

## **'DAY FOR LIFE': A DEDICATED DAY CELEBRATING THE BEAUTY AND DIGNITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE**

Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.

This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned.

The Day for Life message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024/>

### **THE PRAYER GUIDANCE MINISTRY**

The Prayer Centre is open from 11am - 6pm (closed for lunch 1-2) and we welcome everyone to visit for quiet prayer. Scripture based Guided Prayer Sessions take place each day in The Prayer Centre, at 12pm and 4.15pm (5pm at weekends), and Guided Evening Prayer happens each evening at 8.30pm in the Apparition Chapel. All welcome.

### **LECTIO DIVINA**

a slow contemplative praying of the Scriptures will continue on Tuesdays in Carrowmore Meadows at 7.00pm.

### **LEGION OF MARY KNOCK PRAESIDIUM**

Legion of Mary meeting Thursday at 10.30am in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock and Monday evenings at 7.00pm in the Presbytery, Tooreen. All are welcome.

### **KNOCK 25 CARD GAME**

at 9.00pm in St. John's Welcome Centre. All welcome.

### **CONNAUGHT PIONEERS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

departing from Knock Airport 18th July for 5 nights. Details Canon Joe Delaney 087 6660408 or Joe Walsh Tours local contact Michael Rattigan 087 2929372.

### **PILGRIMAGES FOR COMING WEEK**

Saturday 22 June: St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Pilgrimage.

### **TRANQUILLA**

Morning Mass at 8.00am. Masses are open to the Public. Chapel open from 2.00pm - 5.00pm daily. Vespers 4.30pm.

### **Feastdays for coming week**

Wednesday 19 June: St. Romuald.  
Thursday 20 June: The Irish Martyrs.  
Friday 21 June: St. Aloysius Gonzaga.  
Sunday 22 June: St. Paulinus of Nola and  
Ss John Fisher.

### **DROP-IN LISTENING SERVICE**

Counselling Centre offer a confidential single session listening service with no appointment needed. Listening service is now available on Thursdays and Sundays 11 am to 3 p.m. For enquiries please contact [counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie](mailto:counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie) or phone 0949375032. We are situated next to the Chapel of Reconciliation at Knock Shrine.

### **FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING EVENT IN KNOCK ON THURSDAY, 27TH JUNE,**

A FREE Electrical recycling event hosted by WEEE Ireland and supported by Mayo County Council will take place on Thursday, 27th June at The West Car Park from 10am – 1pm. All household waste electrical items which are operated by a plug or a battery (large or small) and are at the end of their useful life will be accepted for recycling free of charge. Also, all types of batteries and energy saving lightbulbs will be accepted for recycling.

**EWTN** will broadcast the 12noon Mass this Sunday.

### **CANCER INFORMATION MORNING WITH THE MARIE KEATING FOUNDATION**

Cancer Awareness event on Thursday June 27th 10.15a.m. in Cúram. Presentation from a specialist nurse. Topics covered will include Skin Cancer and Lung Cancer signs and symptoms, Awareness etc. Following on from the information session the Marie Keating Mobile Information Unit will be at Curam from 11a.m. – 2p.m. for people to speak in private about any concerns that they may have about cancer.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline Canty, Cork. Sister of Dr. Diarmuid Murray, Churchfield who died recently.

Conor McLoughlin, nephew of the late Paddy McLoughlin Clarkfield, who died recently.



*St. Anne's Church, Shanvaghera & Church of St. John the Baptist, Knock*

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**KNOCK:**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday 15 June:	7.30pm	Peggy Nolan, Churchfield. 4th Anniv.
Sunday 16 June:	12noon	Patrick and Sarah Davey, Ballyhowley.
Monday 17 June:	7.30pm	Ambrose O'Connell, Ballyhowley. Anniv.
Wednesday 19 June:	12noon	Kathleen Davey, Ballyhowley.
	7.30pm	Mary Scanlan, Carramore Meadows. 2nd Anniv.
Thursday 20 June:	12noon	Jack and Sarah-Ann Caulfield and Mary Mulkeen, Coogue Middle.
	7.30pm	Willie Forde, Cloonfaughna. Anniv.
Friday 21 June:	12noon	Patrick Jordan, Ballyhowley. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Sisters Jarlath and Humiliata Byrne, Cloonternane. Anniv.
Saturday 22 June:	12noon	Mary Jo Davey, Carramore.
Sunday 23 June:	12noon	Michael McLoughlin and deceased McLoughlin Family and John Spencer

**SHANVAGHERA**

Sunday 16 June: 10.00am Nellie and Tom McNamara, Derryclagh. Anniv.

**SUMMER PROGRAMME**

**SUNDAYS & HOLYDAYS**

9.00am Parish Church  
 10.30am Basilica  
 12noon Basilica  
 3.00pm Basilica  
 (Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm)

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES**

9.00am Parish Church  
 12noon Basilica  
 3.00pm Basilica with Anointing of the Sick  
 7.30pm Parish Church (Rosary at 7pm)

**Confessions 10.30am – 5.00pm daily**

**'A GLEAMING CHOIR OF SAINTS'**

This is a beautiful exhibition of spiritual visual art by Ballintubber-based artist Susie Smith, featuring some of the most popular saints in Ireland. St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist from the Knock Apparition of 1879 have a special place in the exhibition. The exhibition will run at Knock Museum until December 2024 and the museum is open daily.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETINGS**

Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely. Sometimes spending time, talking and sharing with others who know the experience can be helpful. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly Bereavement Support Meeting at the Family Centre, Knock **each Wednesday morning at 11am**. All are welcome and no appointment needed. Further information is available from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

**CROÍ COMMUNITY HEART DAY**

Croí Heart and Stroke Charity in collaboration with Benecol Ireland will run a "Croí Heart Day" event on Tuesday, 18th June, from 10 am – 2 pm at the Charlestown Community Complex. The event aims to bring the community together to tackle common concerns about cholesterol and its impact on heart health and stroke prevention. There will be expert talks, free blood pressure checks, cholesterol testing and plenty more on the day. For more visit: [www.croi.ie](http://www.croi.ie)