

## **CELEBRATE IRISH CULTURE AND HERITAGE ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

by enjoying a visit to Knock Museum. On exhibition for this special day is a beautiful Icon of St. Patrick by Iconographer Susie Smith which was commissioned by Fr Patrick Burke in 2014 and is lovely way to remember his service to the parish and people of Knock. If you would like to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, why not tour the exhibition using our Audio Guides 'as gaeilge'. The museum is open daily 10-5pm and admission is free.

## **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

available in the Chapel of Reconciliation and is best described as listening with one's heart; a spiritual director can listen beyond the words to help you discover what's really going on in your relationship with God. Trusting in a good listener can help you move and grow, like having a close and reliable friend.

A Drop-in Ministry is available from 11am-3pm from Friday to Sunday or you can request an appointment by contacting us on 086 010 8623 or email: [spiritualdirection@knockshrine.ie](mailto:spiritualdirection@knockshrine.ie) Spiritual Directors are fully trained, certified and supervised

## **SUCCESS FOR KNOCK NS**

Congratulations to the pupils and staff of Knock National School on their recent success at the Cumann na mBunscol National Awards. The school won second place nationally in the Best Small School in Ireland Category at an awards ceremony in the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone. The event recognised schools who have made a major contribution to the promotion of Gaelic Games and culture. Well done to everyone involved.

## **'WHISPER OF GOD'**

One Day Retreat takes place in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Saturday, March 22nd .The day will include quiet prayer, reflection and spiritual direction. For bookings and more information, contact John Farrelly, Knock Shrine by email [prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie](mailto:prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie) or telephone 086 0108623. See [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for more details.

## **'SONGS OF HOPE' CONCERT AT KNOCK BASILICA'**

A very special Concert 'Songs of Hope' will take place on **Friday, 21st March, 2025**. Join us at Knock Basilica for an evening of deeply-moving Gospel Songs, Country Music and Inspirational Hymns from John McNicholl, Donna Taggart, Louise Morrissey and Brendan Shine and his daughter Emily. They will be joined by Schola Cantorum Basilicae Choir under the direction of Una Nolan. Tickets are on sale locally from St Brigid's Gift Shop, Knock Post Office and from the Information Centre at Knock Shrine. Price €35. Also available online from [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie) (search for 'Songs of Hope Knock'). A night not to be missed! Proceeds from this event will go towards Knock Community Centre Re-Development Fund. Enquiries to 094-9388141 or email: [knockcommunitycentre01@gmail.com](mailto:knockcommunitycentre01@gmail.com)

## **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 comtemplative praying of the Scriptures will continue on **Tuesdays in Carrowmore Meadows at 7.00pm**.

## **THE LEGION OF MARY**

meeting on **Thursday mornings at 10.30am** in St. John's Welcome Centre. A Wednesday evening meeting at 7.30 p.m. in St. John's Welcome Centre will commence on Wednesday 19th March. All welcome.

## **KNOCK 25 CARD GAME**

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

## **FEASTDAYS FOR COMING WEEK**

Monday 17 March: St. Patrick's Day.

Tuesday 18 March: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wed. 19 March: St. Joseph Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary.

Fri. 21 March: St. Enda, Abbot

## **CARROWMORE MEADOWS RESIDENCE CENTRE**

morning of Music, Song and Dance on Wednesday 19 March at 11.30am. Cost €10. All ages 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](mailto:counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie) or phone 0949375032.

## **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS COLLECTION**

wish to thank all who contributed to their recent Church-gate Collection. Amount collected was €932.48. Many thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.

## **YOUTH 2000 CONNAUGHT**

one-day retreat takes place on Saturday, March 29, at St. Mary's Church / Dominican Priory in the Claddagh in Galway City, beginning at 9.30am. Workshops, music, talks, testimonies & more. Donation only. Register online at [Youth2000.ie](http://Youth2000.ie), contact [connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie) for more information.

## **CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**

weekend from 28th to 30th March at St. Mary's. A time to learn new communication skills to deepen your relationship; to deepen your knowledge of it being a sacrament and a sign of God's love, and more. To register, please visit our website: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) Contact couple: [mikeandrosemarriageencounter.ie](mailto:mikeandrosemarriageencounter.ie)



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

**Newsletter Sunday 16 March 2025. Second Sunday of Lent**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**KNOCK:**

Saturday 15 March;	7.30pm	John Joe Fleming and deceased members of the Fleming Family, Cloonterriff. Anniv. Breege Beddall Nee Egan, Birmingham, late of Kilgarriff.
Sunday 16 March:	10.30am	Patrick and Ann Walsh and deceased Family members.
	12noon	Tommy Jennings, Rookfield. Month's Mind.
Monday 17 March:	12noon	John Flatley, Carramore. Anniv.
Tuesday 18 March	12noon	Eileen and James O'Connor, Carrowmore. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Sean Jordan, Ballyhowley. Anniv.
Wednesday 19 March:	12noon	Brendan Jordan, Ballyhowley.
Thursday 20 March:	12noon	Martin and Nellie Hunt and Hunt Family, Cloonfaughna.
Friday 21 March:	12noon	Mary McDonnell, Cloonahulty. Anniv.
Saturday 22 March;	12noon	Michael Gaffey and deceased members of the Gaffey Family.
	7.30pm	Tom, Ann and Seamus Forde, Cloonfaughna. Anniv. and Jim Forde.
Sunday 23 March:	10.30am	Dominick and Mary Byrne, Cloonterriff. Anniv.
	12noon	Seamus Salmon, Cloonterriff and Bernie Gunnigan, Lurgan.

**SHANVAGHERA:**

Monday 17 March:	10.00am	Paddy and Eileen Murphy, Shanvaghera. Anniv.
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**ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND**

**Mass Times Knock:**

**Sunday 16 March:** 9.00am and 10.30am in Parish Church  
12noon and 3.00pm in Basilica  
7.30pm Mass in Parish Church.

**Monday 17 March:** 9.00am and 10.30am in Parish Church  
12noon and 3.00pm in Basilica  
**Shanvaghera: 10.00am**

**THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, SHANVAGHERA**

The Rosary will be recited every Friday morning at 11.00am during the Lenten Season. All are welcome.

**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.