



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

**Newsletter Sunday 26 April 2026. Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**KNOCK:**

Saturday 25 April:	8.00am	K.S.F.A.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Oliver Reddington. Month's Mind and deceased Reddington Family, Eskermorley.
	7.30pm	Tommy Joe Byrne, Cloonterriff. 3rd Anniv.
Sunday 26 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	10.30am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Kieran Byrne, Ballyroe. Anniv. and remembering his parents Kitty and Jim Byrne. Catriona Coyne, Lakehill and Claremorris. Anniv.
Monday 27 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
Tuesday 28 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
Wednesday 29 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	John and Bridie Flatley and their son John, Lecarrow.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
Thursday 23 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
Friday 1 May:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Margaret Conlon and her husband Tom. Clarkefield. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Peter and Peg Lyons, Meeltrane. Anniv.
Saturday 2 May:	8.00am	K.S.F.A.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Billy Rochford and deceased members of the Rochford Family.
Sunday 3 May:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	10.30am	K.S.F.A.

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

**SHANVAGHERA:**

Sunday 26 April:	10.00am	Mary Morley and her son Austin, Aughtaboy. Anniv.
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**PILGRIMAGE SEASON**

Programme commencing Saturday 2 May. Full Programme of Ceremonies available at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://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)

## BEST WISHES TO ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS DUFFY

This Sunday, 26th April, at 3pm Archbishop Francis Duffy will be installed as Bishop of Killala in St. Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina. As a result, Archbishop Francis will be both Archbishop of Tuam and Bishop of Killala until such time as both dioceses become one diocese. The movement towards the amalgamation of dioceses in Ireland is to better meet needs of the people in each diocese and utilise the resources available in order to proclaim the faith more effectively. Other dioceses in the West are also at this stage including Galway and Clonfert as well as Elphin and Achonry which means that instead of having 6 Bishops in the West of Ireland (The Church Province of Tuam) we now have 3.

Archbishop Francis will have a lot more work and responsibility ahead of him so let each of us in our own way help him as much as possible through prayer and in whatever practical way is needed in the life of our parishes and dioceses.

May the Lord and Our Lady of Knock guide and bless him in his ministry ahead.

## BEAUTIFUL WORDS

Beautiful Words with John and Mary Farrelly. This overnight residential retreat takes place in the Retreat Village at Knock Shrine on May 2nd and 3rd 2026. If you are longing for a slower pace, space to breathe, and time to reconnect with God's quiet presence in your life, this gentle residential retreat offers exactly that.

For more information, see [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

## KNOCK COUNSELLING CENTRE



**ONLINE SEMINAR** to help parents support anxious children with childhood anxiety on the rise. Knock Counselling Centre is running a specialised online seminar, "Helping Your Anxious Child" on **Monday 11 May, 7.30pm - 8.30pm**. For further enquires and ticket information please contact Knock Counselling Centre on 0949375032.

## MAY MINI VIGIL

takes place on **Friday, May 1st**. Confessions available from 8.00pm to 9.00pm. Vigil proper takes place from 9.00pm to Midnight in the Parish Church.

## 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

on **Thursday mornings at 10.30am** in St. John's Welcome Centre. New evening meeting praesidium on Monday evening at **8.15pm after the Parish Mass**.

Pone 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.

## 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 needed. All welcome.

## NEXT LATIN MASS

will take place on **Sunday May 10 at 6.00pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## 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 and Sunday 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.

## PILGRIMAGES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday 3 May:** Tuam and Waterford and Lismore Diocesan Pilgrimages.

## A SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

takes place on the last Sunday of every month. **The next Mass is on this Sunday 26 April at 12.30pm in in the Prayer Centre**. For more information, contact Nicola at [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie)

## BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

This special blessing takes place on **Saturday 2 May at 11.00am in the Basilica**. We invite all expectant mothers and their families to attend.

## CHAIR YOGA

for over 55s begins **Tuesday 5 May at 9.30am** in Knock Community Centre. A gentle, chair-based class to improve balance, strength, and overall well-being, while enjoying the social benefits of staying active. Contact Fabiane on 087 636 7668 for more information.

## LIGHT THE FIRE

prayer meeting will take place this **Tuesday 28 April at 7.00pm** in St. Joseph's Chapel at the HUB, Knock Shrine. Includes Adoration, Praise the Rosary and a talk on Faithfulness. Everyone is welcome!

## PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

**5th August 2026 for 5 nights** – full board in hotel Agena. 925pp insurance extra. Depart Shannon Airport from Knock Airport. Booking with full payment by 5 July. Spiritual Director Fr. Joe Delaney. Further details please contact Fr Delaney 087 6660408.

## PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the soul of **Paddy Costello, Caldagh** who died during the week.