

St. Senan's Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 25th December 2022

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PARISH WEBSITE

Integrated webcam and payment facility

St. Senan's Church has a live webcam streaming 24 hours a day. The Camera is focused on the Sanctuary and front seats of the old part of the church. Compliant with all GDPR requirements.

<https://stsenansenniscorthy.ie>



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

It's been a year of significant change for us here in the Shannon and the wider St. Senan's Parish area.

The shock and the speed of the changes in the parish itself. Albert retired and sold Centra. For me it feels like two of the Shannon's institutions that I've come to know and love have changed forever.

Then there's Mam. She didn't see another Christmas. Yet, I know that she now sees every Christmas, past, present and future.

Of course, I know too well that "forever" doesn't apply to us and nothing in this life stays the same. "Forever" exists only in God's domain. In Heaven itself. In the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

For this reason I'm really looking forward to laying my eyes on the infant-Jesus on Christmas night - especially this year.

He comes to gather us all into his "forever" place. I want to be there. But when he comes will we allow him to bring us into his place, even for a minute?

I hope we do. I hope you do. I hope that something of his forever place will touch us all during these special days.

Happy Christmas   everyone 

Fr. Paddy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekday Masses

Monday (St. Stephens Day) - 7pm

Margaret Kenny (A)

Tuesday - 7pm

Holy Souls

Wednesday - 7pm

Kathleen & Jim Kelly (Rem)

Thursday - 7pm

Christmas Intention

Friday - 7pm

Ellen Farnan (First Anniversary)

Birthday Rem

SPLIT THE POT

Congratulations Syl & Ellen O'Neill
- €160 last week's winner

€2 weekly and the winner gets half the money raised. Envelopes are available in the church, enclose your money, write your name and number on the envelope and place it in the box marked 'Split the Pot' in the Church.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

Envelope Boxes for 2023 are ready for distribution and we ask those who deliver them in the areas to please collect same here behind the altar.
Thank you.

Day of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Please note there will be no prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday next, 27 December.

CAROL SERVICE

A word of thanks to all those who joined us last Wednesday night for our Carol Service it was great to see so many and nice to be able to enjoy our festive treats afterwards.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS/READERS

If you have not received a rota either by email or in the post then please collect one from the Sacristy. Also a reminder the St. Pauls Missal is available for all Readers to collect from the Sacristy now.

THE HOOK OF FAITH

This week, we feature Bishop Ger's Christmas message that he offers to the whole diocese. We offer a homily for Christmas Day and the usual newsletter insert that features an extract from the National Synodality Synthesis Report. On this theme of synodality, a video with Bishop Robert Barron explains what synodality is and what it is not. Conscious of those who grieve loved ones at Christmas, we have a reflection named 'When Grief and Gratitude Embrace'. Bishop Paul Dempsey reflects on how the crib exposes the relevant issues of today; and finally, we have a Christmas greeting and message from the Hook of Faith to everyone who logs on each week as we continue to share the Good News on this digital platform. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

First Communion Parish Programme

Venue: St. Senan's Church

Time: Saturdays 3.00pm

Session 1 (St Senan's PS First Communion candidates divided into two groups for Session 1 & 2)

Jan 14 St. Senan's PS 1

Jan 21 St. Senan's PS 2

Jan 28 Gaelscoil

Explanation:

Session 1 is about what's in a church; altar, tabernacle, statues etc. The children will be placed into small groups with two adult leaders.

Session 2

Feb 04 St. Senan's PS 1

Feb 11 St. Senan's PS 2

Feb 25 Gaelscoil

Session 2 is about how to bow, genuflect, and why; about kneeling, standing etc. Again, the children will be in small groups with adult leaders.

Session 3

Mar 04 St. Senan's & Gaelscoil (all candidates together)

Session 4

Apr 01 St. Senan's & Gaelscoil

(all candidates together)

Session 3 and 4 - two occasions when we'll offer Mass with the children while showing them when to stand, kneel etc.

THANK YOU

**Parish Envelopes - €1,205
(2 weeks)**

**Priests Envelopes - €1,515
(2 weeks)**



CHRISTMAS is the spirit of giving without a thought of getting. It is happiness because we see joy in people. It is forgetting self and finding time for others. It is discarding the meaningless and stressing the true values.

- thomas monson

ST. SENAN'S PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office is now closed for annual holidays and will re-open on Thursday, 5th January usual office hours.

READERS

Sunday, 1st January

Vigil: Aidan Ryan

11.00am: Tina Merriman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sunday, 1st January

Vigil: Nancy O'Reilly

11.00am: Tina Merriman