



**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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**October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 -  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to:** The Park family on the death of Marlene Park, Tullyvarraga Hill, Shannon and Athenry, Galway. The Byrne family on the death of Sharon Byrne, Gleann na Smól. Tony O'Dwyer on the death of his sister Carmel Hogan, Sixmilebridge. Margaret Murray on the death of Freddie Dore, Limerick City.

**Month's Mind Mass For:** Joe Shortt will be celebrated this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of November at 7pm in SS John and Paul Church. Mary McMahon will be celebrated Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church Paddy O'Neill will take place Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church. Tommy Stafford will be held Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church.

**Anniversaries:** Betty Brennan, Patrick Cantillon, Denis and Susan Chambers, Patricia Collins, Peter Geraghty, Margaret Halpin, Mary Hickey, Tommy May, Peter Meaney, Eugene McNulty and Kevin McNulty, Michael and Mary Mullins, Matt Petticrew, John Purcell. Brenda, Gerard, John and Noreen Roche, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Last Sunday's Collection**

Last Sunday's collection was €1,767. We thank you for your continued support and great generosity.

**November Holy Souls Envelopes**

The November Holy Souls envelopes are currently being distributed with extra envelopes available in our Churches. Please return them, along with a list of the deceased to the Churches or Parish Office.

**Mission Sunday Collection €2,490**

On behalf of Pope Francis, thank you for supporting World Mission Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable people. Please donate €4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035.

**Tax Rebate Boxes for 2025**

Any Parishioner who contributes to the Parish with their envelope and are part of the Tax Rebate Scheme are asked to call into the Sacristy to collect your new box for Nov 24 – Nov 25. If you're interested in being part of the scheme, please contact the Parish Office for details.

**Muse Productions – Shakespeare in Love**



Local drama group Muse Productions are running their next play, 'Shakespeare in Love' from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of November at St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon at 8pm nightly. Tickets are currently available by phone on 087-4136822 or online at [www.ticketsource.eu/muse](http://www.ticketsource.eu/muse).

**In November We Remember**



**Blessing Of Graves Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Of November:**

1pm in Illaunmanagh Cemetery, followed by blessing of the Columbarium Wall in the Crematorium.  
3pm in Lemenagh Cemetery.

**Mass For All Children Who Have Died:**

An invitation to join us to remember all our children who sadly have died at any stage of life throughout the years.  
SS John and Paul Church, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of November at 3.30pm.

**LiturgY For All Who Have Died In The Last Year:**

An open invitation for all to join us as we remember those who have died in the last year.  
SS John and Paul Church, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of November at 7pm.

**Mass For All Our Faithful Departed:**

An open invitation for all members of our Parish Community and beyond to join us as we remember all those who have gone before us.  
Mary Immaculate Church, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of November at 7pm.

# focus on sunday

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27th October 2024

We are continually in need of God's healing power in Christ to cure our blindness to his ways and our deafness to his word. If our faith is strong enough for us to say 'Jesus, have pity on me' then we may be sure that he will save us.



Lord,  
I want to  
**SEE**



In Mark's Gospel the disciples often suffer from spiritual blindness and we hear today that it is the blind man, Bartimaeus who sees clearly. In addition to the gift of physical sight that he receives, he actually 'sees' clearly before his healing when he courageously calls out to Jesus, and he 'sees' clearly after his healing when he follows Jesus 'on the way', on the path of discipleship. In this short story, Bartimaeus is presented as a model of faith. To be a true disciple one must overcome blindness. To understand, to "get it" is precisely to confess one's blindness and say, "My teacher, let me see again" (10:51). On our faith journey, sometimes we see things clearly, and sometimes we are blind to the bigger picture. Dark clouds can come down, perhaps we are struggling, we can stray off the path. Jesus walks with us on the rocky path of discipleship, inviting us always to see more clearly.

Most of us can identify with the experience of faith as a gradual process in which sometimes things look blurry and other times we come to see clearly. There is often a gradual unfolding of things. Jesus does not give up on us as we make our journey; we are invited to embrace the mystery and the opportunities as they come our way, for growth, for new insight, for greater sight. What have been some of the 'aha!' moments on your faith journey? When have you realised that you can see more clearly? What insights came to you? Who was there to guide you 'on the way'?

Jane Mellett

Extract from *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark* by Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, Messenger Publications, Dublin 2023.



your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

**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.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. 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.**

I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 125

**R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. [R]

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them! What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. [R]

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. [R]

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. [R]

## SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-6

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go;

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. 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

Almighty ever-living God,

increase our faith, hope and charity,

and make us love what you command,

so that we may merit what you promise. Through our

Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:7-9

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.**

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back

from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends

of earth; all of them:

the blind and the lame,

women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

