



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

**Newsletter Sunday 3 May 2026. Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**KNOCK:**

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.
Monday 4 May:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Martin and May Boyle and sons Martin and John, Kilgarriff. Anniv.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Mary and Jack Gill and granddaughter Amy. Anniv.
Tuesday 5 May:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Peter and Mary Ellen Walsh, Cloonternane. Anniv.
Wednesday 6 May:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	David Howard, Ballyhaunis Rd. Anniv.
Thursday 7 May:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Sr. Patrick Collins, DC and Sr. Angela Gibbons DC.
Friday 8 May:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Tom and Annie Kate Neary, Lakehill. Anniv.
Saturday 9 May:	8.00am	K.S.F.A.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	John Nora Tom and Sean Hopkins, Ruane.
	7.30pm	Seamus Higgins, Kilcun. 4th Anniv.
Sunday 10 May:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	10.30am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	John and Maisie Larkin, Ballyroe. Anniv.

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

**SHANVAGHERA:**

Sunday 3 May:	10.00am	Stephen and Carmel Cunnane, Killeen. Anniv. and Anna Power.
Sunday 10 May:	10.00am	Terence and Lena Campbell, Shanaghmoyle. Anniv.

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

## CHURCHFIELD PARK SOCIAL HOUSING SCHEME

Churchfield Park Social Housing Scheme, consisting of 19 x 1 bedroom units, 10 x 2 bedroom units and 1 x 3 bedroom unit, was originally established under an Approved Housing Body called Knock Shrine Association with funding provided by the Department of Housing (90%) and Knock Shrine (10%). The scheme was established in the late 80's with the aim of accommodating older people on the local authority social housing list. Currently, all 30 housing units and a small Community Centre require extensive refurbishment and investment to align with today's social housing standards.

In recent years, several initiatives have been evaluated to secure the long-term viability of the scheme. These included

- Knock Shrine Association securing the funding needed to rejuvenate the scheme
- Transferring the housing scheme to another reputable, national Approved Housing Body.

None of these initiatives proved viable and as a result, it was decided that the best way forward was to transfer the scheme (housing units and land) from the Archdiocese of Tuam to Mayo County Council for a nominal fee.

The Council will now regenerate and manage the scheme as part of their extensive social housing network. The plan is to re-furbish 16 of the units during 2026 and the remaining 14 units in 2027. All parties involved recognised the extent of the current housing crisis in Ireland, the urgency needed to regenerate the scheme and to make the units available for new tenants. The regeneration of these properties will deliver age-friendly homes within a renewed and vibrant community supporting safe and comfortable living conditions.

## 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.

### NEXT LATIN MASS

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

### PILGRIMAGES FOR THE COMING WEEK

**Saturday 9 May:** Allegiance to the Truth Pilgrimage.  
Syro Malabar Pilg. (9.30 - 2.00)

**Sunday 10 May:** Cloyne Diocesan Pilgrimage.

### A SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

takes place on the last Sunday of every month. **The next Mass is on 31 May at 12.30pm in the Prayer Centre.** For more information, contact Nicola at [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie)

### EXTENDED SUMMER OPENING HOURS FOR KNOCK MUSEUM

Knock Museum will have extended opening hours from **10am to 6pm daily, from May - October**. Admission remains free for all visitors, and we especially love to welcome people from the parish and surrounding areas. Our new film on the Story of Knock is shown every day in the museum's cinema space and is well worth seeing.

### DARKNESS INTO LIGHT KILTIMAGH WALK

takes place on **Saturday May 9 at 4.15am** assembly at the Bocce Courts (behind the church) by 4.05am. Light refreshments will be served after walk. Cill Aodain Choral Society will be singing at the Sculpture Park on way back. Registration in advance if possible. in advance to save time at [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie) and don't forget to select Mayo/Kiltimagh as your venue. **Tel: 086 807 7209 with any queries.**

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR MAY

Sat. 7.30pm Lily King, Andy Forde.

Sun. 9.00am Margaret McHugh.

10.30am Mary Kneafsey, Con Carty

12 noon Frances Quinn.

### YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP

meets at Knock Shrine on the first & third **Thursday of each month meeting at 8.00pm** at St. Joseph's Chapel, the Hub. **Next meeting on Thursday 7th May.**

### KNOCK PRAYER CENTRE

Open daily commencing on Monday next 4 May from **11am to 6pm. Guided prayer sessions will be available Monday to Friday 11.15am and 4.15pm and Saturday and Sunday 11.15am and 5.00pm** Evening prayer commencing this Monday in the Apparition Chapel at 8.45pm.

### EXAM MASS

on Monday 1 June at 7.30pm in the Basilica. All students preparing for exams—and their families—are warmly invited to attend. Take a quiet moment out from your studies to ask for God's strength and guidance during this important time. Bring your pencil case to have it blessed.

### PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:  
**Bridie Rabbitte**, St. Thomas' Cres.  
**Michael Gallagher**, Riverside Drive who died during the week.