



Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock

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Parish Newsletter



St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera

NEWSLETTER 1 JULY 2018. 13TH SUNDAY OF 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)

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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Monday 2 July:	11.00am	Mary Kelly and her son James Francis and all deceased members of the Kelly Family.
	12noon	Mary Connell, Cloonternane. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Anthony and Mae Kilkenny, Cloonternane. Anniv.
Tuesday 3 July:	12noon 7.30pm	Colm Loftus, Drum. Anniv. Har, Mai and Joe Moloney. Main St.
Wednesday 4 July:	3.00pm 7.30pm	Tom and Nellie McLoughlin. Anniv. Dominick Byrne, Cloonterriff. Anniv.
Thursday 5 July:	7.30pm	John and Mary Lyons, Knock.
Friday 6 July:	9.00am	Henry Byrne, Knock. Anniv.
	12noon	Seamus Ward, Drum. Anniv.
	3.00pm	Holy Souls.
	7.30pm	Tom and Baby Lyons, sons Tony and Miko and daughter in law Ann. Anniv.
Saturday 7 July:	11.00am	John, Sarah and Tom Kearns, Liscat. Anniv.
	12noon	Tommy Duffy and deceased members of the Duffy Family, Cloonlee. Anniv.
Shanvaghera:		
Sunday 1 July:	10.00am	Freddie Lavin, Shanvaghera. Anniv.
Sunday 8 July:	10.00am	John, Anne and Padraic Cunnane, Adrigoole.

World Meeting of Families Pope's Visit

Anyone who applied for tickets from Knock parish and who indicated that they needed a wheelchair should by now have been contacted by Sr. Maud Murphy. If you are bringing a wheelchair to the Pope's visit and you have not been in contact with Sr. Maud please do so on Tuesday next at the Shrine Office. Phone: 094 9388100.

Public Veneration and Devotions

of The True Relic of the Holy Face of Jesus on
**Tuesday 3 July immediately after the 7.30pm Mass
in the Old Church.** All who attend will receive
many graces and blessings.

Prayers for the deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Willie Forde,
Cloonfaughna
who died during the week.

Dear Parishioners,

Fr Patrick's death has devastated us all and left a massive void in our lives. He was, as you all know and remember, a wonderfully giving individual in his friendships, time with parishioners and in being a great support to me in the four years he spent in Knock. At times I think he much preferred to be out and about in the parish and doing some farming at home than as master of ceremonies in the Basilica but he never neglected his duty. His humble and caring nature made him loved by all wherever he ministered in the Archdiocese. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Fr Nigel Woollen will be finishing his ministry in Knock this weekend. While he worked here as Curate and master of ceremonies for the past two years, his association with Knock goes back a further ten years, he worked at the Shrine as Chaplain. Fr Nigel's commitment to Knock and his love of Our lady and the Shrine was always beyond question. While all the meetings we have (and we have a lot of them!) may have taken him a little by surprise, he was always willing to pitch in to what was going on. He was wonderful on social media and communicating what was happening at the Shrine and now as a published author we await his next book (due out soon!). On all our behalf, I wish Fr Nigel every blessing as he returns home to a new appointment in Westminster diocese and we hope he has many years of fruitful ministry there. Don't forget us Nigel and visit us often!

We will not be getting a replacement curate for Fr Nigel because there is simply no one to send at the moment due to the shortage of priests. As a result, I have asked Fr. Terence Harrington, a Franciscan and visiting Chaplain to the Shrine, to step in and help in the short term with parish duties. Due to the visit of Pope Francis in August and my responsibility in organizing the visit here, Fr. Terence will carry out all further parish duties. Fr Terence is a man of great pastoral experience at parish level and has a very engaging personality - in other words you'll love him!

As you can see there has been a world of change and more coming - we need to understand that a radical reexamination of how things work in Knock needs to be looked at as we are constantly doing already so all your help and advice through the pastoral council will be appreciated into the future. While we are all sad at the moment with Fr Patrick's death and Fr Nigel moving on, be assured Knock has a bright future ahead!

Thank you all

Fr. Richard.