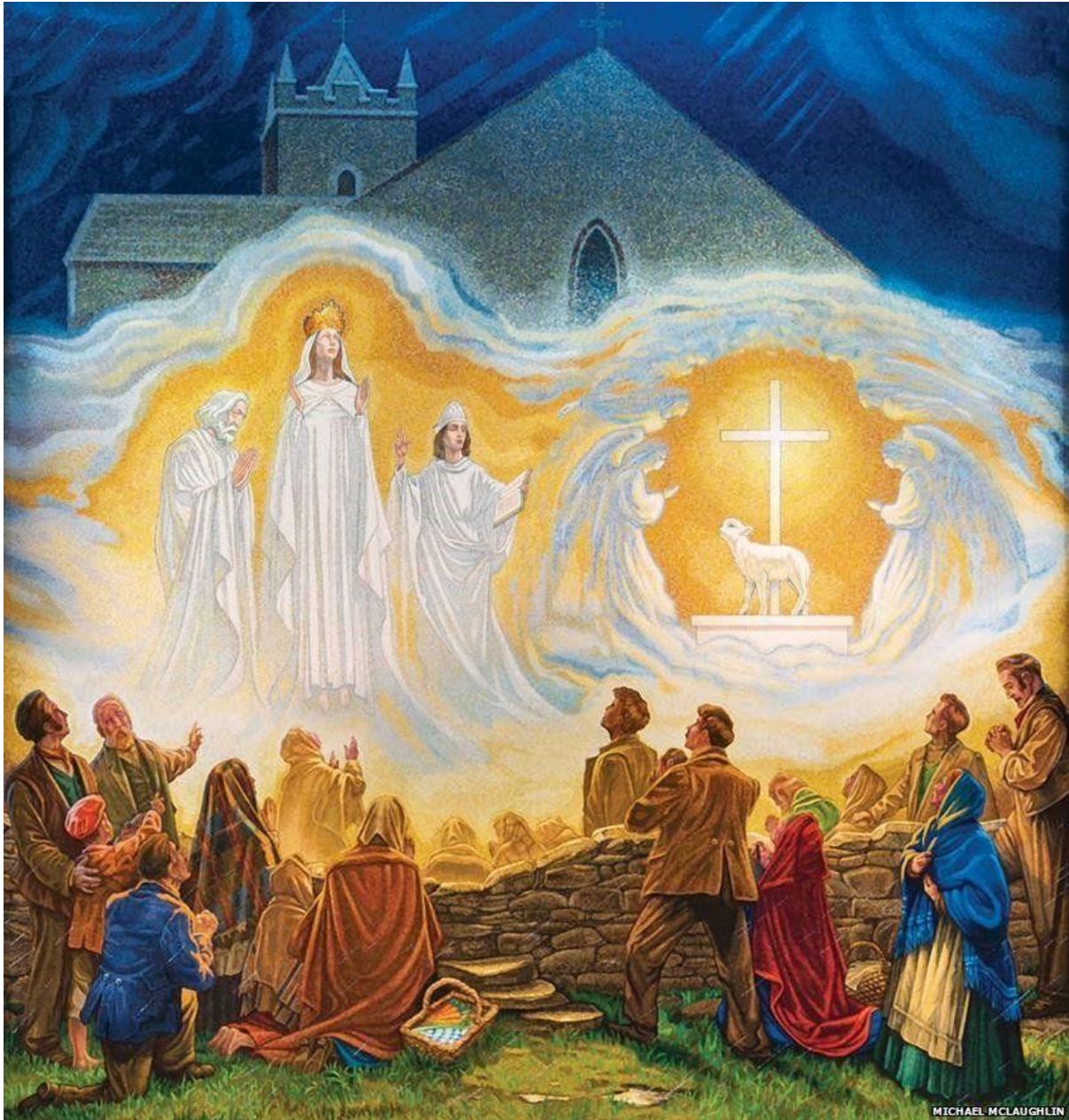


Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Knock
Feast Day 17th August
National Novena 14th-22nd August



Knock Shrine (Irish: Cnoc Mhuire, “Hill of Mary” or “Mary’s Hill”) is a pilgrimage site and International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in the village of Knock, County Mayo, where there was an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, St. John the Evangelist, angels, and Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, in 1879.

On the evening of Thursday, 21st August 1879, was a very wet night. At about 8 o'clock the rain beat down in driving sheets when Mary Beirne, a girl of the village, accompanying the priest's housekeeper, Mary McLoughlin, home, stopped suddenly as she came in sight of the gable of the little church. There she saw standing a little out from the gable, were three life-size figures. She ran home to tell her parents and soon others from the village had gathered. The witnesses stated they saw an apparition of Our Lady, Saint Joseph, and Saint John the Evangelist at the south gable end of the local small parish church, the Church of Saint John the Baptist. Behind them and a little to the left of Saint John was a plain altar. On the altar was a cross and a lamb (a traditional image of Jesus), with adoring angels. A farmer, about half a mile away from the scene, later described what he saw as a large globe of golden light above and around, the gable, circular in appearance. For nearly two hours a group that fluctuated between two and perhaps as many as twenty-five stood or knelt gazing at the figures as rain lashed them in the gathering darkness.

For more information on pilgrimage dates, visit: www.knockshrine.ie

Prayer to Our Lady of Knock

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find". Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the end of my death. Amen.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy of us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

St. Joseph,

Chosen by God to be The Husband of Mary,
The Protector of the Holy Family,
The Guardian of the Church.

Protect our families

In their work and recreation

And Guard us on our journey through life.

(Repeat - Lamb of God, etc.)

St. John,

Beloved Disciple of the Lord,

Faithful priest,

Teacher of the Word of God.

Help us to hunger for the Word.

To be loyal to the Mass

And to love one another.

(Repeat - Lamb of God, etc.)

Our Lady of Knock **Pray for us**

Refuge of Sinners **Pray for us**

Queen Assumed into Heaven **Pray for us**

Mother of Nazareth **Pray for us**

Queen of Virgins **Pray for us**

Help of Christians **Pray for us**

Health of the Sick **Pray for us**

Queen of Peace **Pray for us**

Our Lady, Queen and Mother **Pray for us**

Our Lady, Mother of the Church **Pray for us**

(Here mention your own special intentions)

With the Angels and Saints let us pray:

Give praise to the Father Almighty,

To His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord.

To the Spirit who lives in our hearts,

Both now and forever. Amen.

(Prayers taken from the Novena prayers to Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland.)

KNOCK NOVENA 2022: A Journey in Hope

Sunday 14 August

3pm Most Rev Tom Deenihan, Bishop of Meath
What is Christian Hope?

8pm Cormac Henry, former Youth Volunteer at Knock Shrine
What Gives me Hope Today?

Monday 15 August

3pm & 8pm Roseanna Ruane, mother of Saoirse Ruane
The Power of Prayer in Difficult Times

Tuesday 16 August

3pm & 8pm Dr Nicola Brady, Chair of the Synodal Steering Group
The Synodal Pathway: What have we learned and what will we do?

Wednesday 17 August

3pm & 8pm Fr Terence Harrington OFM Cap, St Francis of Assisi
Parish in Priorswood, Dublin
How Can I Have Hope in my Brokenness?

Thursday 18 August

3pm & 8pm Halyna Teslyuk, Associate Professor of Old Testament,
Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv
A Hope that Inspires

Knock Shrine will mark this day as a special day of prayer for peace in Ukraine. We are inviting people from the Ukrainian community in Ireland and host families to join us.

Friday 19 August

3pm & 8pm Lauren Conroy, Student
My Faith Story

Saturday 20 August

3pm Fr Michael McKeever, Diocesan Secretary, Diocese of Raphoe
Eucharist: a Sign of Hope

8pm Professor John Feehan, Geologist, Botanist, Author and Broadcaster
God in Everything that Lives: A Reflection on Laudato Si

Sunday 21 August, the Anniversary of the Apparition

3pm Most Rev Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin
They will take their place at the Feast

8pm Fr Richard Gibbons, PP and Rector, Knock Shrine
Knock – the Vision of Hope

The 21st August is Family Day at Knock Shrine, taking place from 11am-3pm in the beautiful grounds of the Shrine. See further details below.

Monday 22 August

3pm & 8pm Most Rev Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam
The Call of the Lord