

remember them till I go to my grave."

Cardinal Dolan also makes the following observation about the Lamb of God (representing Jesus) appearing at Knock: *"His mother, his foster father [Joseph], his best friend John, gaze in silent adoration upon him the Lamb of God on that mystical altar at Knock."*

While Knock is rightly called a Marian Shrine, many writers describe Knock as a 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 the 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 interest. In Lourdes and Fatima, for example, there was one or more seers and 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.

As John Curry remarked, the figures in the apparition did not speak but, by appearing at Knock, they were drawing attention to the words that they had previously spoken and the things they did which are recorded in the New Testament. Maybe there is a message here as well about the importance of silence, reflection and prayer in our lives.

As we reflect on the vision of heaven at Knock – for that is what it surely is – we are reminded of the words of Jesus to Nathaniel in John 1:51 *"Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."*

My grandparents had a business in Knock and I first visited there as a child and have done so on a regular basis ever since. It is my hope that, in the coming years, more pilgrims will travel there from Dublin and that it will become a well spring of spiritual refreshment and encouragement for our parishes and our Archdiocese.

Let us pray to Our Lady of Knock who gave hope to our people at a difficult time in our history just after the famine that she will continue to inspire and help the Church in our times as we celebrate today the Feast of Pentecost.

"Our Lady of Knock, Pray for us."

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Knock Apparition – *"Though your message was unspoken, still the truth in silence lies"*

4th June 2017

In the coming weeks in my parish in Donaghmede, we have separate pilgrimages to Lourdes and also to Fatima to celebrate the centenary of the apparition in 1917. While these are wonderful occasions to well-known and much loved Marian pilgrimage shrines, we should also remember our own Shrine of Knock where an equally remarkable event occurred back in August 1879 with the appearance of Our Lady, St Joseph, St John the Evangelist and the Lamb of God on an altar surrounded by angels.

On Saturday May 13th, we celebrated the Beatification of John Sullivan (which I wrote about last week) and also the canonisation of two of the visionaries of Fatima by Pope Francis. There was also another significant occasion taking place in New York: Requiem Mass for the re-interment of the remains of John Curry, the youngest of the 15 people who saw the Knock apparition, in the graveyard of the Basilica of St Patrick's Old Cathedral.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York made the following remarks during the Mass:

"Our eyes are on one John Curry, one of the fifteen at Knock that rainy August day to behold with the simplicity and sincerity of a little five year old boy, the Apparition. John Curry who would come here to New York as a young man, an immigrant, who only distinguished himself by his simplicity, humility, kindness and his piety."

The official Inquiry quotes from John Curry's testimony from 1879 as follows: *"The child says he saw images, beautiful images, the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph."*

Towards the end of his life, John Curry testified about Knock again in New York in 1936: *"I remember it as well as I do last night...It appeared to me that they 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

We welcome in Baptism:

Fionn Niall Kirwan
Maddison – Joe Young Mullen
Elizabeth Grace O'Malley
Alia Meade – Russell



May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.

**Dardistown Cemetery Mass
Sunday, 2nd July 2017.**

This annual Mass is a huge undertaking for our Parish and many people are required to help our Parish Team. We invite Ministers of the Eucharist to volunteer to minister at this Mass. We also require people to accompany each Minister carrying an umbrella (this will enable people attending the Mass to see clearly where each Minister of the Eucharist is standing during the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament). Maybe each Minister could bring along another person to help with this. People are also needed to help with the Collection before and after the Mass. If you can help in any way please leave your name and contact details on the list available on the table in the Parish Centre or with the Sacristan in the Church of the Holy Child or in Blessed Margaret Ball. Our sincere thanks for your continued help with this special Mass in our Parish.

Recently Deceased: You are asked to remember in your Prayers:

Joseph Murphy

May he enjoy perfect peace and reconciliation in the presence of God.



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO
LOURDES**

7th -12th September 2017
Hotel Solitude ****
5 Nights – Full Board
Fully Inclusive Price €725

Spiritual Director Rev. Tom Kearney
In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage - (single room subject to confirmation – supplement €175)
To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274

Cemetery Masses 2017

11th June - St. Fintan's – Mass at 3.00p.m.
18th June – Fingal – Mass at 12.00p.m.
25th June – Glasnevin – Mass at 3.00p.m.
2nd July – Balgriffin – Mass at 12.00p.m.
2nd July - Dardistown – Mass at 3.00p.m.



Eternal City, Rome
Thurs 28th Sep – Tues
3rd Oct 2017

Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our tour to Rome. Hotel Domus Carmelitana 3* is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peters. Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Tel: 01 8375274. Booking subject to availability. Few places remaining.

SACRED HEART NOVENA

The Parish of St. John Vianney, 95 Ardlea Road, Artane, Dublin D05 TH79 will be celebrating a Novena to the Sacred Heart from 15th - 23rd June. There will be a Mass with an invited celebrant and preacher each day at 10.00am., except Sunday, as well as a Holy Hour on Thursdays 15th & 22nd June at 7.30pm. Confessions after each service. Blessed Sacrament Procession on Wednesday, 21st after 10am. Mass.

All Welcome.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 5th June	10.00a.m.	Rose Kelly (Anniversary) No Evening Mass
Tuesday 6th June	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Special Intention Annie Keogh (Anniversary), Special Intention
Wednesday 7th June	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Thursday 8th June	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	Mary B. O'Connell (Birthday Remembrance) Available for Intention
Friday 9th June	9.15a.m. 7.00p.m.	St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society Gerard Kavanagh (Birthday Remembrance) Anne O'Sullivan (Birthday Remembrance)
Saturday 10th June	10.00a.m. Vigil 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention Mary Fortune (Anniversary)
Sunday 11th June	11.15a.m. 12.30p.m. 6.00p.m.	People of the Parish Evelyn Andrews, (Anniversary) Deceased Members of the Halligan Family Frank O'Brien (Anniversary) Bernard Tobin, Brenda & Lawrence Devlin
Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball		
Wednesday 7th June	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
Sunday 11th June	10.00a.m.	Gerard McAuley (1st Anniversary) Mary Rock, Michelle O'Toole (Anniversaries)



Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 5 15 21 29 2nd Jackpot: 6 14 19 24

There was no Jackpot winner. The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: C. Gannon M. & B. Brady, A. Reilly P. Horgan T. Smith M. Kane C. McGlynn.

Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €8,250 2nd Jackpot €2,000

Plus seven consolation prizes of €25 & 5 Extra Prizes of €100



Hallelujah – An evening of Inspirational Music, featuring the Palestrina Choir – the National Concert Hall on Saturday 24 June. It will feature some of the finest spiritual music ever written including Ave Maria, Pie Jesu, You Raise Me Up, Amazing Grace and more. Discounted offer €30 per ticket. To book phone Pat Egan 01 679 7700

Trócaire wish to thank parishioners who gave so generously to their Lenten appeal. Your kind donation helped many communities around the world.

ChildVision – National Education Centre for Blind Children, Garden Centre, Gate 3 Grace Park Road, Drucondra Dublin 9 – Perennials, planters, hanging baskets and pot plants. A refill service is available for planters and baskets. On-site Café, Charity Shop, Pets' Corner and Fairy Garden. Adm. FREE.

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