NEWSLETTER 5TH APRIL, 2020. Palm Sunday.

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Dear "Virtual" Parishioner, Pilgrim and Visitor!

We miss you all very much!!

It is a very strange time as we approach Holy Week and Easter in that we will not be together in the Basilica for our upcoming ceremonies. However do not worry, we will be with you every step of the way as we celebrate together online!

The times of the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies are outlined below, I invite you to join us online at www.knockshrine.ie as we pray for the end to the Coronavirus and celebrate the most important time of the Christian calendar together. To make it feel special in your home, I suggest the following:

- 1. Set aside a ceremony (or all of them) for all your household to come together.
- 2. For Palm Sunday have a Palm ready or be creative and design one at home, have the children help!
- 3. For Good Friday have a crucifix ready for the Passion at 3pm so that you can venerate the cross with me online at the same time.
- 4. For the Easter Vigil at 9pm on Holy Saturday, have a candle ready to light (safety taken into consideration!) at the same time I light the Easter Candle and leave it lighting just for the Mass.

Please keep safe and adhere to all that is being asked of you at this time for your own sake and the sake of the ones we love. In Knock we are praying with you and for you all the time and know that all will be well!

Until we meet in person, may our Lady of Knock, St Joseph and St John protect you all,

Fr Richard



### Holy Week Ceremonies online at Knock Shrine

Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 5th 2020

12 Noon

7.30pm (with Rosary at 7pm)



#### Monday – Wednesday, April 6th – 8th 2020

Mass at 12 Noon & 7.30pm (with Rosary at 7pm)

#### Holy Thursday, April 9th 2020

10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7.30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper



#### Good Friday, April 10th 2020

10.00am: Morning Prayer

12.00 Noon: Stations of the Cross

3.00pm: The Passion of Our Lord

7.30pm: Stations of the Cross



#### Holy Saturday, April 11th 2020

10.00am: Morning Prayer

10.30am: Blessing of Bread for the Polish community

9.00pm: Easter Vigil

#### Easter Sunday, April 12th 2020

Easter Sunday Mass at 12.00 Noon & 7.30pm



# COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

## **Prayers for the Deceased**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

**Gerry Freyne, Barcull, Kilkelly**Brother of Eileen Morley, Cloonfaughna.

**Frankie Harte, Meeltrane** who died during the week.