



**Our Lady of Knock Church Lackagh. H65 PY96**

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Mass is broadcast on parish radio **106.9fm** and online

**lackaghchurchliveyoutube.**

**Weekday morning Mass 10:00am**

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**Act of Spiritual Communion:**  
*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen*

**10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Eddie Fitzgerald, Lackaghmore 13 <sup>th</sup> A.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Michael Burke, Knockdoe 5 <sup>th</sup> A. Raymond Keown, Kesh. 5 <sup>th</sup> A. Dodie O’Brien, Barnaboy and deceased of family.
Monday	10:00am	John Joe Brannelly, 4 <sup>th</sup> A.
Tuesday	10:00am	People of the parish living and deceased
Wednesday	10:00am	Special intention of donor
Thursday	10:00am	John Quinn
Friday	10:00am	Nancy Flynn also her husband Pat and deceased of Flynn and Carrick families.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Edel Hession Ballybrone 8 <sup>th</sup> A also her father Paddy Deceased of Forde family Lisheenavalla also Denis Hurney.
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Ann Fahy, Cregcarragh 2 <sup>nd</sup> A. Nellie, John and Patrick Egan, Kiltroque
Monday	10:00am	Private intention
Tuesday	10:00am	Joseph, Maureen and Claire
Wednesday	10:00am	Mary and Peter Kelly, Tuam
Thursday	10:00am	Tony Adamson.
Friday	10:00am	Private intention
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30pm	People of the parish living and deceased
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Annie and Pa Healy and deceased of Healy and Walsh families.

**Pope Francis on Twitter this week ...**  
“The first step towards an attitude of worship is to “lift up our eyes”. When we lift up our eyes to God, life’s problems do not go away, but we feel certain that the Lord grants us the strength to deal with them.”  
Pope Francis

**We pray for those who died recently** Patrick Delaney, Monard. Rose Collins Ennis, sister of Brendan O’Gorman, Lackaghmore, Liam Carroll, Ballybrittas, father of Oonagh Acton, Kilskeagh. Cecile Muldowney, Swinford mother of William Muldowney, Knockdoebeg. May they all sleep in Heavenly peace.

**This weekend 10<sup>th</sup> January we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus.** We hear the words of the Father saying “This is my Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”. This tells us that Jesus really is the Son of God and we can fully trust in him. He will give everything for us, even his life on the Cross, to ensure that we understand God’s infinite love for us. Baptism was not over and done with the day we were taken to the font.

We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.

We are baptised by hardship and in its turbulent waters we are purified of all that is false and useless.

We are baptised by suffering and in its murky waters we grow in humility and compassion.

We are baptised by joy and its gurgling waters we experience the goodness of life. We are baptised by love and in its singing waters we blossom like flowers in the sun. Baptism is like the planting of a seed. It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen.

**Parish newsletter:** For the next few weeks during Level 5 restrictions the parish newsletter will be available *every two weeks*.

**Level 5 Covid 19 government regulations** stipulate that church restrictions have commenced from Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December. It means that religious services have moved once again back on-line from this date this means that while we remain at level 5 we will not have congregations at weekday or Sunday Mass. Masses will still be available online *on Lackagh church youtube live and radio 106.59fm*. With regard to funerals only 10 mourners are permitted. Please note that the church will remain open for private prayer

**Feast of the Week** Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of St Ita. She was born in Co Waterford of noble and Christian parents. Early on she set her heart on serving Christ in religious life. She founded a monastery in Killeedy, Co. Limerick. She died in 570

**Parish Office will remain closed to the public for the duration of level 5 COVID19 government restrictions.**

If you wish to book a Mass you can do so by phoning during the Parish Office hours. The same applies for all other enquiries.

You can also email the office : [lackaghparish@gmail.com](mailto:lackaghparish@gmail.com).

**Letter box on Sacristy door:** If you wish to drop in any donation envelopes you can drop them in this letter box from now onwards.

**Donating by cheque:** Please make your cheque payable to ‘Lackagh church’ account as it avoids confusion when lodgments are made.

**Weekly Contributions:** Instead of donating through the envelope system you can either set up a Direct Debit or donate weekly or monthly online but be sure to always include your name and envelope number. The account details are as follows:

**Lackagh Church a/c:** BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE29 AIBK 9371 5028 5010 63. Please remember to include your name and address if you do not have an envelope number.

**Boxes of weekly envelopes** are still in church for collection. As a number of the distributors are unable to deliver this year maybe you could call to the church and collect your own box of weekly envelopes. It would be most helpful.

### **A Message from Pope Francis - The importance of Thank you**

"Above all, let us not forget *to thank*: if we are bearers of gratitude, the world itself will become better, even if only a little bit, but that is enough to transmit a bit of hope. The world needs hope, and with gratitude, with this habit of saying *thank you*, we transmit a bit of hope.

Everything is united and everything is connected, and everyone needs to do his or her part wherever we are.

The path to happiness is the one Saint Paul described at the end of one of his letters:

“Pray constantly, *give thanks* in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Do not quench the Spirit” (1 Thes 5:17-19). Do not quench the Spirit, what a beautiful project of life!

Do not quench the Spirit that we have within leads us to gratitude. *Thank you.*” Pope Francis - Monday

4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

The week of Prayer for Christian unity takes place from January 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. "That they may all be so completely one"

**When the song of the angels is stilled,**

When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and the princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

**The year of St Joseph 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 :** In an Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

At the conclusion of his Letter, he added a prayer to St Joseph.  
*'Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen*

## COMMUNITY NOTICES.

**Attention all dog owners:** All dog owners are being urged to keep their pets under control and know where they are at all times especially now that the lambing season has started. There have been a series of dog attacks on sheep heavily in lamb nationally and indeed locally in the past few weeks and Galway dogs are no exception to the rule.

With ewes in lamb at the moment, farmers are now strongly appealing to all dog owners to be aware of the devastation that unsupervised dogs can do and to please keep your dog indoors especially after dark.

*Your pet can be a terror to sheep too if he joins a pack. Thank you.*

**Bealach Nua:** We are a recovery oriented family peer support service which offers families/friends of people with mental health challenges an opportunity to engage with family peer supporters through individual, group work, wellness days and information evenings. For further information or to access the service please ☎094 9049 392 or 📞 Fran 086 0450 835 📞 Noel 087 974 9288

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People** ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to 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**.

**GAA lotto results** Winning numbers: 6, 22, 27, 29. No jackpot winner. 1 match 3 winner - €200 Anne Shaughnessy. Sellers prize: Tom Burke. Next jackpot €15,600



**Cash for clobber scheme is still operating:** The Museum Committee are most grateful to all parishioners who contribute regularly to the Clobber Scheme. The funds help with the upkeep of the Museum, Cottage and Parish centre. We ask you to continue supporting to this worthy cause. Every little helps!

*Items for clobber can be dropped into the shed at the back of the museum during the day between 10am and 4pm.*

*No duvets, cushions or pillows or bric a brac please as we have no facility to dispose of these items.*

**SeniorLine Freephone:** If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19 Level 5 - consider phoning SeniorLine. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freephone 1800 80 45 91. SeniorLine supports all our callers and helps them to talk about and sort many problems, both practical and emotional.

**Gratitude** is something you learn and it is the way of being which we are most at home in.