

## PARISH OF KNOCK-SHANVAGHERA LENTEN SPRING CLEAN

During Lent this year, perhaps we could find ways to help the environment?

In the words of Pope Francis: *"What need does the earth have of us? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us."* (excerpt from the Pope's encyclical 'Laudato Si')

### Caring for God's Creation

Make your Lenten promise to come together as community and care for this wonderful gift that was given to us – Our Planet.

### Your lenten challenge!

Gather each Saturday morning of Lent **BEGINNING SATURDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.**

Meet at St. John's Rest & Care Welcome Centre at 10.30am for refreshments and supplies. **Note: For the first week, please use the entrance to the smaller room (across from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel) as there is another event taking place in the main hall.** Collect litter as you walk, return bags to the rear St. John's Centre and they will be collected by Mayo County Council.

Keep an eye out in the Newsletter and on the Knock Parish Council Facebook page, for one positive change you can make this week!

An initiative of Knock-Shanvaghera Parish Pastoral Council.

## CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME - A LENTEN CHALLENGE

Pope Francis in his encyclical Laudato Si, appeals to us to do whatever we can to help protect the earth, Our Common Home. Starting this Lenten season, our Pastoral Council invites us each week, to do something, however small. This week we are asked to:

Reduce our use of gas/oil/electricity. Turn thermostat down two degrees.

Walk, cycle/use public transport when possible.

Turn off the TV and computer lights - when not in use.

## INVITATION TO HOST A PARISH STATION MASS – SPRING 2024

In a changing Ireland, the traditional Station Mass can be a real and meaningful opportunity for the local Catholic community to extend a warm welcome to neighbours in the form of a Mass in the home. The Parish Pastoral Council are asking that people volunteer to host the Station Mass by contacting the Shrine Office (Contact Suzanne at 094 9388100 to arrange a date and time with Fr Richard). It would be lovely to see this long-standing tradition re-introduced in our Parish.

– Knock Shanvaghera Parish Pastoral Council

## THE CHRISTLIFE PROGRAMME

continues on Thursday 15 February at 8pm in the conference room at Knock House Hotel. Refreshments are provided including a food selection, tea, and coffee. There is no charge. This course focuses on how to share the Catholic Faith with people.

## OUR PARISH: FACING THE FUTURE:

### An opportunity to explore the challenges facing parishes today.

This will be of particular interest to Parish Pastoral Councils. Facilitated by Rev. Dr Eugene Duffy, author and lecturer at the department of theology and religious studies at Mary Immaculate College

#### Guest Speakers by video link:

##### Monday, February 26th:

'Who are we as a local faith community?' – Prof. Rafael Luciani, Boston College, USA

##### Monday, March 4th:

'How do we fit into the worldwide Church?' – Prof. Myriam Wijlens, University of Erfurt, Germany

##### Monday, March 11th:

'Enlivening Our Parish' – Prof. Eamonn Conway, University of Notre Dame, Australia

Location: St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock. Time: 8pm to 9.30pm each evening

This series is free of charge, however advanced booking is advisable

Email: [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie) Tel: 094 93 88100 or see Knock Shrine Website for more information.

## FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 14 February: Ash Wednesday.

Friday 16 February: Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse.

Saturday 17 February: St. Fintan.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Tom Niland, Curraghateemore**

who died during the week.



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

**Newsletter Sunday 11 February 2024. 6th Sunday Year B**

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

## KNOCK:

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 10 February:	7.30pm	Margaret and Willie Lyons, Cloonterriff. Anniv.
Sunday 11 February:	10.30am 12noon	John and Teresa O'Connor and their son Michael. Anniv Denis Mulkeen and deceased members of the Mulkeen Family, Faughill. Anniv.
Monday 12 February:	7.30pm	Annie and Kathleen Egan.
Tuesday 13 February:	7.30pm	Paddy McDonagh, Carramore Drive. Anniv.
Thursday 15 February:	7.30pm	Patsy and Mary Jennings, Knock. Anniv.
Friday 16 February:	12noon 7.30pm	Thomas O'Brien, Rosebury Court. Anniv. Marie and Michael Flatley and deceased members of the Flatley Family, Rosebury Court.
Saturday 17 February:	12noon	Josie Cunnane. Anniv.
Sunday 18 February:	10.30am 12noon	Anthony and Mae Kilkenny, Cloonternane. Anniv. Michael Gaffey and deceased members of the Gaffey Family. Anniv.

### SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY - WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick will take place after the 12noon and 3.00pm Masses today.

### WEDNESDAY NEXT IS ASH WEDNESDAY

Day of Fast and Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Trocaire boxes available at the back of the Churches. Please take one home.

### 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 morning at 11am.**

All are welcome and no appointment needed. Further information is available from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

### LENT REJOICING EASTER

Day of Reflection on Saturday 9 March 10am - 3pm at St. Mary of the Angels, Eden F12 YC83. Tea/Coffee provided.

Sponsor Friday Scripture Group. Led by Fr. Tom Taaffe. To book ring 094 9388302. Looking forward to meeting you on the day.

### ANNUAL MOTHERS PRAYERS WEEKEND

For mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children and grandchildren. (you do not have to be a physical mother) in St. John's Welcome Centre Friday 16th to Sunday 18th February (no cover charge)