

THOMAS LAVIN

The tragic death of our friend, colleague, neighbour and parishioner, Thomas last Monday drew down a heart-rending cloud of sorrow and loss over everyone in Knock. The sense of loss and sadness for Anne, Jimmy, Claire, Grace, Richard, baby Roisin, Colm and the whole Lavin and Hopkins families is almost overwhelming beyond belief and can only be understood by those who have experienced such pain.

Thomas was a very intelligent, kind and thoughtful young man who was enormously respected by all who knew him. He was conscientious in his work as sacristan at the Shrine, indeed since he started working here at the age of 17 on the grounds. He was thoughtful and considerate with pilgrims, priests and visitors alike going out of his way to go the extra mile in helping someone – often unknown to anyone. He echoed the lines from Wordsworth: “That best portion of a man’s life, his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.”

He loved his family deeply and was gifted with his hands and gardening. An avid reader of history and politics, you would want to know your stuff if you decided to take him on in debate!! Thomas was also fond of music with Lyric FM on in the background while he went about life at home. A wonderful friend and colleague who will be sorely missed by us all.

On behalf of all of us, Shrine and Parish, I offer our deepest condolences to Thomas’ family and wish them to know that all our prayers are with them now and into the difficult time ahead as they are with all who suffer as a result of such tragic loss. The good Lord is kind and merciful, we trust in His love for us and in His outstretched arms to welcome us onto the shores of Eternity.

To all who may be in need of someone to talk to can I encourage you to speak to our counsellors, spiritual directors and bereavement ministry. We are blessed with the people available here in Knock and please know that no difficulty is too much that it cannot be shared and discussed.

May flights of angels lead him on his way
To paradise and heavens eternal day!

Fr Richard

THE MONTHLY MINI-VIGIL

takes place on Friday, July 5th. Confessions available from 8pm to 9pm. Vigil takes place in the Parish Church from 9pm to Midnight.

PILGRIMAGES FOR COMING WEEK

Saturday 6 July: Mary’s Meals Pilgrimage.
Sunday 7 July: Ferns and Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage.

PRO LIFE CAMPAIGN CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

will take place next weekend 6th & 7th July.

FEASTDAYS FOR COMING WEEK

Monday 1 July: St. Oliver Plunkett.
Wednesday 3 July: St. Thomas
Thursday 4 July: St. Elizabeth.
Friday 5 July: St. Anthony Zaccaria.
Saturday 6 July: St. Maria Goretti.

MEETING OF ALL SISTERS

living in Knock will take place in St. John’s Welcome Centre on Wednesday, 3rd July at 4.30pm. All Sisters are welcome.

FOLK CHOIR REUNION EVENING

On Friday 26 July there will be a special reunion evening for all who were part of the Knock Folk Group over the years.

Fr Frank Fahey, who started it in 1986, will lead a short prayer service at 7.30pm at which we will once again sing and celebrate our faith.

This will be followed by a time to reminisce on the years of faith, fun and friendship that was part of our time together. All members are asked to keep the date free and spread the invite. It will take place in St John’s Rest and Care Centre.

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 or phone 0949375032. We are situated next to the Chapel of Reconciliation at Knock Shrine.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Thomas Lavin, Knockroe.
Sr. Lelia O’Sullivan, Bons Secours Sister, Cork and Knock, died during the week
Fr. Tom Keane, Mill Hill Fathers, former Chaplain at Knock Shrine who died recently.



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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

KNOCK:

Sunday 30 June:	12noon	Sean and Teresa Heneghan, Carramore.
Monday 1 July:	12noon	Mary and Michael Connell, Cloonternane. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Fergus Flatley, Carramore. 1st Anniv.
Tuesday 2 July:	7.30pm	Tom and Nellie McLoughlin and Mary Byrne.
Wednesday 3 July:	12noon	Margaret Marshall, Coogue North.
Thursday 4 July:	7.30pm	Michael and Mary Rattigan and son-in-law John, Coogue Middle.
Friday 5 July:	12noon	Sarah Ann Prendergast and husband Joe Coleman, Clarkefield.
Saturday 6 July:	12noon	Eamonn McNally & Celia Brennan and deceased membs. of Brennan, Prendergast and McNally Families.
	7.30pm	Vivian Coleman, Knock. 1st Anniv.
Sunday 7 July:	12noon	Brian McHugh and parents Margaret and James, Cloonfaughna.

SHANVAGHERA

Sunday 30 June:	10.00am	James Morley, Aughtaboy. Anniv.
Sunday 7 July:	10.00am	John and Anne Cunnane and deceased members of the Cunnane Family, Adrigoole.

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.

33 HOURS OF ADORATION

in the Tuam Diocese will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 July. Knock Parish assigned hour is from 3.00am - 4.00am on 19 July. Watch and pray. Details on poster in Parish Church.