



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

Newsletter Sunday 5 April 2026. Easter Sunday

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

KNOCK:

Sunday 5 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	10.30am	Aidan Keeley, Derry. Anniv. Kathleen Coyne, Anniv. and decd. Coyne Family, Lakehill, John Prendergast, Carramore. 2nd Anniv. Kieran McNulty, Carramore. Anniv.
	12noon	
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
Monday 6 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Gabriel Hunt, Birthday Remembrance and deceased Hunt Family.
Tuesday 7 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Michael and Teresa McHugh and their son Paul, Ruane. Anniv. Joe Kneafsey, Coogue Middle. Anniv
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Sr. Lucy Tierney, DC and Sr. Catherine Tierney DC.
Wednesday 8 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Seamus Broderick, Drum. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Austin, Agnes and Gus Kearns, Kilgarraff.
Thursday 9 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Nancy and Mike Prendergast, Clarkefield. Anniv. Kathleen O'Toole. Month's Mind.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Tom McCormack, Knock. Anniv.
Friday 10 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Nancy Duffy, Cloonlee and Harold's Cross, Dublin. Month's Mind. Kathleen Beirne. 1st Anniv.
Saturday 11 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Joe Lennon, Carramore. 6th Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Sr. Mary Hernon. Anniv. Norah Jennings Ballyhowley, 3rd Anniversary & remembering her husband Tom.
Sunday 12 April:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Patrick and Nancy Kenny, Meeltrane. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.

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

SHANVAGHERA:

Sunday 5 April:	10.00am	Tracey Campbell Fitzpatrick. Anniv.
Sunday 12 April:	10.00am	Michael Campbell, Shanvaghera. Anniv.

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

There's a powerful line from Scripture: "Do not be afraid" (Isaiah 41:10). In 2026, those words still speak directly into our lives. Our world continues to carry many fears—ongoing conflicts, humanitarian crises, the suffering in war-torn countries, the urgent reality of climate change and, closer to home, concerns about housing, the cost of living and the pressures of daily life. At times it can feel overwhelming, as though fear itself has taken on a life of its own. Easter reminds us that we are not meant to live in the shadow of fear. In the Resurrection of Jesus, fear and death do not have the final word. Instead, we are given hope—hope that grounds us in God and points us toward our ultimate destiny with Him. We are not abandoned, nor are we alone. As the Lord assures us: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

Some may see this hope as unrealistic or even wishful thinking. Yet the Resurrection—the real and living rising of Jesus from the dead—calls us to something deeper. It invites us to live differently: with courage instead of fear, with compassion instead of indifference, and with faith that we can build something better together. Fear loses its hold when we trust in the promise of new life.

As Pope John Paul II famously said: "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song."

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter. And to those who have returned home for the season—welcome home.

Fr Richard

EASTER OFFERING FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

will be taken up at all Masses this weeeeknd. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 April 12 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 11.00am to 3.00pm**. For further information please contact counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie or phone 0949375032. We are situated next to the Chapel of Reconciliation.

PILGRIMAGES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday 12 April: Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday 19 April: Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage.

A SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

takes place on the last Sunday of every month. **The next Mass is on this Sunday 29 March at 12.30pm in the Prayer Centre**. For more information, contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

YOUTH 2000 DAY RETREAT

takes Place on April 25 at Knock Shrine. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to explore their relationship with God, learn more about the Catholic faith & meet other young people through a structured retreat programme. Talks, testimonies & workshops. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie for details & to register or contact connaught@youth2000.ie for more information.

MEETING OF ALL SISTERS

living in Knock will take place in St. John's Welcome Centre on **Wednesday, April 8th at 4.30pm**. All Sisters are welcome.

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.

NATIONAL ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE

Knock Shrine on Sunday 19th April (10.30am–5pm). The day includes Adoration, Confessions, a keynote address Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, followed by Benediction and procession. An evening session will take place on Saturday 18th April (6–9pm) in the Basilica. All are welcome to join this special day of prayer and renewal.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER of ACHILL/ KNOCK

Would you like to join the Franciscan family? We commit ourselves to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in the manner of St. Francis. Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month, 2pm for Mass, a short meeting, then refreshments, at the Capuchin Friary F12XF95, next to Knock House Hotel. For information call- Father Matthew 083 352 7308

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Michel Joyce, Ballyvary. Brother of Maureen Campbell, Shanaghmoyle.