



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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*Parish Newsletter*



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghara

NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 17 JANUARY 2021. SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

### KNOCK

**Saturday 16 January:** 7.30pm Mary O'Brien and deceased members of the O'Brien Family.

**Sunday 17 January:** 12noon Matt Carney, Carramore. Month's Mind.

**Monday 18 January:** 12noon Angela Murphy and deceased members of the Murphy Family, Cloonfaughna.  
7.30pm Annie and Kathleen Egan.

**Tuesday 19 January:** 12noon Paul McHugh and Michael and Teresa McHugh, Ruane. Anniv.

**Wed. 20 January:** 7.30pm Thomas and Margaret Finnegan, Delia Farrell and all deceased family members, Cloonfaughna.

**Friday 22 January:** 12noon Rita and Declan Murphy and deceased Murphy and Carney Families. Anniv.

**Sat. 23 January:** 12noon Tom Jennings, Rookfield. Anniv.  
7.30pm Gus Kearns, Kilgarriff. Month's Mind.

**Sunday 24 January:** 12noon Michael W. Hernan.

### Shanvaghara:

**Sunday 17 January:** 10.00am Pat and Celia Biesty and deceased Family, Adrigoole and Wales.

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

**Monday 18 January:** Church Unity Week.

**Wednesday 20 January:** St. Fabian.

**Thursday 21 January:** St. Anges of Rome.

**Friday 22 January:** St. Vincent of Saragossa.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched 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

## Hello Everyone!

First of all, as these are my first words for 2021, I wish you all a very happy New Year and pray that God will keep you all safe and well for the year ahead.

These first few weeks of the New Year have been eventful to say the least – the huge increase in numbers of those infected by Covid, the worry over closed schools and children's education for families, the slow rollout of the vaccine, turmoil in the U.S., business in difficulty because of Brexit and over the past week the publication of the report into the Mother and Baby homes. It would be enough to drive anyone to despair!

All our hearts went out to the survivors of the Mother and Baby homes and the tragic stories that emerged. Personally, it was very difficult reading, and my mind is still trying to comprehend how situations of neglect were allowed to happen in supposed care homes. It is something that we will never forget and are deeply ashamed of. Archbishop Michael Neary gave an apology and said:

"What the report makes clear to me is that when the Church is not serving with compassion, it is failing. For that I am genuinely sorry. As a Church leader I apologise unreservedly."

I think all of us who work in the Church can echo those words.

I would encourage you to read the Archbishop's apology as it is comprehensive and heartfelt. You can find it on [www.tuamarchdiocese.org](http://www.tuamarchdiocese.org)

The year 2021 is the year where we try to get our lives back, let's at least look forward to that and hope for happier and brighter times ahead!

May Our Lady of Knock keep you all in her care.

Fr Richard

### Virtual Rosary – Worldpriest - 28 January 2021

Like many millions of people across the globe you may already be praying the Rosary on Thursdays. Worldpriest is now naming each Thursday as Rosary Thursday and invites you to offer your Rosary on that day for the sanctification of priests, which is also the Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay prayer intention. The first virtual Rosary of 2021 will take place on Thursday 28 January at 5pm. To take part in this Rosary, participants must register in advance at: <https://www.worldpriest.com/rosary-thursday/>

### 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**

### Tuam Cancer Care

are hosting a Healthy Eating Workshop with Susan Shannon, via Zoom, fortnightly, starting Thursday 28th January at 11am. Book your place for one or more sessions by calling the Centre on 093 28522. This course is FREE and is open to anyone with a Cancer diagnosis. "

### Prayers for the deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

**Gabriel Hunt,**  
Cloonlee.

**Paddy Cunnane,**  
Meeltrane

**Fr. Denis McHugh,**  
Skeaghbeg, Headford.

who ministered in Knock for many years.

**Br. Vianney Kerr,**  
Alexian Brothers.

**Val Hunt,**  
Claremorris.

Brother of Luke Hunt, Cloonfaughna.

**Mary Teresa Casey,**  
Creagh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway and formerly  
Co. Longford. Former Handmaid at Knock Shrine for  
many years.