



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

**Newsletter Sunday 14 December 2025. Third Sunday of Advent. Year A**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**KNOCK:**

Saturday 13 December :	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Kate and James King, Kilcun. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Dominic Snr. Dominic Jnr. & Annie & Valerie King, Cloonlavish. Anniv.
Sunday 14 December:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	10.30am	Patrick Hyland, Coogue. Anniv.
	12noon	Gus, Agnes and Austin Kearns, Kilfarriff. Anniv. Eithne Egan, Knock. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
Monday 15 December:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	James Rabbitte, Carramore. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Bridgie and Walter Costello, Barnagurry. Anniv. James Hyland, Ruane. Anniv.
Tuesday 16 December:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Delia Kneafsey, Coogue. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Joseph Cleary, Glencarra. Anniv. Jack Cunniffe & decd. Cunniffe Family, Aughtaboy. Ivan Prendergast, Cloonlee. Anniv.
Wednesday 17 December:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Kate and John Walsh and decd. Family members. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Tom and Margaret Jennings, Rookfield. .
Thursday 18 December:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Bea Kenny and decd. membs. of Kenny Family. Anniv. Agnes and Patrick Foley. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Joe and Delia McDonagh, Cloonfaughna. Anniv.
Friday 19 December:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Msgr. Dominick Greal, P.P. Anniv. Julia Byrne and decd. Byrne and Keane Families.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	John and Catherine Power and decd. Family members. Anniv.
Saturday 20 December:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Tom Cunnane, Esker. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Mike Kumar. Anniv.
Sunday 21 December:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	10.30am	Patrick Hyland and Martin Caulfield.
	12noon	Brian McHugh, Cloonfaughna.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.

**SHANVAGHERA:**

Sunday 14 December:	10.00am	Michael Morley, Aughtaboy. Anniv.
Sunday 21 December:	10.00am	Alo Kneafsey, Shanvaghera. Birthday remembrance.

## **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**

Blessing of cribs will take place at **12noon Mass**.

## **THE ANNUAL PARISH CAROL SERVICE**

takes place on **Thursday, December 18 at 8.00pm** in the parish church, with refreshments afterwards in St. John's Welcome Centre. All are welcome.

## **THE LONGEST NIGHT – A GATHERING OF COMFORT AND HOPE**

This is a service for those who feel isolated from the general feelings of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. It takes place in the Apparition Chapel on **Saturday evening 20 December from 8.30pm to 9.00pm**. All are welcome.

## **FOLLOW THE STAR AT KNOCK SHRINE - December 21**

Step into the wonder of Christmas with a magical outdoor journey through the Nativity story. Follow the shining stars along the Creation Walk trail to meet the shepherds, the Three Wise Men, and Mary and Joseph with Baby Jesus. Enjoy a festive evening filled with a variety of children's arts and crafts activities, cosy storytelling in the Knock Museum theatre, beautiful Christmas music to set the scene. Delicious treats also available – tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and crepes. Open from **5.30pm to 7.00pm** with sensory friendly hour from **4.30pm to 5.30pm**. This is a free event. All are welcome.

## **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

an evening of festive, sacred music takes place in the Basilica on **Sunday, December 21 at 8.00pm** with Schola Cantorum Basilica, Knock Youth Choir and Con Tempo string quartet. This is a free event and all are welcome.

## **CENACOLO COMMUNITY**

Live Nativity Play will take place on the weekend **Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 December at 6.00pm**. All are welcome.

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The weekly bereavement support group continues on **Wednesday mornings at 11.00am** in St Joseph's Chapel, in the Family Centre. No appointment is needed and all are welcome.

## **KNOCK CHRISTMAS MARKET**

will be held this **Sunday 14 December, 10.00am to 4.00pm** in St. John's Welcome Centre (Rest and Care Centre) on the grounds of Knock Shrine.

For more information follow us on Facebook & Instagram at Knock Market. Contact: [leoniekilroy@gmail.com](mailto:leoniekilroy@gmail.com)

## **LIGHT UP KNOCK PROJECT**

It's that time of year, and once again we are looking for your support with our Light Up Knock Project.

If you would like to donate please drop your donation into 'The Old Ground Restaurant' opposite the church gates or email me at [leoniekilroy@gmail.com](mailto:leoniekilroy@gmail.com)

Thank you for your support.

## **TRANQUILLA**

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

## **KNOCK 25 CARD GAME**

**Friday evening 9.00pm** in St. John's Welcome Centre.

## **THE LEGION OF MARY**

meeting on **Thursday mornings at 10.30am** in St. John's Welcome Centre. New evening meeting praesidium, **7.30pm Wednesdays in St. John's Welcome Centre**. Phone 089 984 4374.

## **GOD IS LOVE BIBLICAL PRAYER GROUP**

meeting takes place every **Thursday morning at 11.15am** in St. John's Welcome Centre. Everyone is most welcome.

## **THE NEXT LATIN MASS**

this Sunday December 14 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6pm.

## **HOME SHARERS REQUIRED**

Would you be interested in sharing your home and supporting with a person with a disability for a few hours per week or month or more regular? Western Care are looking for people singles/couples/families to provide respite breaks for children and adults across Co. Mayo in your own home. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Ruth Kneafsey, Home Share co-ordinator on 094 9029148.

## **DROP-IN LISTENING SERVICE**

Do you need to talk to someone? At Knock Counselling Centre we offer a confidential one-to-one session listening service with no appointment needed. Our listening service is now available every **Thursday 11.00am to 3.00pm**. For further information please contact [counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie](mailto:counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie) or phone 0949375032. We are situated next to the Chapel of Reconciliation at Knock Shrine.

## **ENROLMENT/OPEN EVENING**

Knock National School will be holding an enrolment information evening on **Thursday 18 December at 7.00pm**. All parents/guardians who wish to enrol their child/children for the 2025-2026 school year are invited to attend.

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Sister Catherine Ferguson of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace. The CSJP community was founded in 1884 by Margaret Anna Cusack (the Nun of Kenmare) and Honoria Gaffney (Mother Evangelista). Sister Catherine generously shared her historical insights through several talks at Knock Shrine over the years and entrusted her research papers to the Knock Shrine Archive. May she rest in peace.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Maria (Noeleen) Sammon, Perth, Australia and formerly of Ruane who died during the week.