

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS AT KNOCK SHRINE

Sensory-Friendly Mass takes place in the Parish Church at Knock Shrine on Sunday December 22nd at 12:15pm. This Mass will have no music, dimmed lighting, and pictorial resources for those with additional needs. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy. Contact Nicola Mitchell for more information at faithrenewal@knockshrine or 094-9388100.

'THE LONGEST NIGHT' SERVICE AT KNOCK SHRINE

This is a service for those who feel isolated from the general feelings of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. This service seeks to bring comfort by reminding us that we are not alone and that there is always hope in Christ. It takes place in the Apparition Chapel on the 21st of December at 8:30pm. All are welcome.

'CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT'

takes place at Knock Basilica on Sunday, December 22nd at 8pm. Join us for an evening of Christmas carols and festive favourites. All are welcome.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

takes place in the Church of St John The Baptist on Thursday, December 19th at 8pm. Followed by refreshments in St. Johns Welcome Centre. **All are welcome.**

NOTICE FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL

As part of the Parish Get-together on Thursday 19th December, we will acknowledge the Silver Jubilee of Fr Richard's Ordination to the Priesthood. We will present him with a small token in gratitude and thanksgiving for his 25 years service – 21 of which have been in our Parish. We hope that you will join us also for some seasonal refreshments which will be a great opportunity to come together as a community and parish.
– Parish Pastoral Council of Knock / Shanvaghera.

CENACOLO COMMUNITY

Outdoor live Nativity Play will take place on Saturday 21st December at 5pm in Aughtaboy, Knock. F12 WK74. Your support would be greatly appreciated for this event.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT KNOCK SHRINE

CHRISTMAS EVE:

9am, 12 noon and 3pm in Parish Church
7.30pm: Christmas Vigil Mass in Knock Basilica
12am: Midnight Mass in Knock Basilica

CHRISTMAS DAY:

9am: Parish Church
10.30am: Knock Basilica
12 noon: Knock Basilica

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY AND DECEMBER 27TH:

12 noon and 3pm in Parish Church
Normal Schedule of Mass Times resume on Saturday, December 28th

CONFESSIONS:

Christmas Eve: 10.30am to 3pm
The Chapel of Reconciliation will close from Christmas Day until December 30th inclusive and will re-open on New Year's Eve from 10.30am to 4pm

BLESSING OF CRIBS: THIS SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER, 12 NOON

Bambinelli Sunday – which means the Blessing of the Baby Jesus figure for the crib – will take place this Sunday 17th December, Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Please have the baby Jesus or your crib ready to be blessed during 12 noon Mass. Then, put Baby Jesus away safely, until it is time to place him gently in the Crib on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

10 years since we held our first Christmas Market. Market will take place at St John's Welcome Centre this Sunday, 15th December from 10.00 am to 04.00 pm. Come visit Santa at his Grotto under the guidance of Knock/Kilkelly Foroige. Contact Lorraine (group leader) at 0879507747 for details. There will be face-painting and colouring for the little ones to enjoy. For more information you can follow us on Facebook/ Instagram: Knock Market or email leoniekilroy@gmail.com

FEASTDAYS FOR COMING WEEK

Wed. 18 Dec.: St. Flannan
Fri. 20 Dec.: St. Fachanan
Sat. 21 Dec.: St. Peter Canisius.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sr. Irene Keane**, La Sainte Union Sister, Banagher, Athlone, Lucan and Knock.



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

Newsletter Sunday 15 December, 2024. Third Sunday of Advent

Fr Richard Gibbons, P.P. tel: 094 93 88100

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

KNOCK:

Saturday 14 December:	7.30pm	Owen Casserley. Anniv. and deceased members of the Casserley Family, Cloondace. John Francis Casserley, Cloondace. Month's Mind.
Sunday 15 December:	10.30am	Delia Kneafsey, Coogue. 1st Anniv.
	12noon	Annie, Dominic, Dominic Jnr. and Valerie King, Cloonlavish.
Monday 16 December:	12noon	Kate and James King, Kilcun. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Joe Cleary, Glencarra. Anniv. and Ivan Prendergast Anniv. and deceased members of the Prendergast family, Cloonlee
Tuesday 17 December:	12noon	John and Sarah Ann Caulfield and Mary Mulkeen, Coogue Middle.
	7.30pm	Jack Cunniffe and deceased members of the Cunniffe Family, Aughtaboy.
Wednesday 18 December:	12noon	Kate and John Walsh and deceased members of the Walsh Family. Anniv. Agnes and Patrick Foley. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Joe and Delia McDonagh, Cloonfaughna. Anniv.
Thursday 19 December:	12noon	Patrick Hyland and Martin Caulfield, Coogue Middle.
	7.30pm	Msgr. Dominick Greal. Anniv.
Friday 20 December:	12noon	Mike Kumar. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Kit Byrne and Kathleen Melia, Cloonfaughna. Anniv.
Saturday 21 December:	12noon	Gus and Agnes Kearns and their son Austin, Kilgarriff. Christopher Higgins
	7.30pm	Eamon Morley, Faughill. 2nd Anniv.
Sunday 22 December:	10.30am	Brian, Nora and Paddy Kearns and the Kearns family, Kilgarriff.
	12noon	Brian McHugh, Cloonfaughna.

SHANVAGHERA:

Sunday 15 December:	10.00am	Tracey Campbell Fitzpatrick. Birthday Remembrance.
Sunday 22 December:	10.00am	Alo Kneafsey, Shanvaghera. 80th Birthday

ADVENT CANDLE REFLECTION

The third candle of Advent is rose coloured and symbolizes joy. It is known as the Shepherd's candle and is lit on Gaudete Sunday. The word 'Gaudete' means rejoice or praise and as we light the third candle, we rejoice like the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem.

On the third Sunday of Advent, let us remind ourselves that the true sense of joy is sharing what we can with those in need. In our families and our schools and in our lives, help us to share the joy of Christ's love with others.