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## Parish Newsletter



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera

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### You are being prayed for at Knock

At this very worrying and disressing time, we here at the National Marian Shrine, Knock wish to let you all know that you are being prayed for. We pray in particular that a vaccine will be found to eliminate the virus, for a full recovery for victims and for all medical and civic personnel.

As there are no public Masses being celebrated from Knock Shrine at present, and while our churches are open for private prayer, Mass will only be broadcast on our website at 12 noon and 7.30pm (beginning with Rosary at 7pm) each day to pray for the elimination of the virus, for victims affected, their recovery and for all medical and civic personnel. We invite you to join us for the celebration of the Eucharist from home on our webcam here.

You may like to be with us in prayer by:

**1. Praying the special prayer composed:**

Lord, in 1879 the Apparition in Knock gave comfort and hope to your people in a time of distress and worry. In the presence of Our Lady, St Joseph, St John the Evangelist and the Lamb of God you showed us that we are neither alone nor abandoned in times of great need, personally and as a people.

We ask you Lord, to walk with us again as we face the Coronavirus. Help our medical personnel to bring the virus to a swift end and bless them in their work. We ask healing and recovery to be given to all who are suffering from the virus, its victims and their families.

May all of us, Lord, be strengthened by the spiritual support of the Christian community at this time through prayer, fasting and concern for one another. May we never abandon hope in the face of adversity and trust in your love for us. Amen

Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.

St Joseph, pray for us.

St John the Evangelist, pray for us.

**2. Praying the rosary individually or as a family at home**

**3. Considering to offer a day of fasting**

**4. Light a candle online and it will be lit here at the Shrine for your intentions.**

### Prayers for the Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Thomas Rattigan,**

Northwood, London and formerly of Liscaul.

Brother of Michael, Rosebury Court, John, Carramore North and Joe Cloondace.

and

**Michael O'Malley,**

Manchester and formerly of Cloonlavish.

### Applications are now open for Youth Leadership Programme at Knock Shrine

The programme is open to all people over 18 years of age and aims to train leaders to work with the young people in their parish. Beginning in **Saturday, May 16th 2020** and will involve 9 weekends over a 2 year period. A Certificate in Youth Ministry from Queen's University Belfast will be awarded upon completion of the course. For details see [www.knockshrine](http://www.knockshrine). Contact Knock Youth Ministry at 094 93 88 100 or email [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie)