

BLESSING OF CRIBS: THIS 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

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.

23 ANNUAL CENACOLO OUTDOOR LIVE NATIVITY PLAY

Friday 22 December at 6.00pm at Cenacolo House, Augtaboy F12 WK74. Live animals. Real life Bethlehem scene. 30 mins duration. Family friendly.

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

BUMPER CHRISTMAS TABLE QUIZ

The annual Aghamore-Tooreen GAA table quiz takes place in Aghamore Community Centre on Thursday, 28th December at 8.30pm. Tables of four, €10 per person. All proceeds shared between both clubs. Generous prizes for the top three teams and lots of spot prizes throughout the evening. Come along and enjoy a festive night out!

FEAST DAYS

Monday 18 Dec.: St. Flannan.

Wednesday 20 Dec.: St. Fachanan.

Thursday 21 Dec.: St. Peter Canisius.

LEGION OF MARY KNOCK PRAESIDIUM

weekly meeting on Thursdays at 10.45am in St. John's Welcome Centre. New members 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 at 11am. There is also a special meeting for bereaved partners / spouses on the First Thursday of each month at 11am. No appointment needed. Further information is available from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

MALTA PILGRIMAGE 2024

'In the Footsteps of St Paul' Pilgrimage to Malta; from Tuam Archdiocese; 7 nights; June, 26th to July, 3rd; ex Dublin; with a Spiritual Director. Contact 01 2410800 for details and bookings.

TRANQUILLA

Morning Mass at 8.00am. Masses are open to the Public. Chapel open from 2.00pm - 5.00pm daily. Vespers at 4.30pm.



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

KNOCK:

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Saturday 16 December: | 7.30pm | Michael and Kathleen Walsh. Anniv. |
| Sunday 17 December: | 10.30am | Patrick Hyland, Coogue. Anniv. and deceased Mulkeen, Caulfield, Egan, Hyland and Murray Families. |
| | 12noon | Brian McHugh, Cloonfaughna. |
| | 3.00pm | John Durkan, Ballyroe. Month's Mind. |
| Monday 18 December: | 12noon | Julia and Thomas Conway, Cullintra. |
| | 7.30pm | Jack Cuniffe, Augtaboy. Anniv.. |
| Tuesday 19 December: | 12noon | Ivan Prendergast. Anniv and deceased Family, Cloonlee. |
| | 7.30pm | Msgr. Dominick Greal. Anniv. |
| Wednesday 20 December: | 3.00pm | Mike Kumar. Anniv. |
| | 7.30pm | Joe and Delia McDonagh, Cloonfaughna. Anniv. |
| Thursday 21 December: | 12noon | Kate and John Walsh and Deceased Family Members. |
| | 7.30pm | Eamonn Morley, Faughill. 1st Anniv. |
| Friday 22 December: | 12noon | Nora and John Higgins and Deceased Family Members |
| | 7.30pm | Kathleen Melia and Kit Byrne, Cloonfaughna. Anniv. |
| Saturday 23 December: | 12noon | Phyllis Hall, Cloonfaughna. |
| | 7.30pm | Sean, Peter, Gertie and Frank Burke, Cloondace. |
| Sunday 24 December: | 10.30am | Brian and Mary Egan and deceased members of the Egan Family, Carramore. |
| | 12noon | Maut Caulfield and Patrick Hyland, Coogue Middle. |

WINTER PROGRAMME

Monday – Saturday:

Parish Church: 9.00am, 12noon, 3.00pm & 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.00pm)

Sunday:

Parish Church: 9.00am, 10.30am Basilica: 12noon and 3.00pm.

Shanvaghera: Sundays: Mass at 10.00am

Exposition (Daily): **Chapel of Reconciliation.**

11.00am - 4.00pm. Apparition Chapel: 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

Confessions (Daily): 10.30am - 4.00pm

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KNOCK 25 CARD GAME

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