



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

Newsletter Sunday 9 August 2026. 19th Sunday Year A

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KNOCK:

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 8 August:	8.00am	K.S.F.A.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Teckla Kilkenny, Carramore and her parents John David and Norah Kilkenny and deceased Kilkenny Family.
	7.30pm	Gerry Walsh, Cloonfaughna. Month's Mind. Seamus Mallee, Carramore. Anniv. and deceased members of the Mallee Family.
Sunday 9 August:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	10.30am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Deceased members of the Kelly Family, Cloonfaughna.
Monday 10 August:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	Mike, Paddy, Tom and Kathleen Cummins, Cloonlee.
Tuesday 11 August:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	John Kilduff, Sallyhernane. Anniv.
Wednesday 12 August:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Charlie McDonagh.
	3.00pm	K.S.F.A.
	7.30pm	James and Eileen O'Connor, Carramore. Anniv. Kevin Murphy, Cloonfaughna. Anniv. and deceased members of the Murphy and O'Brien Families.
Thursday 13 August:	8.00am	K.S.F.A.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Mary and Jeremiah Horgan and deceased members of the Horgan Family.
Friday 14 August:	8.00am	K.S.F.A.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
Saturday 15 August:	8.00am	K.S.F.A.
	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
Sunday 16 August:	9.00am	K.S.F.A.
	10.30am	K.S.F.A.
	12noon	Peter Flatley, Drum. Month's Mind and Pio Flatley. Kathleen and Jackie Salmon, Cloonternane. Anniv.

SHANVAGHERA:

Sunday 9 August:	10.00am	Mrs Bea O' Brien Tavanagh and her Late Husband Tommy.
Sunday 16 August:	10.00am	Bernadette O'Brien, Adrigooole. Month's Mind.

HAPPY NOVENA 2026!!

Just a short note to wish parishioners, staff and pilgrims well during our National Novena. A huge amount of work goes into preparing for the Novena each year and I am sincerely grateful to all who contribute to its success.

The theme of this year's national novena is "Sheltered in God's love" reflecting the 50th anniversary of the building of the Basilica in 1976. We give thanks to God to all who have worked on and worked in the Basilica over the last 50 years. We give thanks for and remember in our prayers Monsignor James Horan whose great vision brought it to completion. Thanks once again to all who shared in our celebrations on the 18th July last.

We have a variety of aspects to this year's Novena - daily ceremonies with guest speakers, workshops, guided historical walks and family day but to name a few. I hope you get a chance to join us for some, if not all the 9 days ahead. You can find out about our programme on our website – www.knockshrine.ie or in any of our offices.

I will keep you all in my intentions and prayers during the Novena and I hope to meet you at some point during this important time for all of us.

Fr Richard

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TAKES PLACE FROM 13 TO 21 AUGUST 2026

Novena Theme: Sheltered in God's Love

Daily ceremonies take place at 3pm and 8pm with guest speakers.

Daily workshops at 12.45pm in the Prayer Centre.

Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm.

Themed guided prayer sessions at 11.15am and 5.15pm daily during the Novena in the Prayer Centre.

Visit www.knockshrine.ie for details of all guest speakers.

Family Day on Sunday, August 16th. The day begins with a Blessing of Families in the Parish Church at 11am. A wide range of games and activities for families take place on Basilica Green until 3pm. Sensory space available in the Chapel at St. Joseph's from 11am to 3pm. This is a free event. All are welcome.

The Witness Walk commemorates the journey that the local villagers took from their homes on the evening of the Apparition. It takes place on Friday evening, August 21st at 6.45pm, commencing at the Chapel of Reconciliation.

TO MARK THE NATIONAL NOVENA AND NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2026

Knock Museum staff will offer free guided walking tours of the Shrine grounds and Museum from 13th–21st August. As part of the celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of Knock Basilica, this year's tours will also include exclusive behind-the-scenes access to the Basilica. Tours begin daily at 11:00am from the Information Office. Everyone is welcome. No booking is required—simply come along and join us!

THE LEGION OF MARY

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

GOD IS LOVE BIBLICAL PRAYER GROUP

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

KNOCK 25 CARD GAME

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

LATIN MASS

The next Latin Mass will take place on **Sunday August 9 at 6.00pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock.

A SENSORY FRIENDLY MASS

The next Mass is on this **Sunday 30th August at 12.30pm** in the Prayer Centre. For more information, contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

PILGRIMAGES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Saturday 15 August: Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Sunday 16 August: Elphin and Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimages.

LOUGH DERG

One day pilgrimage on **Saturday 5 September** from Knock. To book a place contact Michael Rattigan 087 2929372.

DROP-IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION SERVICE

available in The Reconciliation Chapel.

Fri-Sun 11am – 12.30 and 1.30 to 3pm or by appointment on 086 0108623.

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 or phone 0949375032. We are situated next to the Chapel of Reconciliation.

LÀ LÚNASA - MID AUGUST MUSIC AND ARTS EVENT

for Mayo Roscommon Children's Hospice. August 16 in Eileen's Bar and in the Big Red Barn in Achadh Mor Village 12noon to 12midnight. Arts include, Seán Keane, Robert Mizzell, Frankie Gavin, Shaskeen and the The Piper's Cross Céilí Band etc. No cover charge. Voluntary contributions to Mayo Roscommon Children's Hospice welcome. Please support