

'SAVE KNOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE – UPDATE ON FUNDRAISING'

"The Community Centre committee, are writing with an update on our recent fundraising appeal for donations towards the refurbishment of Knock Community Centre.

Since our flyers were distributed in March and April, a total of €15,350 has been raised from 51 households in the Knock area. We are extremely grateful to each and every one of you who contributed and we thank you sincerely for your support and your good wishes. For those who have already donated, please disregard this letter. There are approximately 800 households in the Knock area, and with only 51 donating, unfortunately we are falling short in support from the wider community.

As anticipated, due to increases in building costs and inflation, we now find ourselves with a major shortfall in funds as our tender price has come in at €482,500. That's just to do the basics... electricals, plumbing, new windows, fire doors, insulation, etc. Our grant is €300,000 with matched funds of €29,404 required to back it. The shortfall is over €152,000 and with €15,350 raised so far, that total amount required now stands at €136,650. If we can't raise this amount as a community, the project unfortunately can't proceed and Knock Community Centre will be permanently closed. The stringent funding guidelines don't allow for a phased approach, we must have a usable Centre at the end. There is now a great sense of urgency as the completion deadline of January 2024 is fast approaching. If we can secure as much as possible of the €136,650 in donations or pledges, we will apply for a bridging loan, appoint a contractor and work can begin. For those who wish to pay in instalments, e.g. €5 per week or €20 per month, a standing order form is available at Knock Post Office. Alternatively, contact our Treasurer, Rachael Salmon, Cloonernane, Knock. Tel: 087 232 3047, or visit our iDonate page on Facebook.

It would be heart-breaking to fall at the last hurdle, having come this far, and with all the voluntary hours the committee have put in in making the application, appointing an engineer, getting planning permission and countless tender documents drawn up. We really need the support of the whole community in order to progress with the refurbishment plan and bring this project to fruition."

– Knock Community Centre Committee.

PRAYER SESSIONS

in Prayer Centre Monday to Friday: 12noon and 4.15pm.

Saturday and Sunday: 12noon and 5.00pm

Evening Prayer daily in Apparition Chapel at 8.40pm.

DIVINE ENCOUNTER BIBLE STUDY GROUP

every Friday from 6pm-7pm at The Alexian Brothers Community Centre, Churchfield. For further information please contact: 0863401038.

PILGRIMAGES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Saturday 1 July:

Mary's Meals Pilgrimage.

Sunday 2 July:

Ferns and Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage.

KNOCK 25 CARD GAME

continues at 9.00pm in St. John's Welcome Centre.

All Welcome. Enquiries to 086 0500342.

SCRIPTURE SUMMER SCHOOL

Knock Shrine this coming week 27 – 29 June with Dr Kieran J. O'Mahony OSA. Theme: "And God saw that it was good", Genesis: A biblical reflection on care for the earth.

.See website for details.

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).

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.

KNOCK TIDY TOWNS

Knock Tidy Towns Committee invites members of the parish and all interested in the upkeep of the village to attend a public meeting on Monday, 26th of June at 7.00pm in Kilkenny's Bar Knock.

The Committee Members for this year are as follows:

Keith Curry - Chair

Micheal Conlon - Assistant Chair

Paul Lawless - Secretary

Brendan McGrath - Treasurer

Caroline McGrath - Assistant Treasurer

KNOCK SHRINE SOCIETY (Cáirde Mhuire)

are organising a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from 19 - 26 October incl. 3 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Assisi and 2 nights in San Giovanni. For more information please contact Catherine Hynes on 087 9421518.

YOUTH 2000

Mass in St. Joseph's Hub on Thursday 29 June at 8.00pm.

OPEN GARDEN

Charity afternoon on July 2nd, from 1.30pm to 8pm in Sean & Terri Mitchell's garden, Deerpark, Belcarra, F23NP84.

All donations in aid of Western Alzheimers.

Please support.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mrs. Jane King** who died recently in Chicago.

Sister of Fr. Eamonn Concannon. Funeral arrangements will take place at a later date in Chicago.



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

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

KNOCK:

Saturday 24 June:	7.30pm	Willie Forde, Cloonfaughna. 5th Anniv.
Monday 26 June:	12noon	James and Marie Rawl. Anniv. and Frank Dunne. Anniv.
Tuesday 27 June:	7.30pm	Mary and John Morley. Anniv.
Wednesday 28 June:	12noon	Kitty Byrne, Ballyroe.
	7.30pm	James and Frances Morley. Thomas and Margaret Finnegan and Delia O'Farrell, Cloonfaughna.
Thursday 29 June:	7.30pm	Fr. Patrick Burke. Anniv.
Friday 30 June:	12noon	Martin Leahy. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Stephen Cunnane, Killeen. 1st Anniv.
Saturday 1 July:	12noon	Seán Burke, Cloondace. 10th Anniv.
	7.30pm	Fiona Murnane. Month's Mind.
Sunday 2 July:	10.30am	John Biesty. Anniv. and deceased members of the Biesty Family, Adrigoole.
	12noon	Mary and Michael Connell, Cloonternane. Anniv.

SHANVAGHERA:

Sunday 25 June:	10.00am	Bridie Magan.
Sunday 2 July:	10.00am	James Morley, Aughtaboy. Anniv.

'People for Other' Exhibition at Knock Museum

June 30 – November 30

We are delighted to announce the official opening of the exhibition "People for Others" at the museum on Friday 30th June at 4:30pm by Fr. Richard. This exhibition features a collection of portraits by artist Sara Kyne, honouring twenty-two people who have founded or who run charitable foundations including Fr. Peter McVerry, Sr. Stan, Brother Kevin and Fr. Adrian Crowley. Among the charities featured are Mary's Meals Ireland, Pieta House, Cork Penny Dinners and Community Cenacolo based here in Knock parish. The museum is open daily 10-6pm and admission is free.

LEGION OF MARY KNOCK PRAESIDIUM

weekly meeting on Thursdays at 10.45am in St. John's Welcome Centre. New members welcome. **Legion of Mary, Knock will be in the area with the travelling Fatima statue.** If you would like to pray with it for a week, please contact Tara @ (087)447-4004.

FEAST DAYS

Tuesday 27 June:	St. Cyril of Alexandria.
Wed. 28 June:	St. Irenaeus.
Thursday 29 June:	St. S Peter and Paul, Apostles.
Friday 30 June:	First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church.

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.