



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 6th, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Priest on duty this week: **Fr. Tom Whelan**

Our Prayers and Sympathies to: The Doran family on the death of Alan Doran, Tola Park. The Hodges family on the death of Ronnie (Ronald) Hodges, Tola Park. Michael Drysdale, Tullyvarraga Hill on the death of his sister, Doreen Mulligan, London. The Hasty family on the death of Thomas Hasty, Cul na Greine. Mary O'Donnell, on the death of her sister Imelda Werner, Chicago and also remembering her sister Shiela McGirl.

Months Mind Mass for: Joan Waldron will take place Monday, April 14th at 10am in Mary Immaculate Church

First Anniversary Mass for: Ita O'Gara will be held in SS John and Paul Church, Sunday, April 13th at 12 noon.

Anniversaries: Margaret Byrne, Anne Drysdale, Patrick Hassett, Eddie Jones, David Keohane, Kathleen Lally, Denis McCarthy, Michael Murphy, Charlie Murray McMullan, Catherine Moore, John Nihill and deceased family members, Brendan Regan Sr., Sean Ryan, John and Kathleen Reeves, Edward and Eileen Shanahan, Margaret O'Flaherty, Liam Tyler and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Shannon Men's Shed

Shannon Men's Shed in Smithstown (V14 Y563) meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30am to 1.30pm. Wheelchair accessible, central heating in meeting room and work areas. New members are always welcome. Please contact 086 3929885 for more information.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje 2025



Shannon Airport to Medjugorje from May 21st to May 28th is €875 per person sharing. Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages Medjugorje Team. Bookings can be made by contacting Kathleen and Jimmy Morris on 061 362657 or 086 3271657

Alzheimer Society of Ireland

The next Alzheimer Information Cafe is being held in the Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, on April 16th from 11.30am to 1.30pm. This month's topic is "Technologies to Enable Independent living". All are welcome to attend. Contact Linda 087 6985819.

Last Sunday's Collection and Second Collection

Last Sunday's collection €1,879. The second collection supporting the Lourdes invalid fund was €3,025. As ever, thank you for your support and great generosity.

Shannon Active Retirement

Shannon Active Retirement's next meeting will take place Wednesday, April 9th in the Conservatory of the Oakwood Hotel at 11am. New members are welcome.

Matt Talbot Novena

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will continue at 7pm Wednesday, April 9th in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Roch from Poland will be the celebrant. This evening will include the opportunity to celebrate God's healing love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help us prepare for Easter. Visiting priests will also be available for confessions.

Canon Brendan O'Donoghue R.I.P.



This weekend we celebrate the First Anniversary of our dear friend Canon Brendan. It's hard to believe a year has gone by already, he is missed in the parish every day. The parish together with Canon Brendan's family recently commissioned a bench at his graveside in his memory. We hope that many will continue to share their stories and prayers with him. May the Canon rest in peace.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us.....

OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:16-21* *A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalms 125*

R. What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6th April 2025

May this day and the scripture we hear call us to look at the depth of our faith. We are called on to look into our hearts to show forgiveness and reconciliation to all we meet. Christ's forgiveness is without condemnation.

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Indeed we were glad. **(R)**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R)**

SECOND READING *Philippians 3:8-14*

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

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead.

Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!



GOSPEL *John 8: 1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there; in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said 'Woman where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir', she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

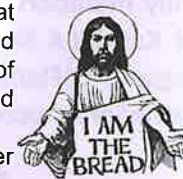
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord.