



# KNOCK

Parish Newsletter



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera

## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2019

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### SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

Masses: 9.00am, 10.30am, 12noon, 3.00pm  
(Eve of Sundays and Holydays, 7.30pm)  
Shanvaghera: 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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<b>Monday 23 Dec.:</b>	12noon 7.30pm	Hoban Family. Anniv. Nora and John Higgins, Cloonfaughna. Anniv.
<b>Thursday 26 Dec.:</b>	12noon	Mary Commins, Cloonlee. 1st Anniv.
<b>Friday 27 Dec.:</b>	3.00pm	Holy Souls.
<b>Saturday 28 Dec.</b>	12noon	John and Kevin Carty and deceased members of the Carty Family, Carramore.
<b>Sunday 29 December:</b>	3.00pm	Eva Cregan. Month's Mind.
<b>Shanvaghera:</b>		
<b>Sunday 22 December:</b>	10.00am	Mary Cosgrove, Curraghateemore. Month's Mind.
<b>Sunday 29 December:</b>	10.00am	Freddie Lavin, Shanvaghera.

## Happy Christmas

In wishing all our parishioners a happy Christmas we think especially of the sick, those in hospitals, nursing homes or at home, and those who are unable to be with us for Christmas Mass. A special welcome to all those who have come home to be with their families for Christmas - to all who are visiting Knock at this time - and we wish everyone a happy and peaceful New Year.

Fr. Richard and Fr. Paul

## New Year's Day Mass: St. Joseph Cluster

There will be a special New Year's Day Mass for all the parishes/church area in St. Patrick's church, Ballyhaunis, at **12 noon on January 1st, 2020**. This is the sixth year of this event and as on previous occasions representatives from each of the parishes/church areas will take part in the Mass. The theme for the Mass will be "The wonder of creation". The combined choirs of the Cluster will provide the music and singing at the Mass. All are welcome. A collection will be taken up at the Mass, the proceeds of which will go towards defraying costs of various events organised by the St. Joseph Cluster.

## Feast of St. John

**Friday 27 December**

Afternoon of Prayer in Honour of St. John from **4.00pm to 6.00pm in the Apparition Chapel** including Rosary, Adoration and Holy Mass. Conducted by Fr. Thomas Surlis.

## Christmas Programme

### Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve

**Knock** Masses: 9.00am, 12noon, 3.00pm  
Christmas Vigil Mass at **7.30pm and Midnight Mass in the Basilica.**  
**Carmelite Chapel:** Midnight Mass at 12midnight.

### Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day

**Knock:** Mass at 9.00am, 10.30am and 12noon  
**Shanvaghera:** Mass at 10.00am  
**Carmelite Chapel:** Mass at 8.00am.

### NO MASSES LATER THAN MIDDAY ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Thursday 26 – Saturday 28 (inclusive) Masses at 12noon and 3.00pm**  
**Please note the 7.30pm Vigil Mass will resume on Saturday 28th December.**  
**Carmelite Convent:** Mass at 9.00am (Thursday to Saturday inclusive).  
**Sunday 29 December:** Masses at 9.00am, 10.30, 12noon and 3.00pm.  
**Shanvaghera** Mass at 10.00am.

### Christmas Confessions

Daily Confessions from **11.00am - 4.00pm.** Confessions finish at **4.00pm sharp** on Christmas Eve.  
Re-opening on **Monday 30 December.**

Those living abroad or who are unable to make it to Knock might be interested to know that the 7.30pm and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the Mass at 12 noon Christmas day will be streamed live online at

## Papal Mass, Rome 26th January 2020

The new Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Knock which was commissioned for the 140th Anniversary of the Apparition this year and which was blessed by Pope Francis has been requested for a special Mass in St Peter's Basilica, Rome, on Sunday 26th January next to mark the day honouring the Word of God. The Shrine has also been asked to take part in other ways in the Mass, which will be celebrated by Pope Francis, including the singing of Our Lady of Knock at the conclusion of the Mass.

This is a unique honour and privilege for the Shrine. We will let you know when it will be broadcast on the day. You may even wish to go to Rome to celebrate with us. In any case please pray for the success of the participation.

## Rachael Higgins Travel Counsellors

is organising package trips to Rome for parishioners in January. Contact Rachael on 086 6699635 or email rachael.higgins@travelcounsellors.com Prices from €442pp including flights, transfers and accommodation. Subject to availability.

## St. Stephen's Day Walk

Come and join our annual St. Stephen's Day Walk after the **12 noon Mass (approx. 12:45pm) at the gates of the Old Church and walk the beautiful 3km loop around the Shrine grounds.** This year all proceeds go to the Order of Malta, Knock National School and Knock Community Centre. Suitable for all ages!

## Eucharistic Ministers - January (including Feast of the Epiphany 6 January)

Sat. 7.30pm Breda Johnston, Lily King,  
Eileen Morley.  
Sun. 9.00am Josie Broderick.  
10.30am Claire Brady, Sr. Helen Coughlan  
12 noon Sr. Catherine McLoughlin and  
Elsie Tully.

*Wishing our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers a very happy Christmas and many blessings in 2020.  
Sincere thanks for your co-operation and commitment over the past year.*

## Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

There will be no Adoration this week. Adoration resumes on **Tuesday 7 January with Group Four.**

## Knock Garda Station - Opening hours

**Friday 27 December 12noon - 1.00pm**  
**Saturday 28 December 12noon - 1.00pm.**  
Garda Bernadette Breslin can be contacted on (094)9388101 or by email bernadette.a.breslin@garda.ie

## Prayers for the Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Ivan Prendergast, Cloonlee**  
who died during the week.  
**Lily O'Neill, Portarlington.**  
Sister in Law of Sr. Magdalen O'Neill,  
St. Louise's, Carramore.