

## **KNOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE EXCITING NEWS!**

Since our last update, the community centre committee have been busy working on a revised specification in order to bring the cost of the refurbishment works in line with the grant amount of €300,000 awarded through the community centre investment fund. Following our first tender process, after taking advice, we decided not to go down the route of taking out a €150,000 loan and instead opted to do the works in two phases.

The income from the community centre wouldn't support the repayments of approx 2k per month on such a large loan, it was too risky and we want to keep the centre debt-free if possible. So, on advice from pobal, we 'cut our cloth to suit' and overhauled our full programme of works to include only the most essential elements of the project for now. This will mean that upstairs will be finished at a later date when we hopefully will receive more grants and more donations. Our second public tender process resulted in a quote for €350,170 which was still €20,000 over our budget, but we have managed to raise that amount, along with the previous matched funding amount of €30,000, due to the generosity of parishioners and our Various fund raising events over the past few months (i.E. Kojak concert, crazy night out 80s Disco, John McNicholl concert, arsenal v man utd ticket raffle, eamonn carty marathon, bake sale, i-donate and direct donations from individuals and businesses). Thank you so much to Everyone who has supported this huge fund-raising effort so far. **Our total raised now stands at €63,837.** The great news we can share is that, having submitted our revised quote and asked for an extension on our finishing date, we have been granted permission to proceed! We have now appointed a contractor through the public procurement e-tenders process – Kellman Developments Ltd. Who are based in hollymount. This company has a lot of experience with these types of buildings and we are delighted to welcome them on board. Works are due to commence in early january and we hope to be complete by July 2024. Once the grant money is used, we will still have to furnish and finish some of the work ourselves, so we would appeal to anyone who has yet to donate, to consider supporting this much-needed community building. Donations can be dropped into Knock post office, or posted directly to our treasurer, Rachael Salmon, Cloonternane, Knock. Please include your name, address and email so we can acknowledge your donation. **Wishing you all a healthy and happy 2024 – The Knock Community Centre Committee.**

### **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.

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

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

### **DIVINE ENCOUNTER BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

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

**KNOCK 25 CARD GAME** continues at 9.00pm in St. John's Welcome Centre. All Welcome. Enquiries to 086 0500342.

## **Please Pray For**

Sarah Ann Coleman, née Prendergast  
late of Clarkefield, Knock,  
who died recently in England



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

## Newsletter Sunday 7 January 2024. Baptism of the Lord

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

### **KNOCK:**

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

Saturday 6 January:	12noon	Brid McGrath. 1st Anniv.
Sunday 7 January:	10.30am	Tom Conlon Clarkefield, 4th Anniv.
	12noon	John and Annie Curry and deceased members of the Curry Family, Carramore.
Wednesday, 10 January:	12noon	Richard Johnston, Cloonturnaun
Friday 12 January:	12noon	John & Babe Lyons, Cloonfaughna
	7.30pm	Catherine Rochford, Churchfield Park, her parents William and Marie, Caldragh.
Saturday 13 January:	12noon	Delia Kneafsey, Coogue. Month's Mind.
Sunday 14 January:	12noon	Mary Grimes (nee Lee) Liscat. 1st Anniv.

### **SHANVAGHERA:**

Sunday 14 January:	10.00am	Nonie and Paddy Joyce. Anniv. and their granddaughter, Karen Campbell.
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### **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.

### **PRIESTS COLLECTION**

A special word of thanks to all who returned the Priests Christmas Collection envelopes. Could those who have not returned same, please hand into the Shrine Office or Presbytery as soon as possible.

We thank you sincerely for your continued generosity.