



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera

NEWSLETTER 31ST MAY 2020. Pentecost Sunday.

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Happy birthday Everyone!

Pentecost is usually described as the birthday of the Church since the Apostles received the Holy Spirit which enabled them to leave fear behind and go out on mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. That Good News was and continues to be the forgiveness of sin, hope in a better future for everyone by making God part of our everyday lives and believing that we are welcomed into joy of heaven when our pilgrimage in this life is over. That is all very good news. The writer C.S. Lewis said that joy is the serious business of heaven, so let us be joyful and thankful for the life of faith we share with one another on this feastday and may the Holy Spirit keep us hopeful.

Now just a few reminders:

1. From now on **Parish Mass intentions** for the deceased of the parish are included in our 12pm and 7:30pm Masses, just call the Shrine office number. Until we return to normal some intentions may have to be grouped together if needed due to only two Masses being celebrated at the moment.
2. Masses are due to return publically from the **20th July** with social distancing etc. Exact details of how this will happen in Knock will be communicated to you in the weeks leading up to that date.
3. A special Mass will be celebrated for **6th class** of our national school to mark their leaving of national school, this will be arranged with parents and teachers.
4. **First Holy Communion** will take place in September, arrangement of exact date will follow.
5. Please continue to follow us online for daily Masses at 12 noon and 7:30pm with Rosary at 7pm. Our virtual pilgrimages continue to take place every Sunday with Rosary at 2:30, Mass at 3pm followed by Benediction.
6. Finally, please send in your Easter collection to us along with any weekly contributions by post or simply dropping the envelope into the letterbox at the main door of the presbytery – your contributions are gratefully appreciated as it keeps us going.

Many thanks!

Keep well and safe and may Our Lady of Knock, St Joseph, St John and the Lamb of God protect you all.

Fr Richard

Mass Intentions for the Week

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Saturday 30 May.:	12noon	Enda Morley, Cloonfaughna.
	7.30pm	Joe Lennon, Carramore. Month's Mind.
Monday 1 June:	12noon	Martin and May Boyle and son Martin, Kilgarriff. Anniv.
Wednesday 3 June:	12noon	John and Kate Morley, Cloonfaughna. Anniv.
Thursday 4 June:	7.30pm	Mary Cullinane, Churchfield. Anniv.
Friday 5 June:	7.30pm	Johnny and Mary Coleman, Knock. Anniv.
Saturday 6 June:	12noon	John, Nora and Seán Hopkins,
	7.30pm	Thomas and Winifred Rattigan, Liscat and their son Tom recently deceased.

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.**

Parish Council

In these difficult times for our parish and parishioners, 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
Siobhán Ní Sheóinín	087 1516880
Aisling Lyons Byrne	087 6606442
Marie Salmon	086 3872303
Claire Salmon	087 7817025
Eamon O'Brien	087 1042765
Terence Campbell	086 3269410
Trish Egan	087 2221489
Presbytery	094 9388100

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 soul of
Alo Kneafsey, Shanvaghera
who died during the week.