

## NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The new Parish Pastoral Council was welcomed at the vigil Mass last Saturday evening in the parish church. It's term of office runs for 4 years. The Pastoral Council is a leadership group that helps build up our parish community in faith worship and service in a synodal and collaborative manner. I want to thank all who have agreed to take part and I'm sure the entire parish will lend a hand in helping out when needed.

The Council met on Wednesday the 6th December last and elected the new Chairperson, Secretary and Communications Officer. Please do include the work of the Council in your prayers.

### *Members:*

Claire Salmon (Chairperson), Geraldine Gildea (Secretary), Sinead Malee (Communications Officer), Eamon O'Brien, Aaron Cunnane, Yvonne Duffy, Holly Walker-Dunseith, Marie Salmon, Mary Warde, Breda Kilkenny, Sr Maud Murphy, Fr Richard Gibbons.

## BLESSING OF CRIBS: SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 12 NOON

Bambinelli Sunday – which means the Blessing of the Baby Jesus figure for the crib – will take place on Sunday 17th December, Gaudete Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Please have the baby Jesus or your crib ready to be blessed during 12 noon Mass. Then, put Baby Jesus away safely, until it is time to place him gently in the Crib on Christmas Day.

## FAITH RENEWAL EVENTS AT KNOCK SHRINE

### ART WORKSHOP: 'SEEING IS BELIEVING:

REFLECTING ON ART AS A GLIMPSE OF THE SACRED.' With Dr. Nora Donnelly in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Saturday 16th December at 10.30am. These illustrated talks will focus on the depiction of Mary and the Nativity by world renowned artists, including Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci and Carravaggio. Advance booking is required. See [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for more information.

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 17th December at 8pm. Join with the Schola Cantorum Basilicae and the choirs of Knock in celebrating the joy of Christmas with a collection of carols, hymns and festive favourites at Knock Basilica. Admission free and all are welcome.

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday 19th December from 8pm - 9pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation with music provided by Schola Cantorum Basilicae.

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

### Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve)

9.00am, 10.30am: Parish Church. 12noon: Basilica. **There is no Mass at 3.00pm on Christmas Eve.**

### Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

7.30pm and 12 Midnight Mass: Basilica.

### Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

9.00am: Parish Church. 10.30am, 12noon: Basilica

**There is no Mass at 3.00pm on Christmas Day**

### Tuesday, December 26th to Friday, December 29th inclusive

12noon and 3.00pm: Parish Church

The Normal Schedule of Masses resumes on Saturday, December 30th

### Confessions:

Christmas Eve 10.30am to 3pm

The Confessional Chapel will close on Christmas Eve and will re-open on Saturday, December 30th

## CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

for Knock Community Centre There will be a Christmas Bake Sale in St. John's Rest & Care centre on Sunday 17th of December from 10:30 - 1.30pm. All proceeds will go towards the refurbishment of Knock Community Centre - also known as Knock Hall and lovingly remembered as Knock Dance Hall! We need the support of all and everyone in the parish and further afield to restore a much loved and much needed community hub.

## MEETING OF ALL SISTERS

living in Knock will take place in St. John's Welcome Centre on Wednesday, December 13th at 4.30pm.

All Sisters are welcome.

## VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Advent Monday 11, 18 December at 4.00pm in the Library Carrowmore Meadows Residents Centre. One Hour. Info. from Fr. Tom Gufferty 085 8738322.

All welcome



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

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## **KNOCK:**

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

Saturday 9 December:	7.30pm	Toby and Mary Merrick, Ballyhowley. Anniv. Mary Teresa Jennings, Coogue North. Month's Mind.
Sunday 10 December:	10.30am	Patrick and Nora Kearns, Kilgarriff.
	12noon	Gus, Agnes and Austin Kearns, Kilgarriff. Anniv.
Monday 11 December:	12noon	Kate and James King, Kilcun.
	7.30pm	Jerry Murphy, Carramore. Anniv.
Tuesday 12 December:	12noon	Bridgie and Walter Costello, Barnagurry. Anniv.
	7.30pm	All Deceased Daughters of Charity.
Wednesday 13 December:	12noon	Tom, Josephine, Michael and Delia Ryan, Carramore.
	7.30pm	Tom and Margaret Jennings, Rookfield. Anniv.
Thursday 14 December:	12noon	James Rabbitte, Carramore. Anniv.
	3.00pm	Mary O'Brien and deceased members of the Murphy and O'Brien Families. Anniv.
Friday 15 December:	3.00pm	Kenny Family.
	7.30pm	Catherine and John Power and deceased members of the Power Family.
Saturday 16 December:	12noon	Josie Cunnane, Esker.
	3.00pm	Owen Casserley and deceased members of the Casserley Family, Cloondace.
	7.30pm	Michael and Kathleen Walsh. Anniv.
Sunday 10 December:	10.30am	Patrick Hyland, Coogue. Anniv and John and Sarah Ann Caulfield and Mary Mulkeen and deceased members of the Mulkeen, Caulfield, Egan, Hyland and Murray Families.
	12noon	Brian McHugh, Cloonfaughna.
	3.00pm	John Durkan, Ballyroe. Month's Mind.

## **SHANVAGHERA:**

Sunday 10 December:	10.00am	Michael Morley, Augtaboy. Anniv.
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### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET @ KNOCK**

Annual Christmas Market takes place this Sunday, 10th December at St John's Welcome Centre in Knock from 10.00 am to 04.00 pm. 30 vendors under one roof, will showcase their amazing handmade gifts. Kiddies activity table and much more. It's the perfect day to get you in the festive spirit. We look forward to seeing you in Knock. For more information you can follow us on Facebook/Instagram: Knock Market or email [leoniekilroy@gmail.com](mailto:leoniekilroy@gmail.com)

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas McLoughlin, London and formerly of Adrigole who died during the week.