



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera

NEWSLETTER 17TH MAY 2020. SIXTH SUNDAY OF Easter.

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Hello Everyone!

I hope and pray that you are all keeping as well as you can be in the current circumstances. It's not easy for anyone especially those of you who are ill or living on your own. We keep you all in our Masses everyday here in Knock. Just to keep you up to date:

Opening

In line with the roadmap from the HSE / Government and taking into consideration the unique nature of Knock Shrine which could lead to the gathering of too many people together with Garda advice, **we will not be opening** any of the Chapels in Knock, including the Basilica, at this time. We need to work together personally and collectively to overcome Covid-19 and look forward to better times ahead.

Public Masses are not due to commence, according to the timeline, until July 20th next. We will inform you nearer that time about the exact practicalities involved. In the meantime, please continue to follow us on our website www.knockshrine.ie, for daily Masses at 12 noon and 7:30pm with Rosary at 7pm. There is a virtual pilgrimage Mass every Sunday at 3pm preceded by Rosary at 2:30pm and followed by Benediction after the Mass. These special Masses acknowledge the groups, dioceses and orders which would normally be here at this time of the year. It is important that they are not forgotten either.

First Holy Communion

At this time of year we would normally have the Parish First Holy Communion ceremony. We will defer this until September when we will let you know how we can celebrate in practice. To the boys and girls of First Communion – we haven't forgotten you and are praying for you all but I would ask you to continue to practice your prayers and join with your family every weekend or during the week for one of our Masses online at either 12pm or 7:30pm or 3pm on a Sunday. This is expected and makes sense in your preparation for September. To your parents – thank you for all you do in preparing your children for Holy Communion and needless to say I would ask you to make sure you are joining with them online for Mass otherwise it is pointless, example is the best teacher.

Parish Mass bookings

From Monday 25th May you can once again call our landline for booking anniversary/months mind Masses for the deceased of the parish, these will be included in the 12pm and 7:30pm Masses. Due to numbers, past bookings not being able to be commemorated and only two Masses per day, there may be shared Masses for a while until we get back to some form of normality.

Trocaire, Easter and Sunday Collections

I would ask you to please send in your Trocaire and Easter collections to us by dropping the envelope through the presbytery letterbox at the side of the door, the door remains locked for safety. Please do not return the Trocaire box itself but put the contents into notes or cheque form and return in an envelope. Thank you for your co-operation in this regard and for your generosity. For normal Mass collections you can also avail of our online donation or drop in through the presbytery letterbox. I know it is an extremely difficult time financially for everyone but we do sincerely appreciate your continued support.

Keep well and safe,

Fr Richard

Parish Council

In these difficult times for our parish and parishoners, if anyone is feeling lonely or isolated and would like to chat, members of the Pastoral Council are available to be contacted:

Adrian O' Boyle	087 9721739
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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

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

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.

Extract from St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.