



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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1st of September, 2024

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Priest on duty this week: Fr. Michael Geraghty

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The Carr family on the death of Vivienne Carr, Cluain Airne. The Collier family on the death of Catherine, late of Airport Manor B&B and Kildorrery, Cork. The Hopkins family on the death of Janet Hopkins, Aidan Park. To Marie Shortt on the death of her brother Emmanuel Flanagan, Belfast. May they Rest in Peace.


Anniversaries: Mary Bevan, Philomena Carey, Peter Doyle, Tom Hession, Sean Keane, Rose Kennedy, Cornelius Kiely, John O'Sullivan and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

New School Year

Best Wishes for the year ahead to all our students and teachers heading back to school. May you believe in yourselves and make the most of every opportunity to learn and grow.

Last Sunday's Collection

Last Sunday's collection was €2137. We thank you for your continued support and great generosity.



September and October this year the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country. This very special, once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience Lourdes' special gifts and charisma of Lourdes . In the Killaloe Diocese the relics will be received into the Cathedral in Ennis at 10.30am on Monday 9th of September. Veneration and prayer will continue throughout the day with a concelebrated Mass at 7.30pm followed by a Marian Torchlight Procession through the grounds of the Cathedral. On Tuesday veneration will continue in the morning until 12 noon. At 3pm on Tuesday 10th of September the relics will be received into the Church of our Lady of Lourdes in Silvermines Co Tipperary with veneration and prayer until concelebrated Mass at 8pm followed by Marian Torchlight Procession. Veneration will continue on Wednesday morning with Mass of Farewell at 10am.

Club na Sionna will resume monthly sessions of music and song in Wolfe Tones na Sionna GAA on Wednesday 4th September at 9pm. Special guests on the night are The Sixmilebridge Folk Club. Singers, musicians and listeners are all welcome.

Volunteer Ministries in the Killaloe Diocese

Information evenings on the training programmes for the Ministry of Catechist and the Ministry of Pastoral Care will be held at three locations across the Diocese in early September.

- Kilrush, Community Centre:
Wednesday, September 11th at 8 pm.
- Ennis, Pastoral Centre:
Thursday September 12th at 8 pm.
- Nenagh: Pastoral Centre
Monday 16th September at 8 pm.

At these meetings, Bishop Fintan will be present to formally launch this programme of training and formation. People currently involved in a myriad of volunteer ministries will also be present to answer any of your questions. Come along to see and hear how these lay ministries are developing across the diocese and how you might become part of this Good News story. For more information visit:

<https://www.killaloediocese.ie/our-diocese/lay-ministries>.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us....

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

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S. 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **[R]**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **[R]**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **[R]**

SECOND READING James 1:17-18. 21-22.27

A reading from the letter of St. James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! By his own choice the Father made us his children by the message of the truth, so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he created. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.'



focus on sunday

TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st September 2024

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used. Only when we work together with Creation can the firstfruits of hope be born.



"Hope and act with Creation"



In today's Gospel Jesus is once again questioned about the actions of his followers who this time are accused of eating with 'unclean hands'. He responds with a quote from the prophet Isaiah criticising those who honour God in word but not in their hearts. We may notice that he doesn't speak out against the laws about ritual cleanliness but focuses instead on interior disposition. Jesus has a powerful message for us about the tension between outward appearances and what's going on on the inside. It is not rigid laws or rituals that are important but the true nature of our hearts.

Today marks the beginning of the Season of Creation where we are called into an awareness of our planet's growing ecological crisis. Humans have impacted the natural world most negatively in the past 200 years. Yet the crisis also conveys a deeper message of humanity's fractured relationship with God's creation. At the heart of the ecological crisis is a spiritual crisis. We have become disconnected from the earth, our relationship with God's creation has become fractured. Pope Francis reminds us, 'We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it' (LS, §139). We cannot separate our relationship with God from our relationship with God's creation.

A radical change of heart, is essential if we are to begin to repair our relationship with the natural world. In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to examine our relationships with ourselves and others. What human traditions or worldly things do we 'cling' to? Do we recognise our inherent connectedness with the world around us, not separate from it but a part of it? Our interior awareness, the love we cultivate in our hearts for creation and humanity, will be evident in our relationship to other creatures and to the world around us. May we use this time to rekindle a sense of awe and wonder for God's creation and discern where we are being called to in order to protect it.

Jane Mellett

Adapted from "The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew" (Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2002).

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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