



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghara

NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022. EIGHTH SUNDAY YEAR C

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Sunday 27 February:	12noon	Joe Cunnane, St. Thomas' Cres., Anniv.
Monday 28 February:	12noon	Margaret McNamara. Anniv. and her parents Peter and Kathleen Murphy.
	7.30pm	Sr. Mary Carolan, DC.
Tuesday 1 March:	3.00pm	William and Mary Kate Fahy.
	7.30pm	Tom Rattigan, Liscat. Anniv.
Wed. 2 March:	12noon	Noreen Hopkins, Carramore. 10th Anniv.
	7.30pm	Sarah and Michael Prendergast, Clarkefield. Anniv.
Thursday 3 March:	7.30pm	Devine Family and Helen Van Boche. Rosebury Court.
Friday 4 March:	7.30pm	Jimmy Flatley Ballyhowley. Month's Mind.
Saturday 5 March:	12noon	Helen Lavelle.
	3.00pm	James Curry, Cloonlee. 1st Anniv.
	7.30pm	Michael O'Malley, Cloonlavish. 2nd Anniv. and Margaret and James O'Malley.
Shanvaghara:		
Sunday 27 February:	10.00am	Deceased members of the McLoughlin and Carney Families, Shanaghmoyle.

Journey through Lent

Next week, we begin our journey through Lent on the **2 March, Ash Wednesday**.

Ash Wednesday always occurs six and a half weeks before Easter, encompassing the 40-day period of Lent. On this, one of the most significant days in the Church calendar, we receive ashes in the shape of a cross in their forehead as a reminder of our mortality, accompanied by the words "we are dust and to dust we shall return".

Ashes given on this day symbolise both death and repentance in order to begin Lent in a solemn way. This provides us with the opportunity to reflect on our sins throughout Lent before Easter, when we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

You can join us for the celebration of the Eucharist at **9am, 12 noon, 3pm and 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm)**. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available from 11am -3pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament also takes place here daily.**

A sign of the times?

The unwarranted, needless and illegal invasion of the Ukraine has sent a shiver down the world's spine. Images of the cold war, thought to be consigned to history, are arising once again with people fearful and unsure of the future as a result of Vladimir Putin's ambition of controlling a neighbouring country. As if the world hasn't enough to contend with trying to recover from a traumatic pandemic!

Worries of needless killing and suffering as well as economic uncertainty the world over has, once again, shown us the hubris and danger of unlimited political power without the checks and balances which accompanies normal democracy. Whatever the issues we have in our own country, let us at least thank God we have a proper functioning democracy.

Lent, with Ash Wednesday this coming week, offers us the chance on a personal level to put into place our own spiritual checks and balances in how we live our lives before God. We are, in a way, at war with ourselves in trying to do the right thing – how do we treat others? Are we respectful? Do we cause hurt or needless arguments? Have we forgiven a wrong or sought reconciliation? Do we abuse ourselves with drugs or drink or gambling or any other means that causes harm to ourselves and misery to others? Are we generous with our time and means towards those who have nothing? Do we pray and...what about this for a mad idea.....actually go to Mass!?

All tough questions I know but worth answering – probably worth reasking and reanswering! In the light of a seemingly crazy world, Lent offers us a chance to step back from the brink of an unexamined life so that we can live that life to the full in faith. Lets take the time to commit ourselves to something this Lent and be better people for it – a change of heart and concern for others can change the world. In the meantime please pray for the peoples of the Ukraine and Russia and an end to the war.

Fr Richard

1. Day of Reflection

(in preparation for Lent) in Franciscan Convent Eden on **Saturday 26 February 10 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.**

TOPIC for day : IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE TO FORGIVE

2. Every Wednesday during Lent:

Silent ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT;

from 2 - 4 p.m. in **The Franciscan Convent Chapel, Eden**, Knock (F12YC83)

Concluding with Evening Prayer @ 3.45 p.m.

The Holy Face of Jesus Feast Day

will take place on **Shrove Tuesday, March 1st in St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera at 12.30pm**, starting with the Rosary, Mass, Devotions to the Holy Face of Jesus and short talk on the Devotion. Concluding with a General Blessing with the Relic. Refreshments afterwards at 3pm in the St. John's Welcome Centre. Everyone Welcome!

Knock Market @ the Plaza

takes place this **Sunday, 27 of February. Time 10am to 3pm.**

A wonderful day in store for all the family with lots of beautifully hand crafted gifts made by local crafters.

Adjacent to Knock Shrine, wheelchair accessible, car park and toilet facilities close by. Market @ the Plaza takes place the last Sunday of each month. We look forward to seeing you in Knock.

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Follow our Facebook page @ Knock Market & Events.

Mass on Sunday 6th March with Archbishop Francis Duffy

We are delighted to welcome Most Rev Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam to celebrate the **12 noon Mass on Sunday 6th March**. The Archbishop will take a moment to bless the mural painting of The Last Supper which was recently completed in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Basilica.

We invite you all to join us for this special Mass as we give a warm welcome to our new Archbishop.

Barnacarroll National School

are currently accepting applications for enrolment for September 2022. Contact school on barnacarrollns@gmail.com or tel 094-9388629 if you have any queries.

Closing date for applications is March 1st.

Feast Days for coming week

Tuesday 1 March: St. David.

Wednesday 2 March: Ash Wednesday.

Friday 4 March: St. Casimir.

Saturday 5 March: St. Kieran.