



**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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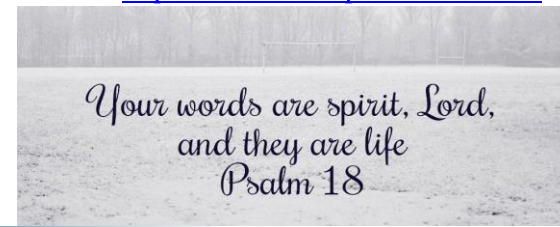
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Radio 105.6 FM for Mass from SS John and Paul  
Webcam: <https://www.shannonparish.ie/web-cam/>



**January 26th, 2025  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Priest on duty this week: Fr. Michael Geraghty**

**Our Prayers and Sympathies to:** . The Caulfield family on the death of Peggy (Margaret) Caulfield, Corrib Drive. The Marley family on the death of Camillus (Cam) Marley, Caragh Park. Gen Repunte, Ballycasey Court on the death of Juliana Perez, Philippines. The Ferns family on the death of Ellen Ferns, O'Brien Park. May they rest in eternal peace.

**Months Mind Mass for Kathleen Carey will be held Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church.**

**First Anniversary Mass for: Noel O'Shea will be celebrated Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in SS John and Paul Church. Eugene O'Connell will take place Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am in Mary Immaculate Church. Moira Lowry will be held Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church.**

**Anniversaries: Annie Bevan, Nancy Burke, Brendan Cassidy, Michael Greaney, Patrick and Bridie Grue. Brendan Keane, Marie Killeen, Eileen McGettrick, Mike Mulcahy, Tom, Breda and Joe Murphy, Pat Nolan, Maura and Brian O'Grady and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.**

**Mass for Deceased Teachers and School Staff**



**Mass in memory of deceased teachers and those who worked in our schools will be celebrated Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church. All are welcome to attend.**

**Last Sunday's Collection & Second Collection**

Last Sunday's collection was €1,935. As ever, we thank you for your continued support and great generosity. There will be a second collection this weekend to support the Administration of the Diocese at all Masses.

**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 or Parish office with your intentions list. Donors intentions this week are for deceased members of the Shortt and Flanagan families.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**



Shannon Airport to Medjugorje – May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 - €825 per person sharing. Price increases to €875 after January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team. Bookings for this seven night pilgrimage can be made by contacting Kathleen and Jimmy Morris on 061 362657 or 086 3271657.

**February 1<sup>st</sup> - Feast of St. Brigid**

**Saint Brigid**

You were a woman of peace.  
You brought harmony where there was conflict.  
You brought light to the darkness.  
You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.  
Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.  
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.  
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Presentation of the Lord**

The custom of blessing of candles takes place at all masses. Please feel free to bring your candles to the church. They will then be used during the year in our churches if you wish to donate them to the church. You are also welcome to take them home with you for personal use. Please just mark them accordingly.

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> - Feast of St. Blaise**

The candles blessed the previous day will be used for the blessing of throats on the feast of St Blaise. Throats will be blessed at all masses on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26th January 2025

*Sunday of the Word of God (Catholic Schools Week begins)*

Jesus preached with power that the kingdom of God has come. This kingdom is seen, not in prestige and wealth, but in justice, peace, reconciliation and love. The gospel invites us to share in working for that kingdom.



**The spirit of the Lord  
is upon me**



In today's Gospel, Luke recalls the very first public appearance of Jesus. He understands this sermon to be a summary of Jesus' whole teaching. Jesus begins by affirming his credentials, namely that what he says and does comes from the Spirit of God who resides in him. He has come "to bring the Good News to the poor," to reach out to those who are oppressed, to the blind (who were marginalised in society because they were considered to be sinners, their blindness being a punishment by God), and captives (unjustly excluded from society) and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour, understood to be a reference to the Jubilee year in the Old Testament, when the inequality that had inevitably arisen over time amongst the people of God was reversed, by forgiving debts, freeing slaves and returning land that had been sold to its original owners. And what was the Good News Jesus brought? "How blessed are you who are poor, yours is the Kingdom of God." (Luke 6) Those who were left to live their lives in poverty, (while surrounded by people of wealth), those who were left hungry, and those who wept (because they were oppressed), will all find themselves welcome, and their needs met, in the Kingdom of God that was coming. Good News to the poor is Challenging News to everyone else. To welcome the poor and marginalised in our own communities and in our world, to offer them support and friendship, and to help build a society that seeks to address their plight, is to continue the mission that Jesus had begun.

*Fr. Peter McVerry*

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

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....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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *Nehemiah 8: 2-6. 8-10*

**A reading from the book of Nehemiah**

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

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

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 18:8-10.15*

**R. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.**

- The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. [R]
- The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. [R]
- The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. [R]
- May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock! [R]

### SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 12:12-14.27 (Short form)*

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**  
Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL *Luke 1:1-4;14-21*

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

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout



the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,**

*All bow for following two lines:*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from  
the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

### AFTER THE CONSECRATION

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**