

Celebrating the life and legacy of Pope Francis

Since news broke last Monday morning of the passing of Pope Francis, we have shared many happy memories of his time with us here in Knock in 2018 and our parish pilgrimage to the Vatican in 2020.

Pope Francis will be remembered here in Knock with great fondness, and we are honoured that he raised the status of the Shrine to an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine.

I would like to thank you all for making the Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul on Wednesday evening last an emotional and fitting memorial to his life and legacy.

May he rest in peace.

Fr. Richard

THE BISHOP ROBERT BARRON WORD ON FIRE

Course takes place on Thursdays at 8pm in St. John's Welcome Centre on the following dates: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th May, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th June, 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 31st July. Tea, coffee, and biscuits are provided. There is no charge. This three-month course can be joined at any time and focuses on interesting topics about Catholicism, theology, and evangelisation.

- An initiative of Knock-Shanvaghera Pastoral Parish Council

PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK THIS COMING SATURDAY, MAY 3

As part of the pilgrim passport collaboration for the Jubilee Year, Fr. Richard will lead a pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick for parishioners and Shrine staff on Saturday, May 3rd. Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Chapel on top of the Reek at 11am. Please make sure to collect your pilgrim passport here in Knock and it will be stamped on the day. All are welcome.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

available in the Chapel of Reconciliation and is best described as listening with one's heart; a spiritual director can listen beyond the words to help you discover what's really going on in your relationship with God. Trusting in a good listener can help you move and grow, like having a close and reliable friend.

A Drop-in Ministry is available from 11am-3pm from Friday to Sunday or you can request an appointment by contacting us on 086 010 8623 or email: spiritualdirection@knockshrine.ie Spiritual Directors are fully trained, certified and supervised

A SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

takes place in the Parish Church the last Sunday of every month at 12.30pm. The next Mass takes place on Sunday, 25 May at 12.30pm. For queries and more information, contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

PUBLIC MINI VIGIL

takes place on Friday next 2 May in the Parish Church. Confessions 8 - 9pm. Vigil proper 9.00pm - 12midnight.

EASTER OFFERING FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Fr Richard would like to thank all those who contributed to the Easter Collection and would be very grateful if those who have not returned their envelopes, would hand them into the Shrine Office during the coming week.

DROP-IN LISTENING SERVICE

Knock Counselling Centre offer a confidential single session listening service with no appointment needed. Our listening service is now available every **Thursday and Sunday from 11 am to 3 p.m.** For any queries please contact counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie or phone 0949375032.

EWTN will broadcast the 12noon Mass every Sunday.

PILGRIMAGES FOR COMING WEEK

Sunday 4 May: Tuam, Waterford and Lismore Diocesan Pilgrimages.

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. Information is available from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

Claremorris Rugby Club will hold a church gate collection this weekend.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

A mass will be held next Saturday 3rd May at 11am in the Basilica.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will take place during the pilgrimage season from **10.30am - 4.30pm daily**

KNOCK PRAYER CENTRE

Open daily 11am to 6pm from Monday 5th May. Guided prayer sessions will be available **Monday to Friday 11.15am and 4.15pm** and **Saturday and Sunday 11.15am and 5pm**



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

Newsletter Sunday 27 April 2025. Second Sunday of Easter

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

KNOCK:

Saturday 26 April	8.00am	K.S.F.A.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Gertie, Peter, Frank and Anna Burke. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Kieran Byrne, Ballyroe. Anniv. and his parents Jim and Kitty.
Sunday 27 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	10.30am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Tommy Joe Byrne, Cloonterriff. Anniv.
Monday 28 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
Tuesday 29 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	John and Bridie Flatley and son John, Lecarrow.
Wednesday 30 April:	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Patrick, Bridget and James McLoughlin, Addergoole. Anniv.
Thursday 1 May:	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Tom and Margaret Jennings, Rookfield. Anniv.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Margaret Conlon and Tom Conlon, Clarkefield. Anniv.
Friday 2 May:	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Peter and Peg Lyons, Meeltrane. Anniv.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
Saturday 3 May:	12noon	Martin and Nellie Hunt and Family, Cloonfaughna.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Peter and Pake Lyons, Meeltrane. Anniv.
	8.00am	K.S.F.A.
Sunday 4 May:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Billy Rochford Anniv. and parents and sister Kathleen. Anniv.
	7.30pm	Months Mind: Maureen Devaney, Lecarrow.
	9.00am	Catriona Coyne, Lakehill and Aughervilla. Anniv.
	10.30am	K.S.F.A.

SHANVAGHERA:

Sunday 27 April:	10.00am	Mary Morley and her son Austin, Aughtaboy. Anniv.
Sunday 4 May:	10.00am	Patrick and Nancy Kenny, Meeltrane. Anniv.

PILGRIMAGE SEASON

Programme commencing Saturday 3 May. Full Programme of Ceremonies available at www.knockshrine.ie

SUNDAYS & HOLYDAYS

9.00am	Parish Church
10.30am	Basilica
12noon	Basilica
3.00pm	Basilica
	(Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

9.00am	Parish Church
12noon	Basilica
3.00pm	Basilica with Anointing of the Sick
7.30pm	Parish Church (Rosary at 7pm)