



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

**Newsletter Sunday 12 October 2025. Twenty Eighth Sunday. Year C**

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**KNOCK: MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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| Saturday 11 October : | 8.00am  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 9.00am  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 12noon  | John and Bridie Costello, Barnagurry. Anniv.             |
| Sunday 12 October:    | 9.00am  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 10.30am | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 12noon  | Ann Caulfield, Coogue.                                   |
| Monday 13 October:    | 9.00am  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 3.00pm  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 7.30pm  | Mary Teresa Devine and dad Michael, Rosebury Court.      |
| Tuesday 14 October:   | 9.00am  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 3.00pm  | K.S.F.A.   |
| Wednesday 15 October: | 9.00am  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 12noon  | Patrick, Bridget and James McLoughlin, Adrigoole. Anniv. |
|                       | 3.00pm  | K.S.F.A.   |
| Thursday 16 October:  | 9.00am  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 3.00pm  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 7.30pm  | Dominic Flatley, Lecarrow. Anniv.                        |
| Friday 17 October:    | 9.00am  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 3.00pm  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 7.30pm  | Mary and Jack Gill and Nora and Michael Maloney.         |
| Saturday 18 October : | 9.00am  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 12noon  | Babe and John Lyons, Cloonfaughna. Anniv.                |
|                       | 3.00pm  | K.S.F.A.   |
| Sunday 19 October:    | 9.00am  | K.S.F.A.   |
|                       | 12noon  | Breda Murray, Caldragh. Anniv.                           |
|                       | 3.00pm  | K.S.F.A.   |

**K.S.F.A. = Knock Shrine Friends Association**

**SHANVAGHERA:**

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| Sunday 12 October: | 10.00am | Jimmy, Tommy and Anna Power.       |
| Sunday 19 October: | 10.00am | Rita Campbell, Shanvaghera. Anniv. |

**WINTER PROGRAMME - commencing Monday 13 October:**

**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

**Confessions: (Daily)** 10.30am - 4.00pm in Chapel of Reconciliation.

**Exposition (Daily): Chapel of Reconciliation.** 10.30am - 4.00pm. **Apparition Chapel:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm.

**PRAYER GUIDANCE TRAINING COURSE:**

Interviews are now underway for the new training programme for prayer guides which begins in Knock Shrine in January 2026. For further information, dates and application form please email [prayerguidancetraining@gmail.com](mailto:prayerguidancetraining@gmail.com)

## WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

### – An invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass

We all have our own way of praying. Our prayer is very personal to each one of us. When we come to Mass we pray together.

Parish Pastoral Councils and other Ministry Groups have been asked by the Irish Catholic Bishops to encourage personal or family reflection on what is special about Sunday and what it means to you, and, if you no longer attend, to consider returning to Mass.

The Knock-Shanvaghera Parish Pastoral Council is now reflecting on this and welcomes feedback on how we, as parishioners, can enrich our experience of Mass and make it a central part of our lives. You are asked to reflect on the following questions and to consider how you can contribute to a more vibrant and welcoming celebration of Sunday Mass in our community:

- What makes our Sunday celebration alive?
- Can we do more to explain and offer catechesis on the Sunday Mass?
- How can we be more welcoming to those who have found it difficult to return to Mass since the pandemic?
- What has been the impact of online Masses on our parish celebration?
- Why do we think people in our parish go to Mass, or do not?
- Do visitors feel welcome into our celebrations? Can we be more social?
- How can we best engage more young people in our celebration?
- What can we do in our local parish to help bring about a richer celebration of Sunday Mass for all ages?

If you would like to share your thoughts, you can send feedback to the Parish Pastoral Council by email at [knockparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:knockparishcouncil@gmail.com) or via the Knock Parish Council Facebook page on messenger.

For more information or to download a copy of the full document, please visit [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) website.

## 'WHISPER OF GOD'

one-day silent day retreat takes place on **Saturday, November 1st in the Prayer Centre**. This retreat offers a serene space for quiet prayer, reflection, and spiritual direction. Cost: €70 includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, contact John Farrelly, Prayer Guides Coordinator at Knock Shrine. Tel. 086 0108623 or email [prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie](mailto:prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie)

## A WORKSHOP FOR CHOIRS

with Dr. John O'Keefe, Director of Sacred Music, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth and Director of choral groups at Maynooth University, and Una Nolan, Director of Sacred Music, Knock Shrine, will take place on **Saturday, November 15th**. Advanced booking is highly recommended. Cost: €20 includes resource pack. See [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for more details.

## HANDEL'S MESSIAH AT KNOCK BASILICA ON SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Featuring the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, Nicholas Chalmers – Conductor, Soprano Aoife Miskelly, Alto Anne Marie Gibbons, Tenor Andrew Gavin, Rory Musgrave – Baritone and vocal ensemble Resurgam. Tickets available at the Information Office (9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday and 11am to 5pm, Saturday and Sunday). Tickets are also available online from: <https://knockmessiah2025.eventbrite.ie>

## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The weekly bereavement support group continues on Wednesday mornings at **11.00am** in St Joseph's Chapel, in the Family Centre. The meeting provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to meet others who are bereaved and to share and talk about their experience of loss as well as find hope and healing again in their lives. No appointment is needed and all are welcome.

## 'LIGHT THE FIRE'

prayer meeting will take place this **Tuesday 14th October at 7.00pm** in St. Joseph's Chapel at the HUB. Tea/ coffee & biscuits available afterwards. Everyone welcome!

## REMINDER

The EWTN Channel will be televising a second Programme about Knock Shrine on **Wednesday, 15th** at 9.30pm. Later, a third one focussing on the Cenacolo Community in Knock Parish will be shown.

## LATIN MASS

**Sunday October 12 at 6.00pm** Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## AUTUMN OFFERING

Please return envelopes to the Shrine Office or Sacristy **over the coming week**. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## IS YOUR ANGER CAUSING YOU PROBLEMS?

Do you find it difficult to express your anger in a healthy way? Knock Counselling Centre, in conjunction with the Irish association for Anger Management, will run a 2-day anger management programme on **Friday 7th November, 5pm to 9pm and Saturday 8th November, 9am to 3:30pm**. Register: Knock Counselling Centre at 094 9375032.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Brendan Cunnane, Kilkelly** and formerly of Adrigoole who died during the week.

**Mary Frances O'Dwyer**, late of Carramore Meadows and Sonas Nursing Home.

**Breda Griffin**, Dublin/Laois. Mother of Elizabeth Keogh, Drum, Knock.