



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 30th, 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.

First Anniversary Mass for: 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 in-person 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



Clocks will spring forward by one hour on Sunday, March 30th at 1am. This means clocks will be set one hour ahead, losing an hour sleep for an extra hour of evening sunlight.

Mother's Day Prayer

I said a Mother's day prayer for you
to thank the Lord above
for blessing me with a lifetime
of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring
you've shown me through the years,
for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.

So I thank you from the heart
for all you've done for me
and I bless the Lord for giving me
the best mother there could be!

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,.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

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 yielded.

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. (R)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

(Laetare Sunday)

30th March 2025

Today's gospel has been called "the best short story in the
world's literature." Allow the story of the prodigal son draw
you into God's loving forgiveness.



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.