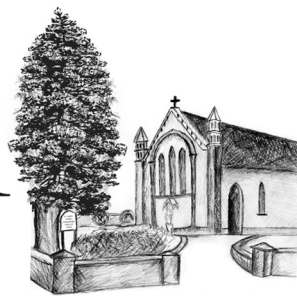




Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghara

NEWSLETTER 20 MAY 2018. PENTECOST SUNDAY. YEAR B.

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SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

Masses: 8.00am 9.00am, 10.30am, 12noon, 3.00pm, 7.30pm.

(Eve of Sundays and Holy days, 7.30pm)

Shanvaghara: Sundays: Mass at 10.00am

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY - SATURDAY

Masses: 9.00am, 11.00am, 12noon, 3.00pm, 7.30pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday 22 May:

12noon
7.30pm

Peter Loftus and deceased Family, Carramore.
Killeen Family, Esker. Anniv.

Wednesday 23 May:

7.30pm

John Joe and Annie Burke, Cloonlee. Anniv.

Thursday 24 May:

9.00am
12noon
7.30pm

Heneghan Family, Cloondace. Anniv.
Mullins Family. Late of Coogue South and Lorraine Delaney.
Anniv.
Flynn Family, Cloonlavish.

Friday 25 May:

3.00pm
7.30pm

Holy Souls.
Jim and Rita Forde. Anniv.

Saturday 26 May:

12noon
7.30pm

Gertie Carr (nee Phillips), Cloonternane and Dublin.
Month's Mind.
Ciarán Byrne, Ballyroe. Month's Mind.

Sunday 27 May:

12noon

Sr. Paula (Kathleen) Fleming, Perth, Australia and
Cloonterriff. Month's Mind.

SHANVAGHERA:

Sunday 20 May:

10.00am

Annie, Anthony and Sean McGuinness. Anniv.

Sunday 27 May:

10.00am

Ben and Charlie Caldwell, Esker. Anniv.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Guided Prayer Sessions

in the Prayer Guidance Centre during the pilgrimage season are as follows:

Monday to Friday: **12noon, 4.15pm, 8.15pm**

Saturday and Sunday: **12noon, 5.00pm, 8.15pm**.

Rosary for the retention of the 8th Amendment

Please join us each day **Monday to Saturday at 4.00pm in St. Joseph's Chapel for Rosary**.

Pilgrimages for the week

Saturday 26 May:

S.M.A. Pilgrimage.

Croatian Pilgrimage (Parish Church)

Sunday 27 May:

Galway and Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimages and Knights of Columbanus.

A Day of Adoration

will take place in the Blessed Sacrament chapel in Ballyhaunis church on **Friday 25 May - 11 hours from 9.00am. to 8.00pm. for the protection of the 8th Amendment**. Any-one wishing to spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is welcome.

Dear Friends

Knock Parish Church and Apparition Chapel is now open after what has been a very successful refurbishment project. On behalf of myself, Fr Nigel, management and staff at the Shrine, I would like to say a special thank you to the parishioners of Knock and visiting pilgrims for their patience and understanding over the past few months. We are delighted to welcome you all back to the Parish Church which will continue to be a very special place for all of us to share into the future.

Our fundraising effort in support of Together in Faith, which also includes a substantial upgrade to the Shrine's IT infrastructure, continues. To date parishioners and friends have been very generous, making once-off donations or pledging gifts made payable over time. We are very grateful for all the contributions made so far, and we ask those who have not yet given consideration to a donation to do so over the coming weeks.

Your support is needed and much appreciated.

You will find Together in Faith donation forms at the back of the church after weekend Masses, and you are more than welcome to visit the Information Centre or ask me directly for further detail on this important project.

Thank you for your interest and commitment.

Fr. Richard

Volunteering at Knock Shrine

With the Parish Church and Shrine now reopened Fr Richard would welcome volunteers to assist pilgrims visiting Knock. A meeting for new and experienced volunteers will take place this Wednesday, May 23rd in St Mary's Hostel at 8.00pm. Please note the venue. The meeting will conclude with refreshments. Further information from the Volunteer Department at the Witness to Hope Office on 094-9375070.

Choose Life: Prayer for the Child in the Womb

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life. Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator. Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift.

Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all.

Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature, help us to choose life in every decision we take. We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen.

Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.

All the Saints of Ireland, pray for us.

Western Care

door to door collection will take place in the Lakehill Station area during the coming week.

Remembering the Knock Witnesses

Sunday 27 May marks the 75th anniversary of the death of John Curry, the youngest Witness to the Apparition. Aged just 5 years old at the time, John was a native of Lecarrow and was staying with his grandparents, Bryan and Bridget Byrne in the village on that evening. When interviewed in 1937 for the 2nd Commission of Enquiry (specially convened in New York to hear his testimony), John stated: "I remember the 21st of August 1879 as well as I do last night". John's remains were reinterred in 2017 in the cemetery at Old St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York and he will be remembered at 9am Mass on **Sunday 27 May in Knock Parish Church**, the church in which he was baptised.

Moonlight Mental Health Awareness

Walk for Mind Space Mayo. FAYZ/Knock Foroige would like to thank everybody from our local community that turned up to participate with us last Saturday morning. We greatly appreciate the donations on the night and the great numbers that came out to support us. A total of E1631.50 was collected on the night. Thank you. Mind Space Mayo is a free and confidential support service to promote young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Knock Tidy Towns Meeting

A meeting of Knock Tidy Towns will take place on **Tuesday next 22 May at 8.00pm in Carty's Bar**, Knock. Representatives of Knock Community Futures will be there to outline the forthcoming application for funding for the Knock Roundabout Project, under the newly-launched Town & Village Renewal Scheme 2018. This application is a collaboration between Tidy Towns and Community Futures. All input is welcomed.