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The Parish Centre will be closed on Monday 15th August for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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The Parish Centre will be closed all day on Wednesday 17th August.

Mass Times for 15th August: 7.30am, 10.30am and 7pm

We celebrate two days dedicated to Our Lady this week. On Monday, the Assumption of Mary into heaven and on Wednesday, the Memorial of Our Lady of Knock. We might ask ourselves what are we celebrating on these days?

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven

On November 1st, 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly defined that 'The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.' The Church does not state whether Mary died, rather declaring that this happened at the end of her earthly life. Pope Benedict XVI reflects: 'By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and



violence seem to loom on the horizon. We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand. Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary's guidance.'

Our Lady of Knock

The Story of Knock began on the 21st August, 1879 when, at approximately 8 o'clock in the evening, fifteen people from the village of Knock in Co. Mayo, witnessed an Apparition of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, a Lamb and cross on an altar at the gable wall of the Parish Church. The witnesses watched the Apparition in the pouring rain for two hours, reciting the Rosary. Although they themselves were saturated not a single drop of rain fell on the gable or vision. There were fifteen official witnesses to the Apparition, most of whom were from the village of Knock and surrounding areas and ranged in age from just 5 years old to 74 years old. Each of the witnesses gave testimonies to a Commission of Enquiry in October 1879.

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The findings of the Commission were that the testimonies were both trustworthy and satisfactory. (knockshrine.ie)

Mass in the Cathedral for the week of the 15th August - 21st August

Monday (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary): 7.30am, 10.30am and 7pm

Tuesday to Friday: 7.30am and 10am

Saturday: 10am and 6.15pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: After 10am Mass every Saturday in the Cathedral

# **A DAILY PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine,

for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,

for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,

we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality

for the people of

Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.

#### Encounter School of Ministry

Are you hungry for more? Do you want to go deeper in your faith? Do you want to live from your identity as a child of God? Then, this course is for you. The Encounter School of Ministry is a dynamic training program designed to teach, equip, and activate you in the full supernatural lifestyle of Jesus so that you can walk with God in intimacy and demonstrate his love and power to the world around

you! Drawing from the richness of our Catholic heritage we are offering an online training program for Ireland, designed to take you to the next level in your ministry. Enrolment is for one year, so you can discern your continuation as a Year 2 student. Our curriculum and content is rooted in Catholic Tradition and faithful to Catholic teaching. Classes are held on Thursdays at 7:30pm from mid-September through May. For more information visit https:// encounterschool.org/online-campus-ireland/ *Higher Diploma / Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy* The course offers:

An accredited foundation programme in Pastoral Liturgy. Training to be involved with Liturgy at a diocesan and parish level. Better understanding the liturgical life of the Church, which is the highest expression of Theology in the Catholic tradition. Learning through a combination of online and on-campus classes, giving more flexibility to fit around other life commitments.

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An Gairdín Beo welcomes you to our coffee morning every Wednesday during July and August from 10.30am—12.30am Fresh organic vegetables for sale: Tomatoes, potatoes, beetroot, cucumber, lettuce, onions and some chutney. Don't forget to bring your own bag!

Cardiac Rehab Podcast "It's Cardiac Rehab" – A podcast series bringing together experts in cardiac rehab and patients who have attended cardiac rehabilitation. Topics included are exercise, medication, healthy eating and the psychological impact of living with heart disease. If you have had a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, coronary artery stenting or coronary artery bypass surgery – log onto <u>https://irishheart.ie/ services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/</u> for information and support.

*African Mass* An African Mass is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month in St Brigid's Church, Kildare at 2pm.

#### Counselling

Accord Carlow are open for Relationship Counselling at St Catherine's Social Service Centre. All counselling is completely confidential and Counsellors are fully trained. For further information phone Mary at 086 4149034 or email *accordcarlow@gmail.com* 

### The Meaning Crisis, Modernity and the Christian Way

Benburb Priory will soon host a day conference on the meaning crisis (rise in suicides, depression, and more) and the Christian way, today. The conference will feature leading Christian thinkers, including Paul Kingsnorth, Paul Vander Klay, and Fr Calvin Robinson. This event will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Tickets are available at Benburbpriory.com

#### **Pioneer Association**

PIONEERS eligible for Silver, Gold or Diamond Pioneer pins for 25, 50 or 60 years membership of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association this year, please contact Anne on 087 7638695 after 6pm on weekdays before Friday 26th August, 2022 for information on getting the appropriate pin.

Bingo in the Youth Centre at Green Lane every Friday and Sunday starting at 8.30pm.

Bob's Your Uncle Lotto Results - Sunday 7th August - €20,000 Jackpot

9, 25, 28, 31

No Jackpot Winner. No Match 3's shared €1000. Tickets available for next Sunday's draw in the Parish Centre