

Annual Parish Knock Pilgrimage took place



last Thursday 17th Aug Feast of Our Lady of Knock the bus departed the Day Care Centre at 10am, on route we stopped outside Galway, The West Wing Restaurant for tea /coffee arriving at Knock at 1pm. Candles were lighted for everyone , Mass cards, lots of prayers and buckets of Holy

water were got. Mass in the Basilica wat at 3pm., at around 5.30 we headed for home, stopped for a very enjoyable meal and a chat at same location as morning, back on the bus and sang all the way to Limerick. We thank our loyal bunch of parishioners and people from outside the parish who joined us for the day. It was a great day and we especially thank



Bridget, Margaret and Naomi for making all the arrangements and everything going to plan . John was our bus driver, back by popular demand from last year, he's got the gig again for next year. We were blessed with a fine day and well done to one and all. The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock runs until 22 August. This annual prayer gathering at the national Marian Shrine offers an opportunity to all to step away from everyday life and immerse in prayer in the beautiful, peaceful grounds of Knock,

For this year's nine-day Novena, the Council for Vocations of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference have prepared a special initiative that was unveiled also on Thursday, the Feast of Our Lady of Knock. In the Apparition Chapel a special prayer ceremony took place to mark both the

current Year for Vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood, as well as the centrality of the Marian Shrine as a holy place of pilgrimage and prayer for generations of Catholics in Ireland and from abroad. The ceremony involved representatives of each of the twenty-six dioceses on the island coming together with pieces of a cross, each with a separate diocesan name, to build a dedicated Cross for Vocations. Pilgrims attending then witnessed Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan blessing the new Cross and leading prayers for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood. The structure for the new cross has been designed by deacon Brendan Gallagher from Co Waterford.

Ahead of the ceremony Bishop Cullinan said, "there are people praying consistently for priestly vocations all around the country. This event on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Knock honours this fervent and sincere desire. Pope Francis has encouraged us to renew our prayer and trust that God will inspire this way of life in the hearts young men throughout Ireland. The Lord commands us to ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to work for the harvest. On Thursday people from every corner of Ireland, from every diocese, will gather at our national Shrine to join in prayer to God for an increase in vocations to diocesan priesthood, to highlight the need for priests and to encourage men to generously consider this particular calling in life. I am very much looking forward to joining with all the delegates who have been commissioned in each diocese to carry the prayers of the priests and people with them to Knock and to pray together for many new vocations to the priesthood."

This year's Knock Novena involves daily guest speakers offering insights on a variety of topics, from personal faith stories to responding to a changing world. The theme for the 2023 Novena is 'Caring for Creation.'

Pope Francis prays to Mary , the Mother of |God,



As usual at the end of each Apostolic Journey, after his return from Lisbon on Sunday, 6 August, on the occasion of World Youth Day, Pope Francis went to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major to pray to Our Lady.

According to the Holy See Press Office, the Pope paused to pray before the icon of Maria Salus Populi Romani, which had also been brought to Lisbon for WYD as one of the symbols – together with the pilgrim Cross – of the entire event. Already ahead of his departure, Pope Francis had gone to the Blessed Virgin to entrust to her his 42nd Apostolic Journey and all the young people who would partici-

Remembered In Mass

Donoughmore



Port In Peace

Sat.19th Aug	7pm	Gerard Glynn (1st)
Monday 21st	10am	
Tues 22nd	10am	No Mass
Fri 25th		
Sat.26th	7pm	(MM) Jimmy Franklin Megan Fleming(13th) & grandparents Peter & Margaret Grant
Knockea		
Sun 20th	11am	John Madigan (recently –Charleville Co. Cork)
Wed.23rd	10am	Nora Hanrahan
Sun 27th	11am	Michael Coffey (2nd)

pate in World Youth Day.

He returned, therefore, on Monday – for the 110th time since the beginning of his pontificate – to thank her for the success of the pilgrimage on Portuguese soil, which was attended by more than one and a half million young people from around the world.

Wedding Congrats to Mairead Keary and Cillian Ryan married on Friday at Donoughmore church. We wish the happy couple a long and happy life together.

Pop-up Bakery with Bernie Kett at the Day Care Centre on Friday's 9-11.30, all welcome

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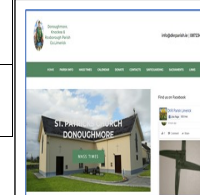
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