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Sunday Masses (Webcam):

SS John & Paul Church: 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 (Webcam):

Mary Immaculate Church Monday -Friday 10 am SS John & Paul Church Thursday -Friday 7 pm

June 30th 2024 **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Priest on duty this week: Fr. Michael Geraahty

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The Begley family, on the death of Jim Begley, Ballycasey. The Ryan family, on the death of Lisa Ryan, Newmarket-on-Fergus and Cronan Lawn. The Walshe family, Gort na Rí and Newmarket-on-Fergus on the death of Mary Walshe. The Coughlan family on the death of Helena (Lena) Coughlan, Aidan Park. May they rest in eternal peace.

First Anniversary Mass For: Jo (Johanna) Gee will be celebrated next Saturday July 6th at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church. Kay O'Loughlin will be held Sunday July 7th at 12.15pm in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Tim. Annie and Fr. Vincent Glennon. Denis Doody, Liam Ferns, Frank King, Dermot Lahiff, Irene Lehane, Tommy and Mary McIntyre and Owen Neville. Martin and Jason Mullane and Dan McCarthy.

Sanctuary Lamps

Box of sanctuary lamps lasting four months in our Churches for special intentions are available for €25. Donations can be left into the sacristy with your intentions list. Donor's intentions this week are for John Madigan R.I.P.

Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €2,260. As always, we thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

SHANNON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Mondays at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church

On Mondays only, going forward, in Mary Immaculate Church there will be a celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with distribution of Holy Communion. A word of thanks to the Liturgy group for organising this Monday celebration. Celebration of the Eucharist takes place at 10am in Newmarket-on-Fergus.

This change is to ensure we can meet upcoming demands of the recent Diocesan changes for the Pastoral area as outlined by Bishop Fintan. Thank you for your understanding.

Priests' Summer Collection



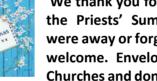
A Little Thought...

If we accept, as we should do, the call by Jesus Christ to each and everyone of us to take up the cross and follow him, what does this mean to us? Following Christ is for each of us both individually and together. Individually each of us is responsible for our own development. In our personal life, there is no substitute for growth in our relationship with Jesus. If we want to be close to him, we must give him time in prayer. Normally, this should be time given once or twice every day for some minutes or longer. To this we should add glances at God as we move about during the day - in short prayers praising, thanking and asking him. We can also join a prayer group or form one ourselves.

Mass is our central prayer. Here we come together to pray and to worship. It is so imporant that we do come to worship at Mass together, that our Church long ago put us under obligation to go each week regularly, if we possibly can. When we fall away from Mass-going we can easily fall from ordinary personal prayer as well. Now, it is not only through prayer that we follow Christ. He also asks us to love our neighbour. This we can do partly by praying for our neighbour but Jesus expressed his love in service as well. He went about healing and doing good. He gave the example of washing the feet of his disciples.

We add to the life we have in prayer the great command of love. To pray is only half the story. We must put our Christian commitment into action. To reach out and become a "slave of the needs of others" is to do what Christ did.





We thank you for your great support for the Priests' Summer collection. If you were away or forgot, your donation is still welcome. Envelopes are available in our Churches and donations can also be made

through our Parish website www.shannonparish.ie.

Invitation to Pilgrimage Day at Knock Shrine

Killaloe and Fern Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, takes place on Sunday July 7th . They are inviting new members from the Parish and community to consider attending. For Bus information, call Brigdale Coaches on 086 8034092 or email info@brigdalecoaches.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Flag Day



St. Vincent de Paul's flag day will be held in Skycourt Shopping Centre next Friday the 5th of July from 9pm – 5pm. Please support this important event if you can.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy! 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

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

O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 1:13 - 15; 2:23 - 24

A reading from the Book of Wisdom Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be - for this he created all:

the world's created things have health in

them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps. 29:2, 4-6, 11-13**

R. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

 I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R)

3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7.9. 13 - 15

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

You always have the most of everything - of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection - so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

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!

<u>GOSPEL</u> Mark 5:21 - 24. 35 – 43 (Shorter Version) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old.

At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

focus on sunday

Jesus' mission is one of healer; our prayer and relationship with him

is one which heals past bitterness, guilt, grudges and anger. Can you come to him in confidence that he can heal all this within you?

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 30th June 2024

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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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

'Do not be afraid; only have faith.'

Asleep in Christ?

We often hear the phrase at a funeral Mass – we pray for him/her, who has fallen asleep in Christ. It's a strange way of putting it; but Jesus in the gospel

today uses it for the daughter of Jairus. Sometimes it's a way of avoiding the word 'death'; other times it's a faith statement that we believe in the resurrection of the body.

The story is a preview to the resurrection as the words, 'get up' are the same as used after in the gospel.

It is hard to believe that our loved ones gone to God are happier now than they ever were. The closeness to God after death brings the joy and happiness of eternal life. Even when we think of any purification after death like Purgatory, it was always in the belief that even there we were closer to God than on earth!

The gospel today recounts a real rising from the dead - the little girl got something to eat. Jesus' other reason for the raising from death was to point to the resurrection-life we would share with him.

It is also a big story about the care of Jesus. This care brought him back again from the other side to heal the girl, as to bring us to a new awakening from the sleep of death.

His care brings him daily to share the life of heaven with us, especially in the Eucharist.

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