



KNOCK

Parish Newsletter



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghara

NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 4 APRIL 2021. EASTER SUNDAY.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Monday 5 April:	12noon	Seamus Broderick and deceased members of the Broderick Family, Drum. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Aidan Keeley, Manchester and Derry. Anniv.
Tuesday 6 April:	7.30pm	James Curry, Cloonlee. Month's Mind.
Friday 9 April:	12noon	Teresa Bryanton Yuill.
Saturday 10 April:	12noon	Eileen Muldoon, Coogue. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Mary McDermott (Babs) Churchfield Lawns. 1st Anniv.
Sunday 11 April:	12noon	Joe Lennon, Carramore. 1st Anniv.

Easter Ceremonies – Online at www.knockshrine.ie

Good Friday- 2nd April

10.00am : Morning Prayer
 12.00pm: Stations of the Cross
 3.00pm: The Passion of Our Lord
Broadcast Live on RTÉ TV & Radio and on www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live
 7.30pm: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - 3rd April

10.00am: Morning Prayer
 10.30am: Blessing of Bread for the Polish community.
 Easter Vigil Mass 10.40pm
Broadcast Live on RTÉ TV & Radio and on www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

Easter Sunday - 4th April

Easter Sunday Mass
 12.00 noon & 7.30pm (with Rosary at 7pm)

Bereavement Support

At present the weekly Bereavement Support Group in the Family Centre is suspended, due to Covid restrictions, but anyone who feels they need support as they grieve a loved one is welcome to contact Monica Morley at the Family Centre. Telephone: 094-9375320.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. 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.

Dare to Hope

We have been disorientated by the last year. We have suffered loss in many ways, we are exhausted and we are possibly wondering what a post-Covid world may look like. We have questions about vaccines, getting them, what type they are and if there'll be enough for everyone. It may all lead you to wonder about that indiscernible light at the end of what seems to be the longest tunnel in proverbial history! However, we do not despair. We live in hope.

The human capacity to hope for the best and a better future is one of the things that gets us through any time of crisis. Hope does not blinker us from facing reality. A Jewish writer, Martin Buber, wrote: "hope imagines the real." Hope then, encourages us to confront difficult times with the possibility that with human ingenuity and drive, life can and will be better. Last year for example, we hoped that a vaccine would be developed soon, we didn't know then how soon 'soon' would be but our hope lay in scientists and the resources governments would place at their disposal in developing one. What would have normally taken years to develop in pre Covid times, took only months. The imagined became a reality.

For those of us who believe in the Risen Christ, our hope extends to that same Risen Christ walking with us and guiding us along the way of life, even in pandemics. Holy week and Easter remind us of the story of our ultimate hope as human beings – to live the best lives we can on this earth leading us towards God's eternal embrace. Jesus, ministered, suffered, died and Rose from the dead so that we may know that through him, God loves us, wishes nothing but good for us, forgives us more often than we tend to forgive others and is ready to welcome us home. The reality of the Resurrection and the hope it offers is the key to our faith in Jesus. The invitation to share in that message of hope, which can be found here at Knock Shrine, is open to everyone. You're welcome to come and see.

*Queen of Heaven, Rejoice! Alleluia:
For He whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.
Has Risen, as He said. Alleluia.
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen. Alleluia.*

Easter hymn, "Regina Coeli"

A very happy, safe and blessed Easter to you all.

Fr Richard

Easter Collection

Dear Parishioners please send in the priests Easter collection envelope from your box as soon as you can. It is greatly appreciated.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Sr. Magdalene O'Neill,
Daughters of Charity, Knock.

Seán Hyland, Ruane.

Sr. Carmel Treacy
Holy Family Sisters, Knock and formerly of Dunmore.

Rosie Sweeney, Claremorris.
Mother of Ita Dockery, Churchfield.

Eileen Morris, Knocknacarra, Galway.
Handmaid in Knock for many years.

Divine Mercy Sunday - Live Online From Knock Basilica

Sunday, April 11th is Divine Mercy Sunday.

Ceremonies will take place online only, livestreamed from Knock Basilica. Ceremonies begin with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at **2.30pm with Mass at 3pm.** Livestream on www.knockshrine.ie, on the Knock Shrine Facebook page and the Knock Shrine YouTube channel.

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