

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Our Parish Safeguarding Representative Breda Whelton attended the recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting to update the Council on Safeguarding in the Parish. She informed the Council that the Safeguarding Committee for the Parish and Shrine meet regularly throughout the year and that the Parish is fully compliant and up to date with all the requirements of Safeguarding under the Children's First Act 2015. The Parish Safeguarding Audit for the year has been completed, signed off by her as the Parish Safeguarding Representative and submitted to Tuam. Information posters regarding Safeguarding are on display at the entrance to all Churches in the Parish.

A CHILDREN'S MASS

will take place on Saturday evening, March 29th, at 7.30pm in Knock parish church. This family friendly celebration will include a children's gospel, prayers and songs with a view to helping children engage more fully with the Mass. Families of children wishing to participate may contact Mary - 086 8571347, Yvonne - 087 7697071 or Geraldine - 086 1630969. All families are most welcome.

An initiative of Knock-Shanvaghara parish pastoral council.

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 Spiritual Directors are fully trained, certified and supervised

A SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

takes place in the Parish Church on the last Sunday of every month at 12.30pm. The next Mass takes place on Sunday, March 30th. For queries and more information, contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

LAUNCH OF PILGRIM PASSPORT COLLABORATION FOR JUBILEE YEAR

We are delighted announce the launch of a special pilgrim passport initiative for the Jubilee Year. The Irish Bishops have designated Knock Shrine, Croagh Patrick and Lough Derg as national pilgrimage sites for this special year. Your pilgrim 'passport' will be stamped at each location and all those who complete a pilgrimage to all three sites will receive a commemorative pin. The passport is available at Knock Museum and the information centre adjacent to the Basilica. More information about this initiative is available on our website www.knockshrine.ie and on www.pilgrimpassport.ie

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tuam Diocese. The National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 6th April (weekend of the 5th Sunday of Lent).

See flyer for details or visit www.eucharisticadoration.ie

'LIGHT THE FIRE'

prayer meeting will take place on Tuesday the 25th of March at 7pm in St. Joseph's Chapel at the HUB, Knock Shrine. Tea/coffee afterwards. Everyone is welcome!

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

Contact couple: mikeandrosemarriageencounter.ie

EWTN will broadcast the 12noon Mass every Sunday.

KNOCK COUNSELLING SERVICE -

Is Anger Hurting You Or Your Family?

Knock Counselling Service is running a 2-day Anger Management Programme on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 April 2025. Contact Peter Devers at 094 93 75032 or log onto www.knockcounsellingcentre.com

KNOCK COUNSELLING CENTRE

Volunteers required to provide the Drop-in listening service at Knock Counselling Centre during the pilgrimage season at Knock. Approx 15 hours from April to October. Applicants should have completed a listening skills training course. For further information, please contact Knock Counselling Centre at 094 9375032.

MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP

in The Ellison Hotel Castlebar on Thursday 24 April from 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

'SING FOR JOY!' -

DAY OF MUSIC AND MINISTRY

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?

We invite you to join us on Saturday 26 April at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am.

This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For further information please contact info@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Monica Kirrane, Carramore who died during the week.



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

Newsletter Sunday 23 March 2025. Third Sunday of Lent

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

KNOCK:

Saturday 22 March;	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 & Bernie Gunnigan, Lurgan. Anniv.
Monday 24 March:	7.30pm	John and Margaret Commins, Cloonlee.
Tuesday 25 March	7.30pm	Joe and Mary Cunnne, Cloonahulty. Anniv.
Wednesday 26 March:	12noon	Margaret Marshall, Coogue North. Anniv.
Thursday 27 March:	12noon	Bridget Raftery. Birthday Remembrance.
Friday 28 March:	12noon	Tracey Campbell Fitzpatrick. 9th Anniv.
	7.30pm	Terry Keenan, Wingfield. 1st Anniv.
Saturday 29 March:	12noon	Sean Hyland, Ruane. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Tommy and Frankie Harte, Meeltrane. 5th and 6th Annivs.

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.

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**.

THE LEGION OF MARY

meeting on **Thursday mornings at 10.30am** in St. John's Welcome Centre.

NEW EVENING PRAESIDIUM

of The **Legion of Mary meets on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m.** in **St. John's Welcome Centre**. All welcome.

KNOCK 25 CARD GAME

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

FEASTDAYS FOR COMING WEEK

Monday 24 March: St. Macartan, Bishop.

Tuesday 25 March: Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity.

DROP-IN LISTENING SERVICE

Knock Counselling Centre 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.

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, contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.