



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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**January 5th, 2025
Second Sunday after Christmas**

Priest on duty this week: Fr. Tom Whelan

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The McCafferty family on the death of Catherine (Cathy) McCafferty, Tullyglass Court. Sean McLoughlin, Corrib Drive, on the death of his sister, Bernie Donnelly, Thurles. The Carey Family on the death of Kathleen Carey, Tola Park. May they rest in peace.

Months Mind Mass for: David Heffernan will be held, Friday January 10th at 7pm in SS John and Paul Church. Tommy Barnes will be celebrated Saturday, January 11th at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church. John Boland will take place Saturday, January 11th at 6.30pm in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Roger Bevan, John Bullman, Michael, John Joe and Billy Carroll, Bridget and John Carroll, Myrtle Lagan, Billy Lagan and Jim Lagan, Michael McKenna, John O'Sullivan and Mary Farmer, Mary Purcell and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Prayer for Priests

We will have our hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer for priests again this Saturday January 11th (Second Saturday of the Month) from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Adoration Chapel, Shannon. Please come along and join us to pray for our Bishops and Priests and many blessings for all!

Last Sunday's Collection and Priests' Collection



Last Sunday's collection was €1,888.00 Thank you for your continued support and great generosity. Thank you also for your great support for the Priests' Christmas collection. If you were away or forgot, your donation is still welcome.

Adoration Chapel

The Adoration Chapel will re-open on the Monday January 6th as per normal . All are welcome.

Feast of the Epiphany, Monday 6th January



Mass times for the Feast:
10am – Mary Immaculate Church
7pm – SS John & Paul Church

God of all,

Be our daily star that guides our lives as we search for your love. May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do, forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word. Lift our eyes to the heavens so we too may follow your guiding star as we travel home to you. Amen.

Prayer for the Jubilee Year 2025

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



focus on sunday

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 5th January 2025

Jesus is the One sent by God who speaks to us about the wisdom and truth of God. By accepting him we too become children of God and are filled with grace and truth.



We all have certain fixed attitudes and views which have resulted from our upbringing, social class, culture, religious beliefs and experiences. If someone expresses very different attitudes and views, we can

either reflect on what they say and allow them to challenge the way we think, or we can just simply reject them out of hand. In today's Gospel, the author expresses his amazement that Jesus, the Word of God, was rejected by the very people God had created and chosen as his own. What Jesus was saying and doing challenged the fixed views and attitudes of the people of Israel. When Jesus reached out to the tax collectors and sinners, who were considered to have been rejected by God because of their behaviour, the religious authorities could not accept that Jesus was carrying out God's will. Wealth was understood to be a sign of God's favour, poverty a sign of God's disfavour. So when Jesus criticised the accumulation of wealth by some, while others survived at a subsistence level, even the apostles were challenged: "Then, who can be saved?" (Luke 18 v26), they asked him. Jesus was seen as a threat to the religious beliefs of the people of God that the authorities believed that it was their religious duty to get rid of him. We too can often water down the radical demands of the Gospel when it challenges our lifestyles or comfort zones. Welcoming and reaching out to those who are poor and excluded, even at some cost to ourselves, is the challenge of Jesus to us today, just as it was then.

Fr. Peter McVerry

and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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.

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.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

PENITENTIAL ACT

LORD JESUS, YOU RAISE US TO NEW LIFE:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
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.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ecc 24:1-2.8-12

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One.

"The creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance."

From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain.

I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion.

In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.

I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.147:12-15.19-20

R. The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you.

2.He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. [R]

3.He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. [R]

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:3-6.15-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:1-5.9-14 (shorter form only)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh, or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us,

