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Parish Newsletter



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghara

NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2020. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Sunday 6 December:	12noon	Helen Freeley. 1st Anniv.
Monday 7 December:	12noon	Tom and Ann Flatley, Drum.
Wed. 9 December:	12noon	Gerry Murphy, Carramore. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Archdeacon Cavanagh. Anniv.
Thurs. 10 December:	12noon	All deceased Daughters of Charity.
Friday 11 December:	12noon	Austin and Agnes Kearns, Kilgarriff.
	3.00pm	Very Rev. Brendan McHugh. 1st Anniv.
	7.30pm	John and Winifred Carney and sons Andy, John B. and Jimmy, Meeltrane. Anniv.
Sat. 12 December:	7.30pm	John Cunniffe and deceased members of the Cunniffe Family, Aughtaboy.
	7.30pm	Det. Garda Colm Horkan (50th Birthday remembrance) and his late twin sister Colette.
Sunday 13 December:	12noon	Pat Coen. Anniv. and Thomas and Delia Coen and Mary Doran.
Shanvaghara:		
Sunday 6 December:	10.00am	Monica Murphy, Shanvaghara. 2nd Anniv.
Sunday 13 December:	10.00am	Michael Morley, Aughtaboy. Anniv.

Saints celebrating their Feast Days

during the coming week

Sunday 6 December:	St. Nicholas, Bishop.
Monday 7 December:	St. Ambrose, Bishop.
Wednesday 9 December:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin.
Thursday 10 December:	Our Lady of Loreto.
Friday 11 December:	St. Damasus 1.
Saturday 12 December:	Our Lady of Guadalupe. St, Finnian.

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 for further details.

Daily Masses at Knock Basilica

Monday to Sunday: **12pm and 3pm**

Saturday evening only: **7.30pm with Rosary at 7pm**

All public Masses will take place at Knock Basilica. Please note that we will continue to live stream online Mass daily at 12 noon and 7.30pm with Rosary at 7pm on www.knockshrine.ie and on the Knock Shrine Facebook page.

Confessions:

Chapel of Reconciliation: **12pm to 3pm daily**

Private Prayer:

Parish Church: **9am to 6pm**

Apparition Chapel: **9am to 8pm**

Hello Everyone, welcome back!

As we move through both opening up to public Masses once again and the season of Advent – I welcome you all back!! I can't tell you how much it means to have people back participating at Mass. Please God, with careful responsibility on all our parts we can maintain attendance at Masses without any further lockdowns. Level 3 has and will determine a limit on all contacts at the moment and we here at the Shrine want to ensure that everyone coming to Knock feels safe and secure when you do. Please co-operate with all the measures that are in place for your own safety and that of others.

The outline of the Masses are below together with the times of Masses on the 7th and 8th December. While we cannot have an all night Vigil this year, we have organised the next best thing in terms of attendance at extra Masses up to and including one at 11pm on the 7th.

We will notify you about Christmas Masses over the next few weeks and how to attend. We are doing our best to have as many Masses available as possible given resources such as volunteers etc... Thank you all for your support and cooperation at this difficult time for everyone.

Please keep well and safe

Fr Richard

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception

December 7th and 8th 2020

The traditional all-night vigil will not take place on the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this year. Additional Masses will be held at Knock Shrine to celebrate the Feast Day.

Monday, December 7th:

Mass times:

12pm, 3pm, 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm), 9pm and 11pm

Confessions:

12pm – 3pm and 8pm - 11pm

Tuesday, December 8th:

Mass times:

8am, 12pm, 3pm and 7.30pm, with Rosary at 7pm.

Confessions:

12pm – 3pm

- **Please be aware that capacity at each Mass is limited to a maximum of 200 people.**
- **There will be a queuing system in place on a first come, first served basis.**
- **Please be prepared to queue and ensure that you wear suitable clothing for the weather conditions.**
- **Under current Level 3 restrictions, travel beyond your county boundaries is not permitted at this time.**

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 2

Lord help us to open our hearts to your teachings and blessings and to share this throughout our daily lives with those around us, we ask this 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 for further details.

Weekly Themes

Week 2: In the wilderness

Week 3: Joy and happiness

Week 4: Mary's yes

Prayers for the deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Alo Reddington, Eskermorily
who died during the week.