

## Hello Everyone,

Just a very big thank you to you all for your cooperation with the historic visit of President Joe Biden to Knock on Friday. It was an honour for the parish and shrine to welcome the first President of the United States to visit Knock and I have no doubt that Mons James Horan would be smiling down on us! The Shrine has been and is welcoming to all who wish to come and pray as pilgrims and that is how the President came – as a pilgrim.

The visit was presented to us as a short time of private prayer for the President and as such was not a public event. We had proposed and hoped that shrine staff, parishioners and school children could be admitted to welcome the President but we were informed that was not possible. As you can imagine, the visit was very significant for the shrine and parish and we are grateful that such an historic event occurred here. As we look forward to another very busy season ahead, may Our Lady of Knock, St Joseph, and St John guide us all in our welcome to all who come.

My sincere thanks to shrine staff, parishioners, chaplains, Gardai, Mayo Co.Co., St. Mary's, Knock House Hotel, Knock Airport and all who helped in any way to make the visit a success.

Fr Richard

### **PRIESTS EASTER COLLECTION**

The Priests Easter Collection will be taken up over the coming weeks. Thank you for your generosity.

### **ORGAN DONOR MASS**

To mark Organ Donor week, a special Mass will take place this Sunday the 16th of April at 12noon in the Basilica in solidarity with those who are waiting for or have received organs and in thanksgiving for those who have donated organs. It will also remember with love and gratitude all those who have died and whose organs were donated by their families following their death. All are welcome.

### **KNOCK 25 CARD GAME**

continues at 9.00pm in St. John's Welcome Centre. All Welcome. Enquires to 086 0500342.

### **CARMELITE CONVENT - TRANQUILLA**

Morning Mass at 8.00am except on Friday morning when Mass will be at 9.00am. Masses are open to the Public. Chapel open from 2.00pm - 5.00pm daily. Vespers at 4.30pm.

**EWTN** will broadcast the 12 noon Mass every Sunday.

### **LEGION OF MARY KNOCK PRAESIDIUM**

has their weekly meeting on Thursdays at 10.45am in St. John's Welcome Centre. New members welcome.

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

Wednesday morning at 11am in the Family Centre, Knock Shrine. Also on the first Thursday of each month at 11am there will be an opportunity specifically for bereaved spouses to meet. These meetings aim to help those who grieve find healing.

### **ST JOHN'S GOLDEN YEARS DAY CARE**

continues every Tuesday and Wednesday. If you are interested in attending Day Care please phone 094 9388100 (ext. 136).

### **SUNDAY 23 APRIL:**

Apostolate of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage.

### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis, from Ireland West (Knock) Airport, 5 nights, Friday Sept 1st to Wednesday, Sept 6th 2023. For details and booking, please contact 01-2410800.

### **MEETING OF SISTERS LIVING IN KNOCK PARISH**

will take place in St. John's Welcome Centre on Tuesday 18th April, at 4.30 p.m. All Sisters welcome.

### **KNOCK DRAMA GROUP RAFFLE**

Knock Drama Group will take to the stage once again at Duffy's Bar, Kilkelly (Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd April) with their one act play 'The Pause'. Tickets available from Duffy's Bar call 09493 67041. Raffle tickets available to purchase on the night, proceeds to Kilkelly/Kilmovee Annual Magazine and Knock Community Centre Refurbishment fund. If you would like to donate a spot prize please call Leonie 086 84 86924 or Jacki 087 23 1 5143. All donations greatly appreciated.

### **ANGER MANAGEMENT (ONLINE COURSE) KNOCK COUNSELLING CENTRE**

Anger Issues? Knock Counselling Centre at Knock Shrine is running a 5-evening Online Anger Management programme, starting on Tue 18th April, 7pm - 9pm. Contact Peter Devers at 094 93 75032 or log onto [www.knockshrine.ie/counselling](http://www.knockshrine.ie/counselling) for more information.

### **Prayers for the Deceased**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of :  
**Mary Diamond**, Kilkelly & Kiltimagh,  
sister of Michael Caulfield, Cloonlee, who died recently.



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

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### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **KNOCK:**

<b>Saturday 15 April:</b>	7.30pm	Joe Lennon, Carramore. Anniv.
<b>Sunday 16 April:</b>	12noon	Mary Ann and Bernie Kearns, Cloonlee.
<b>Monday 17 April:</b>	7.30pm	Michael J Devine & his daughter, Mary Teresa. Anniv. & her husband Mark Lonergan
<b>Tuesday 18 April:</b>	7.30pm	John & Margaret Cummins, Cloonlee
<b>Wednesday 19 April:</b>	12noon	Bridie Magan, Carramore. Anniv.
<b>Thursday 20 April:</b>	7.30pm	Joe Kneafsey, Coogue Middle. Anniv.
<b>Friday 21 April:</b>	12noon	Celine and Martin Solan, Churchfield and Frank Conboy, Adrigoole

#### **SHANVAGHERA.**

<b>Sunday 16 April:</b>	10.00am	Paddy and Nancy Kenny, Meeltrane.
<b>Sunday 23 April:</b>	10.00am	Mary Morley and son Austin, Aughtaboy. Anniv.

#### **MASS TIMES Monday – Wednesday:**

Parish Church: 9am, 12 noon, 3pm & 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm)

#### **Sunday:**

Parish Church: 9am. Basilica: 10.30am, 12 noon, 3pm. **SHANVAGHERA** Mass at 10.00am

Exposition (Daily): **Chapel of Reconciliation:** 10.30am-3.30pm. Apparition Chapel: 7pm – 9pm

Confessions (Daily): **Chapel of Reconciliation:** 10.30am-3.30pm

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