



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera

NEWSLETTER 19TH APRIL, 2020. SECOND SUNDAY OF Easter.

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Hello everyone! I hope you had as good an Easter as possible under current circumstances. I would like to thank all who joined us on our webcam for the ceremonies over Holy Week and Easter and who continue to celebrate with us at 12 noon and 7:30 Masses every day. We also continue our Rosary at 7pm before the 7:30 Mass.

I would also like to thank everyone in our parish for saying hello and joining me in a prayer as I visited each house in the parish this past week to bless it with Easter holy water, at a safe and appropriate distance of course! I have to say I enjoyed it very much and I was delighted to visit townlands that I have not had a chance to do so for ages. I was particularly happy to bless those who were isolating and watched from their windows and glass porches, we are not forgetting you. I have a bottle of Easter water for you when all this is over! For those of you who did not see me pass or missed me, be assured I called and your house was blessed.

A very big thank you to all of you who help neighbours in everyway at this time of anxiety, they really appreciate it. That of course includes our local doctors, nurses, postmen and shops. All the call outs and deliveries – it's great to have a such a caring and helpful parish. Indeed this is typified the country over in every parish no doubt.

As the pilgrimage season officially starts the weekend of 26th April, we are thinking of having an online virtual pilgrimage for all groups who would have visited at the weekends in normal circumstances. This is just to keep in contact with them and also to remind them that they are not forgotten as well. This would be built around the 7:30pm Mass on Sunday evenings: Rosary at 7pm, Mass at 7:30, Benediction after Mass. There will be a special Divine Mercy Sunday mass at 3pm next Sunday.

Keep well and Safe,

Fr Richard

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.**

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer.

Amen.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

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

Joe Lennon

Carramore

Mary (Babs) McDermott

Churchfield Lawns

May Campbell,

Shammer, Kilkelly.

Mother of Geraldine McDonagh, Cloonfaughna and Bernie Campbell, Drumcrest, Knock.

Sr Therese Finn,

St John of God's, Perth and Liscat.

Sister to the late Eileen Muldoon, Coogue and late Bernie Finn, Liscat

All who died recently.