

## HAPPY NOVENA 2024!!

Just a short note to wish parishioners, staff and pilgrims well during our National Novena. A huge amount of work goes into preparing for the Novena each year and I am sincerely grateful to all who contribute to it's success.

We have a variety of aspects to this year's Novena apart from the ceremonies, including workshops, walks and family day but to name a few. I hope you get a chance to join us for some, if not all the 9 days ahead. You can find out about our programme on our website – [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) or in any of our offices.

I will keep you all in my intentions and prayers during the Novena and I hope to meet you at some point during this important time for all of us.

Fr Richard

### THE NATIONAL NOVENA TAKES PLACE FROM 14 TO 22 AUGUST 2024

**Daily ceremonies** take place at 3pm and 8pm with guest speakers. Daily workshops take place at 12.45pm in St. John's Welcome Centre.

**Themed guided prayer sessions** will take place at 11.15am and 5.15pm daily during the Novena in the Prayer Centre. Visit [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for details of all guest speakers.

#### Historical Tours of Knock Shrine

Knock Museum will lead daily historical tours throughout the Novena. The tours will take place at 11am, commencing at Knock Basilica.

**Family Day** takes place on Sunday, August 18th. The day will begin with a Blessing of families in the Apparition Chapel at 11am. A wide range of events and activities for families will take place on the Basilica green from 11am to 3pm. Activities will include kite making, puppetry, drumming, arts and crafts. All are welcome.

**The Witness Walk**, commemorating the evening of the Apparition, will take place on Wednesday evening, August 21st at 6.45pm, commencing at the Chapel of Reconciliation.

### '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.

### FEASTDAYS FOR COMING WEEK

Monday 12 August: St. Jane Frances de Chantal,  
St. Lelia, St. Attracta, St. Muredach.  
Tuesday 13 Aug: Ss Pontian, St. Fachtna.  
Wed. 14 Aug: St. Maximillian Kolbe.  
Thursday 15 August: Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Friday 16 August: St. Stephen of Hungary.  
Sunday 17 August: Feast of Our Lady of Knock.

### PILGRIMAGES FOR COMING WEEK

Saturday 17 August: Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage.  
Sunday 18 August: Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage.

**EWTN** will broadcast the 3.00pm Mass this Sunday.

### MARY'S MEALS

walks from across Ireland for 9 days will arrive in Knock on Thurs 15th August. Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in 17 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. For further information please contact Fr. Eamonn on 087-9077985 if you would like to get involved.

### ST JOHN'S WELCOME CENTRE

A Photographic Exhibition "Daring to Hope" Irish Religious sisters Embracing the Unknown (1923 - 2023) will be held from 12 August to 17 August inclusive. This is an opportunity moment to reflect on the social history of the Sisters' journey throughout the past 100 years. Toni Pyke and Sr Denise Boyle FMDM, Project Coordinators

### LOUGH DERG

1 day pilgrimage to Lough Derg on Saturday 7 September. Departing from Ballyhaunis Claremorris and Knock. Bookings from Michael Rattigan 087 2929372 or Patsy Flanagan 086 3527455.

### TRANQUILLA

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

### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **James McNeive**, Churchfield who died during the week. **Eileen Divilly (nee Carney)** Dublin and formerly of Coogue South 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 10 August:	7.30pm	John Joe and Annie Burke, Cloonlee. Anniv.
Sunday 11 August:	12noon	Bridget and Patrick Kelly and son Johnny.
Monday 12 August:	12noon	John Reilly. Anniv.
Tuesday 13 August	12noon 7.30pm	James and Eileen O'Connor, Carramore. Anniv. John Kilduff and deceased members of the Kilduff Family, Sallyhernane. Anniv.
Wednesday 14 August:	12noon	John and Nancy Flatley, Carramore.
Thursday 15 August:	12noon	Sophie Wood.

**SHANVAGHERA**

Sunday 11 August:	10.00am	Paddy Joe O'Brien, Shanvaghera. Anniv.
Sunday 18 August:	10.00am	Bridget and Tommy O'Brien, Tavanagh.

**MASS TIMES FOR AUGUST 15TH - THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

6.00am	Parish Church
9.00am	Parish Church
10.30am	Basilica
12noon	Basilica
3.00pm	NOVENA – Basilica (Anointing at 2.30pm)
8.00pm	NOVENA - Basilica

**Confession Times for Novena**

Confessions will be available daily during the Novena (14th – 22nd) from 10.30 - 5.30pm.

**PLEASE NOTE**

There will be no 7.30pm Mass during the Novena

**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.

**KNOCK MUSEUM**

To coincide with the Knock Novena (14-22 August) and National Heritage Week (17-25 August), Knock Museum will display the original Papal Decree issued by Pope Francis in 2021. This is a beautiful parchment document with handwritten calligraphy elevating Knock to an International Sanctuary of Special Eucharistic and Marian Devotion. The original will only be on display for a limited time so don't miss this opportunity to view this unique manuscript.