



FROM DEACON GERARD:

“On the 21st August, 1879, at about 8 o’clock, Our Lady, St. Joseph, and St. John the Evangelist appeared in a blaze of Heavenly light.” The Archdiocese of Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock Shine takes place on Saturday, April 26th. A bus will be travelling from our parish partnership. Towards the end of his life, one of the visionaries John Curry testified about Knock in New York in 1936: He said “I remember it as well as I do last night...It appeared to me that [the figures] were alive, but they didn’t speak. One of the women there, Bridget Trench, kissed the Blessed Virgin’s feet and tried to put her arms around the feet but there was nothing there but the picture. I saw her do that. The figures were life size and I will remember them till I go to my grave.” Another witness, Patrick Hill, described what he saw as follows: “I distinctly beheld the Blessed Virgin Mary, life size, standing about two feet or so above the ground clothed in white robes which were fastened at the neck. Her hands were raised to the height of the shoulders, as if in prayer.” While Knock is called a Marian shine, many writers describe Knock as Eucharistic apparition as the Lamb of God appears on the altar, along with St Joseph and St John. The Cistercian writer, Father Berchmans Walsh, said that Knock is only holy apparition known to him in the world where the Lamb of God appears. I’m sure that many of you will have visited Knock over the years and will have your own particular reflections and memories. For me, the fact that the vision at Knock was so accessible is of great significance. In Lourdes and Fatima, for example, there was one or more seers. The other people present did not experience the vision but, at Knock, the vision of heaven was there for all to see. This reminds us that the love and mercy of God is available for everybody without exception, something that Pope Francis often talks about. When I think of Knock, I recall the words of Jesus to Nathanael in John 1:51, when he says: “Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.” These words perfectly describe the Knock apparition, where we have the beautiful image of the Lamb of God on an altar surrounded by angels. Let us pray to Our Lady of Knock who gave hope to our people at a challenging time in our history, just after the famine, that she will continue

to inspire and help the Church in our times as we prepare for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock. I would invite you to consider joining the Dublin Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday April 26th and perhaps asking your family, neighbours, and friends to join you. If you would more information, see more information elsewhere in this newsletter or contact the parish office. We remember Pope Francis very specially in our prayers at this time as he recovers from his illness. We ask Our Lady to intercede for him. He once spoke about the very special place that sick people have in Lourdes: “Like Saint Bernadette, we stand beneath the watchful gaze of Mary. Let us ask Mary Immaculate for the grace always to relate to the sick as persons who certainly need assistance, at times even for the simplest of things, but who have a gift of their own to share with others”.



POPE FRANCIS

Let us continue to pray in a special way for the health and recovery of the Holy Father.

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased
Beverley McMackin, Torcaill

Saturday 22nd March
6.30pm Elizabeth O’Dwyer,[RD]; Mary King (A)

Sunday, 23rd March
10.30am Kitty & Oliver Wallace,[A];
Catherine Wallace, [A];

12 noon Jack Purcell, [Clonegal, Wexford, [A];
Philip Quigley,[A]; Don Kennedy,[13th A];
Bernadette Dunne,[9th A]; Louise Fitzpatrick, [23rd A];
Matt & Bridget Gormley,[A]; Matt Gormley, [5th A];
Noreen O’Keeffe,[1st A]

COLLECTIONS

Sunday, 16th March 2025

Common Fund € 1438

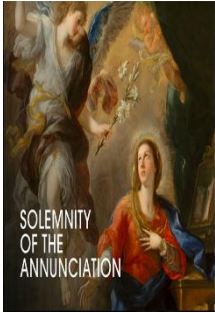
Share € 805

Monday, 17th March

Common Fund € 895

Share € 595

Sincere thanks for your support.



Solemnity of the Annunciation This year, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord falls on **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**. This Feast celebrates the coming of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce to her the special mission God had chosen for her in being the mother of His only son. Two prayers

that highlight the importance of this solemnity are the **joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus**. "As early as the middle of the 6th century in the East, and the 7th century in Rome, there is evidence of this Feast celebrated on 25 March. Since this feast is connected with the Lord Jesus and to His entry into history, the revised liturgical calendar gave this feast the title of the "Annunciation of the Lord", over the more popular Annunciation of Mary. The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is a Christmas feast even though it is not celebrated during the Christmas Season. Nine months before we celebrate the Lord's birth, we celebrate His incarnation in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary." ~Vatican News
MASS OF THE SOLEMNITY IN ST, ANNE'S 10AM TUESDAY 25TH MARCH.

ST PADRE PIO DEVOTIONS

Friday, 28th March 2025

Rosary 7.15p.m. ; Mass 7.30p.m.

Followed by blessing with St. Pio Relic

DUBLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK 2025



Saturday 26th April - Leaving St. Anne's Church at 7.30am. Stopping at the Grenville Arms each way. Dinner included €55.00. Deposit of €25 to Parish Office or Pauline Geoghegan at 087 6293744

THE 45TH ANNUAL MALAHIDE YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR competition will take place this year on Saturday and Sunday March 29th & 30th. The competition takes place in St. Andrew's School on Church Road. We would like to invite musicians from Portmarnock, Malahide and Kinsealy to take part. Entries are now open.

<https://www.malahideyoungmusicianfestival.com>

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**Teresa McCabe
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to help adults aged 65 and older stay safe and connected in emergencies. This service is free for the first year (If you have a landline). For more information please contact us at 01 832-6115 senioralerts@bfrs.ie