



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghara

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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Synod

The Synod is a journey Pope Francis invites us to embark on as Church in order to see how we can reinvigorate our faith and the life of the church together. We do this by coming together and listening to one another – “to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say”

This process is over 2 years which will lead to the Synod in Rome in October 2023. Then, as a country, Ireland will move towards a National Synod.

Why now? Good question! With the world trying to cope with covid, a war, a refugee crisis and a cost of living nightmare for people, don't we have enough going on?! We certainly do, however, Pope Francis has thought it necessary at this time to move along a path of renewal. It's a time to “...allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships...” Our faith gives us the strength to carry on even in a dark world so now is probably as good a time as any to listen to one another and to what the Lord is saying to us.

Will it achieve anything? That's up to all of us! “This is a pathway not a runway” (Pope Francis) If we have the insight, enthusiasm and energy to walk along this path, think of the possibilities!

Why should I bother to engage? Because there is a future for the Church and we want to share the Good News of Jesus Christ – that's always worth bothering about. Let's not curse the darkness but light the candle.

What now in our Parish? Knock Parish Pastoral Council is organising a meeting for everyone in the parish interested in coming on **Thursday 5th May** next at 8pm in the Rest and Care Centre, Knock. The questions being asked on the evening are outlined below.

Questions asked of us:

1. In the light of the times we find ourselves in today, how are you?
2. What inspires you in the life of your parish community? What discourages you in the life of the parish community?
3. How can our Church be more welcoming and inclusive to all?

People can also share their views, perspectives and recommendations to the above by contacting the email: synod@tuamarchdiocese.org

This process is open to everyone, from the once in a blue moon to the every Sunday Mass attendee! Whatever your faith level is, we want to hear from you so come along or reply above.

Many thanks,

Fr Richard

Knock's Climb for Charlie

Raised a total of €1600 (€765 online + €835 from Local Walk & Plaza Event). Many thanks to all who came out, participated, supported & to those who helped in various ways to make the event a success, a big thank you. Breda j & Leonie

Happy Easter Everyone!

We can make a right mess of things as human beings. It's in our nature. We can get things right as well, for example, when we were able to cope with a pandemic which has caused death, trauma, domestic and mental health problems for people, we at least showed some solidarity in looking out for one another during it. Then, just as we thought we might be able to soar above the pandemic and return to some semblance of normal living, a sovereign nation is needlessly and barbarically attacked. This has caused the world huge problems in terms of a brutal war (there is no other kind really), savagery, a refugee crises, cost of living nightmares for people, an energy crises and not to mention, on top of all this, the potential climate chaos that is still an enormous problem for all of us. It's not that it came out of the blue in fairness – the likes of Putin and others on our world stage with such tendencies are all too well known and all too real. When economic interests, power, corruption and self delusion are part of our human make up.... we can make a right mess of things.

OK! I hear you say, thanks for bringing us down with that note! So where do we get some hope in all of this?

Easter is the answer, Easter! It is through the Resurrection of Jesus that hope is given to a despondent group of disciples who thought as a result of His death, it was all over. They had written Jesus off as a lost cause and as a result written themselves off. But it wasn't all over – it was just beginning. The disciples only realised this when they encountered the Risen Christ. For the Gospel of John, the Easter story begins very early in the morning of the first day of the week when it is still "dark". The Easter we celebrate is an invitation out of the darkness of human messiness into the light of the Risen Christ. The message of Easter is simple – we human beings are not lost causes even in spite of ourselves, even when we do stupid things because in rising from the dead Jesus has shown us our own destiny and if we keep that before us, our potential to do good is enormous. Our Resurrection faith calls us to see hope in the darkest of places and times because we are loved by God and will not be overwhelmed by darkness.

May the light of the Risen Christ shine upon us all this Easter.

Fr Richard

Priests Easter Collection

The Priests Easter Collection will be taken up over the coming weeks. Thank you for your generosity.

Organ Donor Awareness week 2022

To mark Organ Donor Awareness week 2022, Mass will take place in the basilica on **Sunday 24th of April at 12 noon** in solidarity with those who are waiting for or have received organs and in thanksgiving for those who have donated organs. It will also remember all those who have died and whose organs were donated by their families. All are welcome.

The University Singers, Washington and Lee University

We are delighted to welcome The University Singers who will perform during the **3pm Mass on Monday 18th April**. The University Singers have been recognised for their excellence in performance by the American Choral Directors Association, the Virginia Music Educators Association, and have featured solo choir programs at major venues such as Carnegie Hall, the National Cathedral, and the Academy of Music. We look forward to welcoming them to Knock Shrine.

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Sunday 17 April:	10.00am	Joe Lennon, Carramore. 2nd Anniv.
Monday 18 April:	12noon	Michael and Teresa McHugh, Anniv. their son Paul and Patrick Walsh.
	3.00pm	Mary and Jim McDermott, 5 Churchfield Lawns.
	7.30pm	Aidan Keeley, Derry and Manchester. Anniv.
Wednesday 20 April:	12noon	Brigid and John McAndrew. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Daniel, Eileen and Mary Campbell.
Friday 22 April:	12noon	Thomas and Annie K. O'Brien, Adrigoole. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Catherine and Jimmy Nally, Wingfield. Anniv.
Saturday 23 April:	12noon	Martin and Celine Solan, Churchfield and Frank Conboy, Adrigoole.
	3.00pm	William Kinahan and son Shane. Anniv.
Shanvaghera:		
Sunday 17 April:	10.00am	Tracey Campbell Fitzpatrick. Anniv.
Sunday 24 April:	10.00am	Mary and Austin Morley, Aughtaboy. Anniv.