



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter

St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghara

NEWSLETTER 25 MARCH 2018. PALM SUNDAY. YEAR B.

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SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

Masses: 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00noon, 3.00pm.
(Eve of Sundays and Holydays, 7.30pm)
Shanvaghara: Sundays: Mass at 10.00am

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY - SATURDAY

Masses: 9.00am, 12noon, 3.00pm, 7.30pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

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Saturday 24 March:	7.30pm	Do This in Memory Mass and Phillip and Dorothea Collins. Month's Mind.
Monday 26 March:	7.30pm	Luke and Annie Mary Morley, Magheramore. Anniv.
Tuesday 27 March:	7.30pm	Joe Duffy, Cloonlee. Anniv.
Wednesday 28 March:	12noon 3.00pm	Rattigan and Mulkeen Families, Coogue. Anniv. Blessed Sacrament Guild.
Sunday 1 April:	12noon	Joe Cunnane, St. Thomas. Month's Mind.

SHANVAGHERA:

Sunday 1 April: 10.00am Tracey Campbell Fitzpatrick. Anniv.

Reminder: clocks go forward by one hour this weekend.

Fr Richard and Fr. Nigel

would like to wish the Sisters of Mary Madeleine Postel every good wish on behalf of the Parish and to thank them for their years of service here at the Shrine.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

each evening Monday to Wednesday this week in **St Joseph's Chapel** from **7.00pm to 9.00pm**. Group Three this week.

Lenten Movie night

this **Palm Sunday 25 March, 7.00pm St John's Rest & Care:** "The Greatest Story Ever Told": 1965 classic film on the life of Jesus, suitable for all the family. Entrance free, donation box for Trócaire. All welcome.

Chrism Mass in Tuam Cathedral

Once again this year, Archbishop Michael Neary invites parishioners to attend the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Tuam on **Wednesday next at 6.00pm**. All Welcome.

Mass for the sick

A special Mass for the sick and elderly of the parish will take place in the Basilica on **Tuesday at 12 noon**. The Anointing of the Sick will be part of this Mass.

World Meeting of Families official prayer

God, our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Soe family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love. Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to live your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray. [Pause] Increase our faith, strengthen our hope, keep us safe in your love. Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share. This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Easter Ceremonies Programme (29 March - 1 April)

Knock and Shanvaghara

Confessions

Palm Sunday - Continuous Confessions from 11.00am - 4.00pm.

Monday - Wednesday 11.00am - 4.00pm.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - Continuous Confessions 11.00am - 5.00pm.

Morning Prayer on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday in Blessed Sacrament Chapel at **10am**.

Knock (Basilica) and Shanvaghara

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper **8.00pm**. Adoration will take place after Mass in Shanvaghara and until midnight in Knock

Good Friday Stations of the Cross **3.00pm** and Good Friday Liturgy **8.00pm**.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at **9.00pm**.

Easter Sunday Masses

Knock 9.00am in Blessed Sacrament Chapell. 10.30am, 12noon and 3.00pm Mass in the Basilica.

Shanvaghara 10.00am Mass.

As you know, on Thursday, 15 March we had a special gathering in the Rest & Care Centre to update parishioners on our Together in Faith Project. Thank you to all who attended and asked questions on the night.

As this project involves the parish church and the apparition chapel it felt right that all parishioners should be kept up to date of our progress and given an opportunity to contribute. To that end, over the past week, we sent every household in the parish a Together in Faith pack.

The purpose of the pack is to provide more detailed information on how Together in Faith will strengthen our parish and leave a legacy for generations to come. It also aims to give you a sense of the investment being-made and the financial support we require to be successful.

A member of my team will telephone you over the coming weeks. The phone call will be simply to answer any questions you have about the project.

I am deeply appreciative of the generosity of this parish and I ask you to pray for the success of Together in Faith.
Fr. Richard.

Café Le Chéile & St Mary's Reopening

We are delighted to announce that Café Le Chéile and St Mary's will reopen on **Monday 26 March** for the pilgrimage season. Café Le Chéile will be open daily from 10am-6pm. We would like to wish all the staff and management every success for the season.

36th Mercy Sunday Celebrations

The 36th annual Mercy Sunday celebrations will take place on 8th April. Ceremonies begin with Divine Mercy Devotions at **12.45pm** and concelebrated Mass at **3.00pm** with Chief Celebrant and Homilist Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Papal Nuncio. All are welcome.

Organ Donor Awareness Mass for 2018

will take place in the Basilica on **Sunday 8 April at 12 noon**.

Holy Hour for unborn

A Holy Hour of prayer, including Rosary and meditations, for the protection of life from conception to natural death, will be held in **St. Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis, on Palm Sunday, March 25, from 7.00 pm to 8.00pm**. All members of the public are invited to participate.

Prayers for the deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Gertie Carr nee Phillips**, Cloonternane who died in Dalkey, Dublin. Sister of John Phillips, Cloonternane.

Sr. Louise Johnston

Torquay, Devonshire, England.

Sister of Noreen Jennings, Ballyhowley, Peg O'Connell, Ballyfarna and sister of the late Richard Johnston, Cloonternane.

Domnick King,

Kilcun.

John Conlon,

Cloonlee.