

INVITATION TO HOST A PARISH STATION MASS – SPRING 2025

The traditional Station Mass can be a real and meaningful opportunity for the local Catholic community to extend a warm welcome to neighbours in the form of a Mass in the home. The Parish Pastoral Council are asking that people volunteer to host a Spring 2025 Station Mass by contacting the Shrine Office (Contact Suzanne at 094 9388100 to arrange a date and time with Fr Richard). Thank you to those who took the Stations this past Spring and Autumn, it was lovely to see this long-standing tradition re-introduced in our Parish. – **Knock Shanvaghera Parish Pastoral Council**

CELEBRATE ST. BRIGID'S DAY

at Knock Shrine from **11am to 3.30pm on Saturday, February 1st**. The flame of St. Brigid will be brought to Knock from Kildare on the day, courtesy of the Brigidine Sisters. Programme includes a global pause for peace at 12 noon, a blessing for those named after St. Brigid, contemplative prayer walk and an exploration of Brigidine spirituality. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

The next sensory friendly Mass at Knock Shrine will take place on **Sunday, 26 January at 12.30pm** in the Parish Church. A special invitation is extended to any person with sensory issues. This Mass will have no music, subdued lighting, and pictorial resources for those with additional needs. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy: noise cancelling headphones, wiggle seats, fidgets, etc. Contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine or 094-9388100.

THE ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

takes place from **Saturday 18 January until Saturday 25 January**. In addition to being a Jubilee Year based on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', is also the 1700th anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council of the Church, the Council of Nicaea, held in 325. That Council gave us the Nicene Creed which we profess on most Sundays and other Solemnities. Fittingly, the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is "Do you believe this?", based on the Gospel of John 11:17-27 and Martha's confession of faith to Jesus.

POPE FRANCIS 2025 JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within - both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee re-awaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

THE CATECHISM CAFE PRESENTS.....

'Faith in a Faithless World': an evening of talks, panel discussion and Q&A. Guest speakers include Ronan Mullen (Seanad Eireann), Ben Scallan (Gript Media), Ciaran Clarke (MMA fighter) and Clodagh Gallagher (Aid to the Church in need). Light refreshments and pizza on the night. **Friday the 31st January, 7.30pm**, St. John's Centre, Knock Shrine. All welcome.

DROP-IN LISTENING SERVICE

At Knock Counselling Centre we offer a confidential single session listening service with no appointment needed. Our listening service is now available every Thursday from 11 am to 3 p.m. For any queries please contact counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie or phone 0949375032. We are situated next to the Chapel of Reconciliation at Knock Shrine

TRANQUILLA

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

LECTIO DIVINA

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

WOMEN'S MASTERS LEAGUE

Kiltimagh Knock United are recruiting for a women's over 30s team for the first ever Mayo Women's Masters League this February/March. Drop a message to the club Facebook page or WhatsApp Dee on (087) 9291577 for more details.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

The Irish Pilgrimage trust will hold a church gate collection this weekend **Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 January**. Funds collected go directly to the cost of bringing kids and young adults with additional needs to Lourdes on a week long pilgrimage next Easter. Your support of would be greatly appreciated.

AGHAMORE GAA/LGFA

are taking part in the Irish Life Steps challenge for 2025. Group walks will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Aghamore amenities track (F35AT21) from 7pm to 9pm starting on January 14th. All are welcome. Details on www.aghamoregaaclub.com

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Barrie Trueman**, Carrowmore Meadows and Newport. **Breege Beddall**, nee Egan, late of Kilgarraff. Sister of Padraic and Brian Egan, Kilgarraff and John Egan Cullintra who died during the week in Birmingham.



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

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Saturday 18 January:	7.30pm	Mary Burke (nee Flatley), Wingfield. Month's Mind. Jack Salmon, Derryool. 1st Anniv. John and Teresa O'Connor and their son Michael, Eden. Anniv.
Monday 20 January:	7.30pm	Nora Mallee and deceased Family, Carramore.
Tuesday 21 January:	12noon	Nora McLoughlin, 39 Carrowmore Meadows. Anniv.
	7.30pm	All Deceased Staff and Sisters of St. Mary's., Knock.
Wednesday 22 January:	7.30pm	Annie and Kathleen Egan. Anniv. Rita Fanning Bryant, Cullintra and Kilcun. 19th Anniv.
Thursday 23 January:	7.30pm	Michael and Bridget Nally, Cullatinny. Anniv. daughter Margaret Jordan, and great grandson Jason Killeen.
Friday 24 January:	12noon	Jack Byrne, London and Ballyroe.
	7.30pm	Thomas and Winifred Rattigan, sons P.J. and Tom, Liscat. Anniv.
Saturday 25 January:	12noon	Gabriel Hunt. Anniv. and Dave Hunt, Birthday Remembrance and deceased members of the Hunt Family, Cloonlee.
	7.30pm	John Carty, Carramore. Anniv.
Sunday 26 January:	12noon	Denis Mulkeen, Faughill. Anniv.

SHANVAGHERA:

Sunday 26 January:	10.00am	Deceased members of the Campbell and McNicholas Family, Shanaghmoyle.
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THE LEGION OF MARY

meeting on **Thursday mornings at 10:30am** in St. John's Welcome Centre.

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. Information is available from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

KNOCK 25 CARD GAME

Friday evenings at 9.00pm in St. John's Welcome Centre.

FEASTDAYS FOR COMING WEEK

- Monday 20 Jan. St. Fabian, Pope Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr.
- Tuesday 21 Jan.: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr.
- Wed. 22 Jan. St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr.
- Friday 24 Jan.: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church.

EWTN will broadcast the 12noon Mass every Sunday.