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*Parish Newsletter*



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera

NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 26 JULY 2020. 17TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

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<b>Saturday 25 July:</b>	7.30pm	John Joe Fleming, Cloonerriff. Month's Mind.
<b>Sunday 26 July:</b>	12noon	Paddy and Eileen Murphy, Shanvaghera. Anniv.
<b>Monday 27 July:</b>	12noon	Mary Mannus. Sister of the late Martin Morley, Cloondace.
	7.30pm	Delia and Joe McDonagh. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Annie and John Walsh and Michael and Noel Walsh.
<b>Tuesday 28 July:</b>	12noon	Annie and John Walsh and Michael and Noel Walsh. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Mike and Tom Kearns, Cloonlee.
<b>Wednesday 29 July:</b>	7.30pm	Lena and David Taylor and deceased members of the Caulfield and Taylor Families, Cullintra.
<b>Thursday 30 July:</b>	7.30pm	John and Sarah Anne Caulfield and Mary Mulkeen and Anne Caulfield, Coogue Middle.
<b>Friday 31 July:</b>	12noon	Malachy McHugh.
	7.30pm	Celia Farrell nee Byrne, Cloonfaughna. 7th Anniv.
<b>Saturday 1 August:</b>	12noon	Tom Jennings and deceased members of the Jennings Family, Ballyhowley. Anniv.
	12noon	Msgr. James Horan. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Margaret and John Costello, Knockroe.
	7.30pm	Fr. John Baptist Byrne, Cloonternane. Anniv.
<b>Sunday 2 August:</b>	12noon	Mary Healy, Derry. Anniv.
	12noon	Delia Prendergast, Churchfield. Anniv.
<b>Shanvaghera; Sunday 26 July:</b>	10.00am	Terence and Lena Campbell, Shanaghmoyle. Anniv. and deceased members of the Campbell Family.

## Hello Everyone!

It is with great disappointment that I have to inform you that this years National Novena to Our Lady of Knock is postponed. The Novena, which has taken place every year since 1977 from the 14th – 22nd August, has been the jewel of the pilgrimage season for us all.

Having discussed the issue of the Novena at the Shrine's Covid-19 committee, we concluded that it would be simply impossible to control in a safe manner the large outdoor gatherings of people which would undoubtedly come. The health and safety of our parishioners, pilgrims, priests, staff and volunteers is the first consideration for us at this worrying time.

The economic consequences for us all, the Shrine and local community will be very difficult but I think you will agree that it is the right decision.

While we may have a chance to celebrate a Novena later in the year, we will take advice and see what happens over the next number of months. It may be the case that we will have no Novena until August of 2021 - the times are very unpredictable.

The Shrine remains open of course with 3 Masses per day, at 12, 3 and 7:30 in the Basilica. Confessions, our Mass card office, bookshop and outdoor candleabrum are all available for everyone visiting the Shrine. In all these locations, strict queueing and social distancing measures apply.

I would like to advise our parishioners that the 7:30pm Mass is the less attended of the 3 Masses and is the one I would recommend to you for easy access. Once again at this time the Sunday obligation is transferred to any day of the week during the pandemic and there is now a 7:30 Mass in the Basilica on a Sunday evening.

I wish to thank again all our volunteers without whom nothing would happen, they are a credit to our Shrine and parish. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer please make contact with Monica Morley at the Shrine.

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation - don't worry too much, there are far, far better times ahead for all of us ! Keep the Faith!

Fr Richard

### **Eucharistic Ministers for July/August**

Sat. 7.30pm Grainne Freyne,  
Eileen Morley.  
Sun. 12noon Augustine Kearns,  
Mary Kneafsey.  
7.30pm Elaine Gill,  
Breda Kilkenny.

### **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE 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

### **Jesuit Week (Online) 26 July – 2 August 2020**

Join us virtually for a week of prayer, meditation and scripture. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Jesuit Week 2020 will take place online only. The week begins on Sunday 26 July with Retreat Introduction at 8.30pm.

There will be three 20 -minute sessions each day from 27 July – 2 August (inclusive) at the following times:

10.30 am – Introduction of the theme through story, prayer and scripture

4.00 pm – Guided Meditation

8.30 pm - A Guided Examen (review of the day)

To take part, simply tune in via the Knock Shrine Facebook page or visit [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch) where each session will be streamed live. You do not need to register/book, the sessions are open to all. Find out more about Jesuit Week at [www.knockshrine.ie/news](http://www.knockshrine.ie/news)