



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

KNOCK Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghara

NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2021. FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Saturday 13 March:	7.30pm	Michael, James and Margaret O'Malley, Cloonlavish. Anniv.
Sunday 14 March:	12noon	John Joe Fleming, Cloonterriff. 1st Anniv.
	7.30pm	Austin, Agnes and Gus Kearns, Kilgarriff.
Monday 15 March:	12noon	Eileen and James O'Connor, Carramore. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Michael Devine and his daughter Mary Teresa, husband mark and Helen Von Boche, Rosebury Court.
Tuesday 16 March:	12noon	P.J. Morley and son Enda, Cloonfaughna.
	7.30pm	Michael Hopkins, Liscat. Anniv.
Thursday 18 March:	12noon	Tommy and Katie Casby, Rookfield. Anniv.
	7.30pm	John and Margaret Commins, Cloonlee. Anniv.
Saturday 20 March:	12noon	Monica Burt, Rosebury Court. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Mae and Dom Byrne, Cloonterriff. Anniv.
Sunday 21 March:	12noon	Mary McDonnell, Cloonahulty. 1st Anniv.
	7.30pm	Josie Cunnane, Esker. Month's Mind.
Shanvaghara:		
Sunday 14 March:	10.00am	Tom and Nellie McNamara and their parents, Derryclagh. Anniv.
Sunday 21 March:	10.00am	Loretta Carney, Shanvaghara. Month's Mind.



Our Lenten and Easter course, 'He Is Risen' by Bishop Robert Barron continues this Wednesday at 8.30pm online. If you would like to join us for this free course,

please email knockparishcouncil@gmail.com
Please note, this course is only available for parishioners from the Knock area.

Saints celebrating their Feast Days during the coming week

Wednesday 17 March:	St Patrick's Day.
Thursday 18 March:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem.
Friday 19 March:	St. Joseph.

An Garda Siochana, the HSE and the Department of Health

have issued a warning to members of the public about potential scams relating to Covid 19 vaccine. An Garda Siochana have been made aware of members of the public having received fraudulent text messages and telephone calls regarding Covid 19 vaccination. The text messages and phone calls have made requests for people to confirm private and sensitive information such as PPS number, date of birth and address. The HSE will never text or call individuals requesting personal info. They will never request payment for a Covid test or vaccine. Your local GP will be your first point of contact about the vaccine or Covid testing. The Covid 19 vaccine is free and it is not available privately. We would ask members of the public to make the public aware of these calls and messages.

Hello Everyone!

Good news is always a joy to share, especially in these times. The good news, in fact great news is that Pope Francis, through the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation in Rome, is going to elevate Knock Shrine to the status of International Marian and Eucharistic Shrine on the 19th March next during our 7:30 Mass. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Michael Neary during which Pope Francis will address all of us joining in online.

Why is this important? I hear you ask! Well the answer is that this level of recognition gives us official and documented worldwide standing amongst the most recognised apparitional shrines in the world. During the pandemic our online outreach not only to Ireland but to the world has grown phenomenally so much so that hopefully over the coming years, please God when travel returns, the Shrine will see more international pilgrimages develop. The recognition of the Shrine as Marian and Eucharistic simply identifies the importance of the central Eucharistic aspect of the apparition (Altar, Lamb and Cross) as well as Our Lady of Knock. The Mass (Eucharist) is at the centre of our prayer life as Catholics.

The Mass on the feast of St Joseph (19th March) will start the beginning of a three day celebration in honour of St Joseph. Pope Francis declared 2021 the Year of St Joseph last December. This is significant for the Shrine as you know in that St Joseph was part of the Apparition of 1879. The 19th of March is also the 8th Anniversary of the inauguration of Pope Francis as Pope. Everything has a meaning!!

The outline of the online Three days speakers:

Friday 19th March at 7:30pm – Pope Francis

Saturday 20th at 7:30pm – Cardinal Schonborn, Archbishop of Vienna

Sunday 21st at 12pm – Archbishop Michael Neary, Archbishop of Tuam

All streamed live on www.knockshrine.ie and on Facebook@knockshrine and Vatican TV.

Other News:

I am delighted that artwork by the children of Knock National School depicting St Patrick will be included and recognised in our special St Patrick's Day Mass from the Basilica at 12pm. I want to thank the children and their teachers for their involvement.

The ceremonies for Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday will be broadcast live on RTE from Knock Basilica this year. We thank RTE for their cooperation in this regard.

All of the above information and more can be found on our website www.knockshrine.ie

Keep safe and well,

Fr Richard

'Green Message in a Bottle' System,

which is Simple & Brilliant System in Cases of Emergency is now being rolled out & promoted by the Knock Elderly Network Group and has been put in place Free-of-Charge by the Lions Club. With this system, the person is given a Green Bottle(plastic container) complete with a Personal Information Form (which they complete) & three self-adhesive Green Cross stickers, This system encourages people to keep their Basic Personal & Medical Details in a common place (your fridge) where in cases of Emergency, the Emergency Teams can find them easily. These 'Green Message in a Bottle' are now available Free-of-charge at our Local Pharmacy, Life Pharmacy, Knock. So please avail of this Simple Effective idea or make enquiries to see if it's something that might be of benefit to you & your household.

Prayers for the deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
James Curry,
Cloonlee, who died during the week.

SeniorLine

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.
Freefone 1800 80 45 91