



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2017.

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SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

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

Shanvaghera: 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 26 December: 12noon John and Rose Kelly, Wingfield.

Wed. 27 December 12noon James and Mary Frayne.
3.00pm Blessed Sacrament Guild.

Thurs. 28 December: 12noon Ann Marie McNamara and deceased members of the
3.00pm McNamara and Roche Families. Anniv.
John and Kate Morley, Cloonfaughna.

Friday 29 December: 12noon James Flatley, Lakehill. Anniv.
3.00pm Holy Souls.

Saturday 30 December: 9.00am Rev. Fr. T.A. Owens, C.C. Anniv.
12noon Paddy Phillips, Knock/Ballyhaunis. Anniv.

SHANVAGHERA:

Sunday 24 December: 10.00am Teddy Campbell, Shanvaghera.

Sunday 31 December: 10.00am John, Ann and Padraig Cunnane, Adrigoole. Anniv.

Happy Christmas

In wishing all our parishioners a happy Christmas we think especially of the sick, those in hospital, 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.

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Knock Museum

will be closed for Christmas from **Saturday 23 December – Sunday 7th January** and re-open on Monday 8th January 2018. We would like to take this opportunity to say how much we appreciate the wonderful support we get from the people of Knock parish and surrounding areas and wish you all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. From all the team at Knock Museum

Eucharistic Ministers January

Sat. 7.30pm Lily King, Mary White, Sr Benignus.

Sun. 9.00am Grainne Freyne.

10.30am Claire Brady,
Sr. Catherine McLoughlin,

12noon Augustine Kearns,
Sr. Annie Mary Nally.

Silent Retreat

Spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius will take place at the Alexian Brothers Monastery for women aged 18 years up for **December 28 to 1 January**. Places limited. Please book early. Information from 085 8235525.

Christmas Programme

Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve

Knock Masses: 9.00am, 10.30am, 12noon, 3.00pm

Christmas Vigil Mass at **7.30pm** and **Midnight Mass in the Basilica.**

Shanvaghera: Midnight Mass at 12midnight.

Carmelite Chapel: Midnight Mass at 12midnight.

Monday 25 December Christmas Day

Knock: Mass at 9.00am (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)

Masses at 10.30am and 12noon (Basilica)

Shanvaghera: Mass at 10.00am

Carmelite Chapel: Mass at 8.00am.

NO MASSES LATER THAN MIDDAY ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 26 – Saturday 30 (inclusive) Masses at 12noon and 3.00pm in the Basilica

Please note the 7.30pm Vigil Mass will resume on Saturday 30th December.

Carmelite Convent: Mass at 9.00am (Tuesday to Saturday inclusive).

Sunday 31 December: Masses at 9.00am (Blessed Sacrament Chapel) 10.30, 12noon and 3.00pm. (Basilica)

Shanvaghera Mass at 10.00am.

Christmas Confessions

Confessions from **11.00am - 4.00pm**. Confessions finish at **4.00pm sharp** on Christmas Eve. Re-opening on **Sunday 31 December at 11.00am**.

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 www.knockshrine.ie/watch.

Fr. Michael Shields

will speak **at 3.00pm** in Basilica on **6 January 2018**.
"One Life is worth more than the whole world"
and you shall be my witness.

The Mens Catholic Discussion Group

will hold its monthly meeting **Thursday January 4 at 8.00pm** in the Alexians Brothers centre, Knock. Each month we discuss a different topic where everyone is welcome to contribute. Visitors welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Knock National School

are selling 2018 calendars at €5 each as a fundraiser for the school. The calendars commemorate the 50th anniversary of the school on its present site and feature photos from present and past. They are available from the school office and also in Heneghans Spar Shop. Thank you for your kind generosity.

Family Mass

this Christmas Eve at 7.30pm in the Basilica. All welcome. All children who received a small crib will be able to collect a blessed baby Jesus for it. For any children that did not receive a crib there will be one on the night for them.

New Year's Day Mass -

St. Joseph's Cluster.

There will be a special New Year's Day Mass for all the parishes/church area in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis at **12noon on 1 January**. This is fourth 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 of the Mass will be "The World

Meeting of Families 2018.". Combined choirs of the Cluster will provide music and singing at the Mass. All are welcome. A collection will be taken up at the Mass and the proceeds will go towards defraying costs of various events organised by the St. Joseph Cluster.

Prayers for the deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Una Agnes Doherty,

Churchfield Lawns/Riverside Drive who died recently.

May Broderick

nee Veldon late of Cloonfaughna who died recently in Manchester.

Mass at 12noon and 3.00pm on Sundays

is streamed live at www.knockshrine.ie/watch and also on Radio *Maria* at <http://radiomaria.ie/live-stream/> or via Digital/DAB Radio

Notices and submissions for the Newsletter must be received before 12.00 noon on **THURSDAY** morning for inclusion into that week's edition. **Email: info@knock-shrine.ie** or telephone the **Shrine Office on: 094 93 88100**. Alternatively envelopes marked "Parish Newsletter" can be left into the Sacristy or Shrine Office.