



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

# KNOCK

Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghara

NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2020. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### KNOCK

<b>Sat. 28 November:</b>	7.30pm	Michael, Fr. Bede and Jarlath Dolly.
	7.30pm	Martin Durkan. Month's Mind.
<b>Monday 30 November:</b>	12noon	Billy Rochford and parents Willie and Marie Rochford.
<b>Tuesday 1 December:</b>	12noon	Enda Morley, Cloonfaughna. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Msgr. Joseph Quinn. Anniv.
<b>Wed. 2 December:</b>	12noon	Kathleen Mangan.
	12noon	Mary Kelly, Cloonternane.
	7.30pm	John Cassidy, Rosebury Court.
<b>Thurs. 3 December:</b>	12noon	Walter and Bridget Costello, Barnagurry. Anniv.
	12noon	Margaret Mooney. 1st Anniv.
	7.30pm	Owen Casserley and deceased members of the Casserley Family, Cloondace.
<b>Friday 4 December:</b>	12noon	Frank Conboy, Adrigoole. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Toby and Mary Merrick, Ballyhowley.
<b>Sat. 5 December:</b>	12noon	Jimmy and Margaret Walsh, Cloonternane. Anniv.
<b>Shanvaghara:</b>		
<b>Sunday 29 November:</b>		Tom Glynn, Derryclagh. Anniv.
<b>Sunday 6 December:</b>		Monica Murphy, Shanvaghara. 2nd Anniv.

### Nominate your Parish Hero

Many people have been helped and touched by acts of selfless generosity all over the country and beyond since the pandemic started last February. Knock Shrine wishes to acknowledge and recognise people who have contributed and are contributing to the life of their parish throughout this time. We are giving you the opportunity to nominate someone in the parish who has gone above and beyond in helping others. Winners will receive a gift of appreciation from Knock Shrine and will be acknowledged on the **20th of December at the 'Carols by Candlelight' service in Knock Basilica**. In the event of on-going restrictions, this service will proceed with limited capacity and will be streamed online via the Knock Shrine website. Nominations will also be invited from other parishes throughout the island of Ireland. Nominate your parish hero online at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) by filling out a simple form. **Please note that all nominations must be completed by 5pm, Friday 4 December.**

## Hi Everybody from the St. Vincent de Paul

As with everyone else Covid-19 has affected all our lives including all here at Knock St. Vincent de Paul. Our annual church gate collection has been cancelled and our Christmas "giving tree" can't take place this year. However, we are still available to help those in need. We may be able to offer practical or financial assistance by providing food, vouchers, help with household bills or education costs. We can also provide information about other relevant services which you may need. Be assured that you will be helped in a confidential, non-judgemental way.

We thank you sincerely for all the help and donations you have given us over the years. In this pandemic year, which has seen so many more people in need, you might like to donate what you can to us by putting your donation in an envelope, mark it "SVP Knock" and drop it into the church boxes in any of the Churches in Knock or into the Shrine office. We assure you it will be put to great use at this time of year.

Please keep safe and well and we'll get through this together!

Contact us: 087-7907382

Email: OurLadyOf.Knock@svp.ie

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**7/8 December 2020**

A Vigil will be held at Knock Shrine to celebrate and honour the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

It is hoped to welcome people back to the churches to celebrate this occasion. In any event the vigil will be streamed online on our website [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch).

Further details of Mass and Confession times will be published in next week's parish newsletter and in the 'News' section of the Shrine website and will also be announced during Masses over the coming week.

## Carols by Candlelight

**Sunday 20 December, 8pm**

Celebrate Christmas at Knock Shrine with 'Carols by Candlelight'. A carol service to lift the spirits and spark the joy of Christmas with loved ones. The concert will be streamed live from Knock Basilica on

**Sunday 20 December at 8pm.** See [knockshrine.ie](http://knockshrine.ie) for further details.

## The Advent Wreath

is a symbol in preparation for the birth of Jesus. The circle signifies God's continuous love, the Evergreens show how this love is throughout the year. The three Purple candles allow us to reflect and prepare, the Pink candle, lit on the third Sunday (Rejoicing Sunday), to signify the joy that is coming and the White candle in the middle, is lit on Christmas Eve, to announce the birth of Jesus. As we cannot come together as a Parish, we could maybe light a candle on the **Saturday evenings at 7.30pm throughout Advent**, when we would normally be together for Mass and say a prayer.

### Prayer week 1

Lord God, may You continue to help us to be strong in these challenging times and help us to continue this Advent journey in a meaningful and prayerful way in our homes, at work and in our Parish.

We make this and all our prayers through Christ, Our Lord Amen.

## Ignatian Advent Programme

with Jim Deeds and Brendan McManus SJ  
Join us as we travel through Advent; a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of the Christ child. The series will be streamed online every Tuesday & Thursday throughout Advent at 8.30pm on the Knock Shrine website and Facebook page. See [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for further details.

Weekly Themes

**Week 1: Stay awake**

**Week 2: In the wilderness**

**Week 3: Joy and happiness**

**Week 4: Mary's yes**

## Knock Cooking Club

In view of the fact that there will not be any "cake sale" this year, the "Knock Cooking Club" have offered to bake Christmas home baked goodies for anyone in the parish who would like some for Christmas and they will be delivered to the homes. There is no charge but a small donation to Hospice, Vincent de Paul or Cenacolo would be appreciated but not compulsory. Please ring Janet Hunt on 087 2610846.

## Aware - Support & Self Care Groups

For information on groups

<https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on [www.aware.ie](http://www.aware.ie).

## Saints celebrating their Feast Days

during the coming week

**Monday 30 November:** St. Andrew, Apostle.

**Thursday 3 December:** St. Francis Xavier.

**Friday 27 November:** St. John Damascene, Priest and doctor of the Church.

## Prayers for the deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Bridget (Bridie) Benner, nee Egan,**  
Philadelphia and formerly of Eden.

Sister of Michael Egan  
and her late sister Annie May.