

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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March 30^{th} , 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Priest on duty this week: Fr. Michael Geraghty

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The Power family on the death of Maura Power, Fergus Road. The Brosnan family, Tullyglass Crescent on the death of Brian Ahern, Limerick City. Mary O'Donnell, Tradaree Court on the death of her sister Imelda Werner, Chicago. Sinead Kelly, Drumgeely Avenue on the death of her father John Joyce, Bodyke.

Months Mind Mass for: Dr. Michael Flynn will be held Sunday, April 6th at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church. Terri De Lacy will be held Sunday, April 6th at 10.30am in Mary Immaculate Church.

<u>First Anniversary Mass for:</u> Michael Lally will be held in SS John and Paul Church, Saturday, April 5th at 6.30pm. Canon Brendan O'Donoghue will be held in SS John and Paul Church, Saturday, April 5th at 6.30pm. John Lyne will be held in Mary Immaculate Church, Sunday, April 6th at 10.30am. Martin McGorrian will be held Sunday, April 6th at 12 noon in SS John and Paul Church.

Anniversaries: Margaret (Peggy) Austin, Pat Conway, Ann & Seamus Conway, Kevin Markham, Kevin Molloy, Catherine McLoughlin, John O'Gorman, Alex Wiseman and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Last Sunday's Collection and Second Collection

Last Sunday's collection €2,247. As ever, we thank you for your support and great generosity. There will be a second collection in support of the Killaloe Lourdes Invalid Fund at all Masses this weekend.

Synodal Consultation

A synod is a meeting of the people of God, priests and people, discussing the future of our church, together. Pope Francis started a consultation process which is also underway in the diocese of Killaloe. If you would like to contribute to the consultation, please find the link on our Parish website or Facebook page to access an online response form. There will be a number of inperson meetings across the diocese which will be advertised locally. The last date for submission is Friday, April 4th. All contributions are welcome.

Sanctuary Lamps



Sanctuary lamps lasting four months in our Churches for special intentions are available for €25. Donors intentions this week are for John Madigan R.I.P.

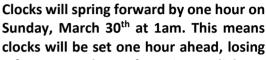
Monthly Music Session in Wolfe Tones

Club na Sionna will host its monthly session of music and song in Wolfe Tones GAA on Wednesday, April 2nd at 9pm. All musicians and listeners are welcome. Special guests are Ciorán Hickey and Mick Minihan.

Honouring Pat Costello

On Thursday, April 3rd, there will be a night of music celebrating the life and music of Pat Costello in The Old Ground Hotel. Hosted by Cahercalla Community Care, tickets are available online at www.cahercalla.ie or by calling 065 6824388. Tickets are €25 each. The event will feature an all-star lineup of more than 50 musicians including Shaskeen, Blaise Phelan and Meadhbh McInerney. Doors open at 7.30pm.

Daylight Saving Time



an hour sleep for an extra hour of evening sunlight.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy. And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

FIRST READING Joshua 5: 9-12 A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan vielded.

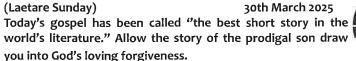
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33: 2-7 R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)
- 2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.
- 3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Laetare Sunday)



This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R)

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained, 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the Father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he

began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. he ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life: he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me

always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found. 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 ▼

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray,

with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

