



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghara

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He is Risen as He said – Alleluia!! Happy Easter!

Hello everyone and Happy Easter to you all. It certainly will be an Easter that no one will ever forget – not being able to go anywhere or visit loved ones with Easter eggs, not being able to attend our religious ceremonies which marks this as the most important time in the Church's calendar and which gives the only true meaning to this time of year - the Lord's Resurrection. While this time of confinement and restriction is very difficult to cope with, it does serve a purpose and that is to save the lives of our most vulnerable and those we love.

Let us remember, thank and pray for all those who are the front line in saving lives and helping people: All medical personnel, emergency services, carers, HSE staff, Government officials, politicians, civil servants, food stores and staff, farmers, fishermen and women, food providers, transport providers, volunteers in parishes and communities, media, Bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers and all who help in any way (sorry if I missed someone or group!)

When they are listed like that, we take so many of these great people for granted so much of the time don't we? When this virus has been consigned to the pages of history like the Spanish Flu one hundred years ago – and it will be! – let us not take these good people for granted again and remember those who brought us through this terrible time. Let us also be proud of ourselves for taking the responsibility of doing what was asked of us at this time so that others could live.

Finally, let's not take God for granted either! – He did not cause this, nor does He sit back and let this go on. He, rather, walks with us through this, knowing what suffering is in the death of His Son on the Cross. In knowing that, God points to the triumph of the Cross in the Resurrection. At this time let the Lord be your anchor and your help. Cry to Him, give out if you wish but trust in Him as well, He will see us through. We remember, of course, all who have suffered bereavement and have not had the opportunity to grieve with family and neighbours in the usual "Irish" way, know that your loved one has gone no further than to God and God is very near. We shall see better days and this too shall pass, as the poet, Percy Shelly said in his poem 'Ode to the West Wind' –

"O wind, if winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Be well, keep well and be safe – until we all meet again in person, may Our lady of Knock, St Joseph and St John protect you, Alleluia!

Fr Richard

For the Parish of Knock

As you know we pray for everyone the world over here in Knock in our Masses and will continue to do so. For the parish of Knock however, as your Parish Priest, I want you to know you are not forgotten and I miss you all. While we cannot give you Easter Holy Water at this time, I will be visiting each station area in the parish privately over the course of Easter Week to sprinkle Easter Holy water in your area – it's simply a blessing for you all, an invocation of God's presence and a symbol of our unity as a parish as we face the virus together.

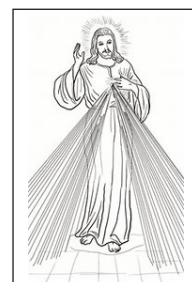
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Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday 19 April

Masses on webcam at

12 noon, 3pm and 7:30pm



Knock Area Community Volunteer Service

Knock Community Futures have coordinated a team of **40 local volunteers** to assist the elderly and vulnerable in our community who are in self-isolation or are unable or fearful of leaving their homes during the coronavirus, should the need arise.

Volunteers will assist the local Shops and Pharmacy in delivering emergency supplies (**such as shopping, prescriptions, fuel, etc.**) to people's homes. **Orders placed with Burke's or Heneghan's Shop, or Knock Pharmacy between 10am and 4pm will be delivered the same day.** To place your order, contact Pharmacy, Shops / Meals on Wheels:

Knock Pharmacy (094) 937 6968;
Heneghan's Costcutter (094) 9388209;
Burke's Shop (094) 9376773;
Brickens Meals on Wheels can deliver a hot dinner to your home, phone (094) 9380910.

The volunteer service is coordinated by

Joe Neylon 086 2938216;
Sinead Mallee 087 2204296;
Raymond Heneghan 087 2252478;
Brian Murphy 087 6418714.

Call us if you require assistance or further information. Our **Community Garda, Bernadette Breslin, will also be available on 087 0931230.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

St. Alphonsus de Liguori

Prayers for the Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Eileen Muldoon,
Coogue North.

Billy Power ,
New Ross, Wexford,
Nephew of Mary Cunnane, Adrigoole,
Kate Cunnane Killeen Knock.

Peter Ahern,
Watford & Co Cork.
Uncle of Frances Mulkeen, Faughill.

All who died recently.