



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera

NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020. 30TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

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- Saturday 24 October:** 7.30pm William, Margaret, Pdraig and Teresa Lyons.  
7.30pm Jason Killeen, Cullatinny. Month's Mind.
- Sunday 25 October:** 12noon Dominick Byrne, Knock.
- Monday 26 October:** 12noon Patricia Jennings, Rookfield. Anniv.  
7.30pm Sr. Rosalie McGuinness and Sr. Nóirín Greal, D.C.
- Tuesday 27 October:** 12noon Deceased Relatives of Sonas Nursing Home.  
7.30pm Michael Hopkins.
- Wed. 28 October:** 7.30pm Patrick and Mary Egan, Cloonerriff. Anniv.
- Thursday 29 October:** 12noon Paul Whelan. Anniv.  
7.30pm Charles McGurk.
- Friday 30 October:** 12noon Vincent Sweeney and his granddaughter Fiona Cribbin.  
7.30pm Eileen and Jimmy Prendergast (formerly of Drum, Knock).

### Shanvaghera:

**Sunday 1 November:** Rita Campbell. Anniv.

### COVID-19 Support 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.

### Saints celebrating their Feast Days during the coming week

- Tuesday 27 October:** St. Otteran.  
**Wed. 28 October:** Ss. Simon and Jude.  
**Thursday 29 October:** St. Colman, Bishop.  
**Saturday 31 October:** Bl. Dominic Collins Martyr.

### SeniorLine

If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freephone 1800 80 45 91

### 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**

## Hello Everyone!

We are back in lockdown once again! This time we face into winter – shorter evenings, colder weather and wondering what kind of a Christmas we will have. We are all hoping this lockdown will bring the numbers of infected people back down so that we can return to Masses safely and be able to visit and meet family and friends over the Christmas season.

The important thing is not to despair – Let us trust in God, give thanks to all medical professionals and look out for one another at this time. In order to help you through this lockdown we, here at the Shrine, are praying with you and for you. We continue each day with our Masses at 12pm and 7:30pm (Rosary at 7). For the month of November, we have 4 special vigils on each Friday evening to give hope and comfort to everyone at this time. See below for details.

There may be someone suffering silently over various issues which the pandemic has compounded, it is always best to talk to someone in these cases. The Shrine's counselling service is available for calls if you feel the need and continues to offer appointments should you want one. Please call 094-9375032.

November is the month in which we visit our loved ones graves and pray for them. I wish you to know that I will personally visit and bless our graves here in Knock at some point next month, I won't say when as to prevent gatherings according to guidelines but please know it will be done.

Let us keep each other in our prayers and don't forget in quoting Percy Shelley again "if winter comes, can spring be far behind?" we can look forward to brighter days in every way.

Fr Richard

### **Comfort on the journey – a series for 4 online vigils this November**

In the special month of November, we remember our departed loved ones. In these challenging times, their absence in our lives can be even more apparent and the grief that we feel more pronounced.

Join us online each Friday evening during the month of November as we come together virtually for a period of extended prayer and reflection. The theme for the month is 'Comfort on the journey' as we draw comfort and peace from knowing that our loved ones now enjoy the light of Heaven.

#### **Friday, November 6th: A Vigil for the Holy Souls**

We will remember all those who have died, on this the Month of the Holy Souls.

#### **Friday, November 13th: Remembering Our Dearly Departed.**

On this evening, we will remember in particular the deceased members of our own parish, especially those who have died in the past year.

#### **Friday, November 20th: Comfort On The Journey**

We gather comfort and strength in our moments of grief, loss and anxiety in these difficult times in this period of prayer and reflection.

#### **Friday, November 27th: Facing The Future**

In these challenging times, we come together as we pray for the strength to face the future with faith, hope and courage.

Join us online for Rosary at 7pm, Mass at 7.30pm and Holy Hour at 8pm on our website [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)