Mon-Fri Mary Immaculate
7 pm Thursday SS John & Paul Church (Webcam)

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3 October 2021
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Climate Sunday
October 3rd - 4pm
at St. Flannan's Cathedral

As we journey through Creationtide and reflect on the coming COP 26 Climate Conference we hold a short prayer vigil for the environment, and our role in creating a sustainable and just future for all people on the earth.

All are welcome to attend in person or virtually to pray for the protection of our world.

Last Sunday's Offerings: €1,788. As always, thank you for your great generosity which is so much appreciated.

Thank you for your wonderful support to the parish. As well as the usual way to donate to your parish you can also use our new method of using the QR code (here) which is also placed at the doors and shrines of our Church's, Adoration Chapel Notice Board, and Parish Office. It's another easy way for you to support your parish using your smart phone.



Priests Autumn Collection will be taken up on the weekend October 22-24th. Envelopes will be distributed to homes and available in the Church's. We will also be distributing your November Holy Souls envelopes separately with the Priests Autumn Collection. We thank you for your wonderful support.

Notice: We are seeking volunteers who would like to assist in delivering parish correspondence 4 times yearly in various areas around Shannon. If you have free time and are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office during office hours on 363243 or email office@shannonparish.ie

Mass and Baptismal Bookings:

If you are intending to book a Mass or a baptism we would ask you book through the Parish Office. This enables us to ensure all Masses and Baptisms are scheduled. You can book by emailing office@shannonparish.ie or calling 363243.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Every Sunday in Mary Immaculate Church from 12noon-6pm and 2-6pm in SS John and Paul Church. With the current safety protocols in place adoration is for private prayer only. All are welcome to visit our Church's.



Religious Gifts: For all occasions are available from the Parish Office. If there is a particular religious item you are looking for we will source it for you.

COVID-19 Protocols: We ask all parishioners attending Mass, and other Church ceremonies that the wearing of masks and sanitising of hands is mandatory. We are also permitted to have 50% of Church capacity. We thank everyone for your co-operation and to the teams of stewards who assist you.

Season of Creation
Restoring Our Common Home
1 September - 4 October 2021



Dear Parishioners, As you know 2021 marks the 6th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment entitled Laudato Si': On care for our Common Home. The season is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of creation, to explore with parishioners the rich content of Laudato Si' and decide on what actions should be taken locally to care for our common home. The theme for the Season of Creation this year is "Restoring Our Common Home". Liturgical Resources for use during the Season of Creation, are now available to download at <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2021/07/21/season-of-creation>

After the Season of Creation there will be a meeting of world leaders in China for a UN Biodiversity Conference (known as COP 15) and another UN meeting on Climate Change in November of world leaders in Scotland (known as COP 26). In preparation for these UN meetings there will be a petition known as the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition available at <http://healthyplanetandpeople.org> for dioceses, parishes, and individuals to sign. It is envisaged that this petition will be presented by Pope Francis to the Presidents at these upcoming conferences. We pray for the success of these UN Conferences.

We have been invited by Bishop Fintan to consider forming a parish group who might have a particular focus in this area and make use of these resources in our parish and schools throughout the Season of Creation each year. If you are interested please leave your name and number to the Parish Office.

God bless, Fr Arnie



Welcome to Fr Michael Collins who takes up his appointment as Co-PP Newmarket on Fergus on October 1st and we look forward to working with him in the Tradaree Pastoral Area.