



ST. PETER'S AND ST. FERGUS' PRISHES

Bulletin

SUNDAY 05 JULY: 14 SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

(Zech 9:9-10, Rom 8:9,11-13, Mt 11:25-30)



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Sunday Mass: St. Peter's 4.00pm (Sat) & 10.00 am, St. Fergus' 5.30pm (Sat) & 11.30 am

Weekday Mass: St Peter's – Tue, Thu, & Fri 10.00am; St Fergus – Mon, & Wed 9.30am

Confessions: St Peter's 3.15-3.50pm (Sat), St Fergus' 5.00 -5.25pm (Sat); and on request

PRAYER REQUESTS: We pray for all who are sick, for all who have recently died in particular, Maria McFarlane, and Andrew Brand and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including William & Esther McCarry.

ST FERGUS CHURCH: SUMMER SCHEDULE OF VIGIL MASS: From this weekend to 15th August there will be no Vigil Mass in St Fergus.

FUNERAL MASS: A requiem mass will be celebrated for the happy repose of soul of Gerry Kyle on Tuesday 7th July at 10am at Peter's. His remains will be received into Church on Monday 6th July at 6.30pm. May he rest in peace. Amen.

TEA/COFFEE: Please note that there will be no tea or coffee served after the Sunday morning mass in St Peter's from this weekend to mid-August due to holidays and volunteer breaks.

RELICS OF SAINT GERARD MAJELLA: The Redemptorists around the world are celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of Saint Gerard Majella, an Italian lay-brother popularly invoked as The Mother's Saint. As part of this his relics will be visiting the heart of Edinburgh: Saint Patrick's Church, which was once home to a Redemptorist Community. It will take place on Saturday 18th July, with the entrance of the relics at 10am, time for personal prayer, and a Mass at 12:30pm. Father Royston Price CSsR is organizing the event and can be contacted for more details at royston.price@redemptorists.co.uk

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS (28 June): St Peter's – Offertory: £536.00, B. Fund: £312.00, Peter's Pence: £110.00, Hall lets: £245.00. St Fergus: Offertory: 221.00, Peter's Pence: £101.00, Lucky Star: £38.00

OUR LADY OF KNOCK, IRELAND: Our Lady of Knock (also known as Queen of Ireland), is a symbol of God's protection and love, of our faith and the assurance of the powerful intercession of Blessed

Virgin Mary. Today, Knock is the National Marian Shrine of Ireland and hosts the largest pilgrimage in the country. The shrine is surrounded by gardens with five churches. My recent visit to this Shrine brings home a lasting memory of this sacred place for a life time to treasure.

The apparition took place on the evening of August 21, 1879 in the presence of fifteen men, women, and children, ranged in age from 5 to 74 years old, mainly from the village of Knock in County Mayo, in the midst of a pouring rain for about two hours. Although neither Our Lady nor her heavenly companions said anything, their presence was profound enough that these villagers were inspired to pray the rosary in front of them during this time.



Our Lady of Knock

The apparition: The apparition lasted for two hours. This took place on the gable wall of the local parish church in Knock. What the eyewitnesses saw was the Blessed Virgin Mary stood in white robes with a

golden crown. St. Joseph stood to her right, and St. John the Evangelist stood to her left (wearing a bishop's mitre with a book in his hand gesturing as if he were preaching). She appeared to be praying, with her eyes raised to heaven. The picture below highlights the vision. Significantly, it also included the Lamb of God (a most moving symbol of our Lord Jesus Christ) on an altar next to St. John in front of a cross flanked by angels! In the Catholic faith, this represents Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice. It shows the power of the Mass and Holy Communion.



(Apparition gable at the Knock Shrine in Ireland, with statues of Our Lady, St. Joseph, St. John, and the Lamb of God on the altar with angels).

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place Aug. 14-22 every year, bringing guest speakers, workshops for pilgrims, and a candlelight rosary procession around the shrine grounds each evening. The feast day of Our Lady of Knock is August. 21. Pope John Paul II designated this wonderful house of worship as a basilica during his visit to Knock in 1979.

It also touches on the hope and faith that she has inspired in the 1.5 million visitors to the shrine at Knock each year.

As at the shrine devoted to another more famous apparition at Lourdes, miraculous cures continue to take place at Knock. Pilgrims have left Knock renewed spiritually as well as physically over the years. Their faith has been strengthened in prayer there. The traditional prayer of Our Lady of Knock is "Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow."

This apparition may point to who Mary is and what her role is more than anything else in Scripture. That is the role of Mary as intercessor. She sits at the side of her Son and brings to him every need that we ask her to help us with. Every time we call out to Mary with our prayers and needs she calls out to her Son. Mary tells us to always, always focus on her Son and all he has to offer us. Primarily, he wishes to shower

us with mercy, life, hope, and forgiveness. And the fount that all of these things flow from is the cross. For us today this mystery continues at each and every Mass across the world. Mary's silence points us to her son, to the fact that he is with us, and that he is not going anywhere.

Spend time with Mary, ask for her prayers. Be silent with her and watch as she brings you to her Son, the source of mercy. This is her mission: to aid us in seeing just how close her Son is to all of us. Like any good mother, she desires to help her Son accomplish what is most important to him, and that is having us realize that he is here.

The Prayer to Our Lady of Knock

"Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to our 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 or lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the holy Mass. Pray for me now, and at the hour of my death. Amen."

Remarkably, the above prayer invites us to seek her intercession for our various needs especially in desperate times. It assures us that a Heavenly Mother stands by us, ready to hold us just as our earthly mother holds us dearly to her side in moments of fear and sickness. Secondly the Bible quote "Ask and you shall receive, Seek and you shall find" (Mt 7:7, Lk 11:9) invites us to place our absolute trust in her Son Jesus, who will never abandon us. this prayer also reminds us that when one door is closed another is open to us.

On your next visit to Ireland, if possible, please make a pilgrimage to Knock.



Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland