



**Knockea Tea Party 12 March 2023**

*The Knockea Garden Party*

St Patrick is the patron saint of our two churches in Knockea and Donoughmore. In 432, the revered saint came to Ireland.

In nine more years we will be celebrating the 1,600th anniversary of his arrival onto this island. In the ninth century book, *The Tripartite Life of Patrick*, we are told of three places that Patrick visited in Limerick: Mungret, Knockea and Kilmallock.

St. Nesson of Mungret was one of his disciples. The monastic site at Mungret is well worth a visit. It has many displays out there explaining monastic life with its 1,400 monks. Mungret was linked to Tara in Co. Meath by the *Sli Dala*, the 5th century version of a motorway linking Tara with Munster. But the River Shannon was a safer, faster and more comfortable mode of transport to Clonmacnoise.

I plucked the following story of *The Knockea Garden Party* from the book, *St Nesson the Elusive Deacon of Mungret*, written by the Redemptorist, J J O’Riordan; it comes from *The Tripartite Life of Patrick*. This is what it says:

One of the stories concerning Nesson arises out of the supposed missionary tour of Munster. Patrick is presented as arriving among the Uí Fidhgeinte people where Lomán the local king, invited him to a garden party on the hill of Knockea. Preparation for the feast was in the hands of Lomán himself and Mantán, a deacon in Patrick’s household. As the meal was about to begin it happened that a band of itinerant jugglers arrived and asked Patrick for food. The saint referred them to Lomán and Mantán saying that they would look after them. But they didn’t, because they were busy, and besides, jugglers were well down the social and entertainment scale in Celtic Ireland. However, the refusal of hospitality was an affront, an insult to Patrick’s honour.

Just then, Patrick spotted a young fellow coming up the hill with his mother who was carrying a cooked ram on her shoulders and Patrick asked the young lad to take the meat and share it with the jugglers, which he did.

The mother was not too pleased because she feared incurring the king’s wrath as well as the fact that her fine cooked ram was being given

to the travellers. But the gesture saved Patrick’s honour and he made no secret of it. When the meal was over it is said that Patrick rounded on the king and the deacon, saying that none of Lomán’s people would ever make a mark in church or state, and that Mantán wouldn’t do any better. And remembering the mother’s face as Patrick gave away the cooked ram to the travellers, he said that she would be buried outside the west wall of her son’s monastery where the sweet church bell could not be heard. And having got all that off his chest, Patrick ordained Nesson a deacon, and founded a church for him at Mungret. JK

**Emigrant Collection and Awareness Campaign** Each year on Saint Patrick’s Day, special collections for Irish emigrants take place in many dioceses across the island. These collections help fund the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants which has been responding to the needs of our emigrants around the world since 1957. It continues to do so through the work of its pastoral centres in the United States and the UK, which provide a myriad of services to marginalised and vulnerable groups of Irish people, many of whom are living lives of quiet desperation including the destitute, elderly, Travellers and prisoners. Grants from the emigrant collection are provided to other organisations who provide targeted and specialist support to discrete categories of vulnerable emigrants such as the aged, lonely and to those with addiction and mental health problems. Bishops said, “We ask the faithful to contribute what they can to collections at Mass to support our emigrants. As a Church, and a people, we are obliged as Christians to reach out to those who are affected by emigration as they are often the most marginalised in their new home. We pray for all Irish people overseas – those who are recently departed and for those who left our shores many years ago. We remember the families they have left behind and pray that they will find strength and comfort as they cope with the pain of separation.”

**Mass Times St Patricks day** Donoughmore Thursday 16th eve 7pm and Knockea Friday 17th at 11am

**10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis’** election as Pope is on Monday.

**First Penance** (Confession) in preparation for First Holy Communion took place during the week Congrats to all the children who celebrated this sacrament and for all those who prepared them. Well done everyone.

<b>Remembered In Mass</b>		
<b>Donoughmore</b>		
Sat.11th March	7pm	Breda O’Connell
Mon.13th	10m	Breda O’Connell (5th)
Tues 14th	10am	No Mass
<b>Thurs. 16th Eve of St Patricks Day 7pm</b>		
<b>Fri 17th St Patricks Day</b>		Mass in Knockea 11am
Sat.18th	7pm	Ciara Hickey
<b>Knockea</b>		
Sun 12th	11am	Richard Ryan. (MM) Ger Kirby, (MM) Colin Moloney. Tom Gilbert (3rd)
Wed.16th	10am	
<b>Friday 17th St Patricks Day</b>	<b>11am</b>	
<b>Sun 19th Mothers Day</b>	11am	Daniel & Bridget Ryan. Ellen & Michael Whelan



**Recently deceased** Frank McInerney, Hogan Ave, Kileely dad of Mary Edwards, Drombanna. May he rest in Peace

**D.K.R Community** D.K.R Community will continue with their 2019/2023 Community Plan update on Tuesday the 14th of March 2023. Venue: Sessions House Ballonet (Beside the Garda Station) Time: 7pm to 8.30pm.

**Knock Pilgrimage:** Thursday 17th August 2023 Contact Bridget 061 351023. Naomi 086 6072593. Margaret 087 277 5103

**Lourdes Pilgrimage** Dates: Thursday 22nd – Tuesday 27th June 2023 Cost €780 This includes ; Return flights • 5 nights in Vatican/Astoria Hotel,

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**Pastoral Area** Donoughmore / Knockea/ Roxboro, Queen of Peace, Holy Family

Lourdes – full board All coach transfers and trips per itinerary Travel Insurance & Taxes To register your interest please contact Karen or James on 061-350000 or Karen.kiely@limerickdiocese.org

Fridays 10.30 to 12.30

**Dkr Community Association extend an open invite to the community to call into the Courthouse on Friday’s for a Cuppa from 10. 30 – 12 free event .....all are welcome**

**Weekly Lotto** €3,600 no winner winning No.8,12,24,27 Lucky dips.1. Ger Moynihan 2 Deirdre Griffin 3 Chris Barron 4 Majella Lynch 5 Mary Lynch 6 Paul McMahon Next Jackpot €3,700 Draw Tues 14th 9.30pm Cat’s Cradle

