



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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Radio 105.6 FM for Mass from SS John and Paul
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April 27th, 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

Priest on duty this week: Fr. Michael Geraghty

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The Aguila family on the death of Pedro Aguila, Fana Gheal. The McKenna family on the death of Patsy McKenna, Corrib Drive. The Clancy family on the death of Marian Clancy, Dernish Lawn. May they rest in eternal peace.

First Anniversary Mass for: Margaret Canny will be celebrated Saturday, May 3rd in SS John and Paul Church at 6.30pm.

Anniversaries: Tess Barry, Ned Daly, Vincent Haugh, Anne Kirby, Johnny McGuane, Liz Russell, Susan Chambers Watson, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Priests' Easter Collection



We thank you for your great support for the Priests' Easter collection. If you were away or forgot, your donation is still welcome. Envelopes are available in our Churches and donations can also be made through our Parish website.

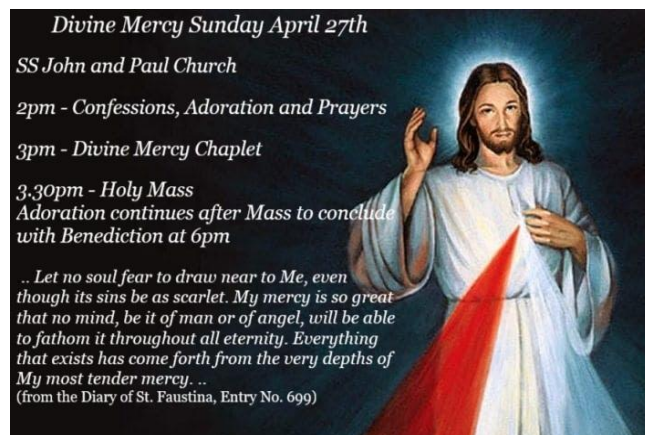
An Post Offers to Deliver Mass Cards

An post will deliver Mass or sympathy cards to the Vatican free-of charge for anyone who wants to pay their respects to Pope Francis. Cards may be posted to - *The Vatican, PO Box 13812, FREEPOST, Dublin 1*, for free until May 14.

Easter Holy Water



Easter Holy Water bottles are now available in our Churches to take home. Sincere thanks to all who prepared the bottles for us.



Conversations in the Spirit, Synodal Journey

*Tradaree Pastoral Area, Oakwood Hotel, Shannon
Monday 28th April, at 7.30pm*

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. The aim of conversations in the Spirit is to create an atmosphere of trust and welcome, so that people can express themselves more freely. This helps them to take seriously what happens within them as they listen to others and speak. All are welcome to come as we listen and discuss some of the issues and challenges facing the church as we move forward together, guided by the Spirit.

Pope Francis 1936 - 2025



The passing of Pope Francis has certainly touched the hearts and minds of so many people. How touching it is that so many people have that sense of connection to this holy and gentle man from South America. We ask, what could an old man bring to the Church? What is amazing is that he has had such a huge impact, inviting all the faithful to think anew. The writings of Pope Francis certainly adhere to truth of the gospel.

Our gospel speaks of the value and the dignity of every person and that is always to the fore with Pope Francis. He reminds us that each person is a gift, a gift to family and community and to the world. As a Church we are a family, Gods family here on earth, and when we fail to see each other as brothers and sisters we are no longer Church.

Pope Francis reached out to the world with his synodal approach. I would hold that this is at the heart of Vatican two, a sacred Vatican Council that has yet to be fully understood and implemented. Certainly, Pope Francis had this to the fore. The Church was and is in so much need of reform and Pope Francis has started this sacred process. It is a task that is immense, but this courageous man has started something so precious and with his appointing of so many Cardinals our earnest hope is that this work will continue.

As we look back over the legacy of this remarkable person, we must acknowledge that we have been blessed by his presence amongst us, and we pray that the good work that he has begun will be brought to its completion through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

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.**

OPENING PRAYER

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed.

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Acts 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Divine Mercy Sunday)

27th April 2025

Jesus knows the sinfulness and doubt of his friends and gives to them after the resurrection his own forgiveness and certainty of his presence.

and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps117: 2-4,22 - 27

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'



(R)

2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

(R)

3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light.

(R)

SECOND READING Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19.

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and

said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but



believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:
'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.