

# Our Pilgrimage to Knock



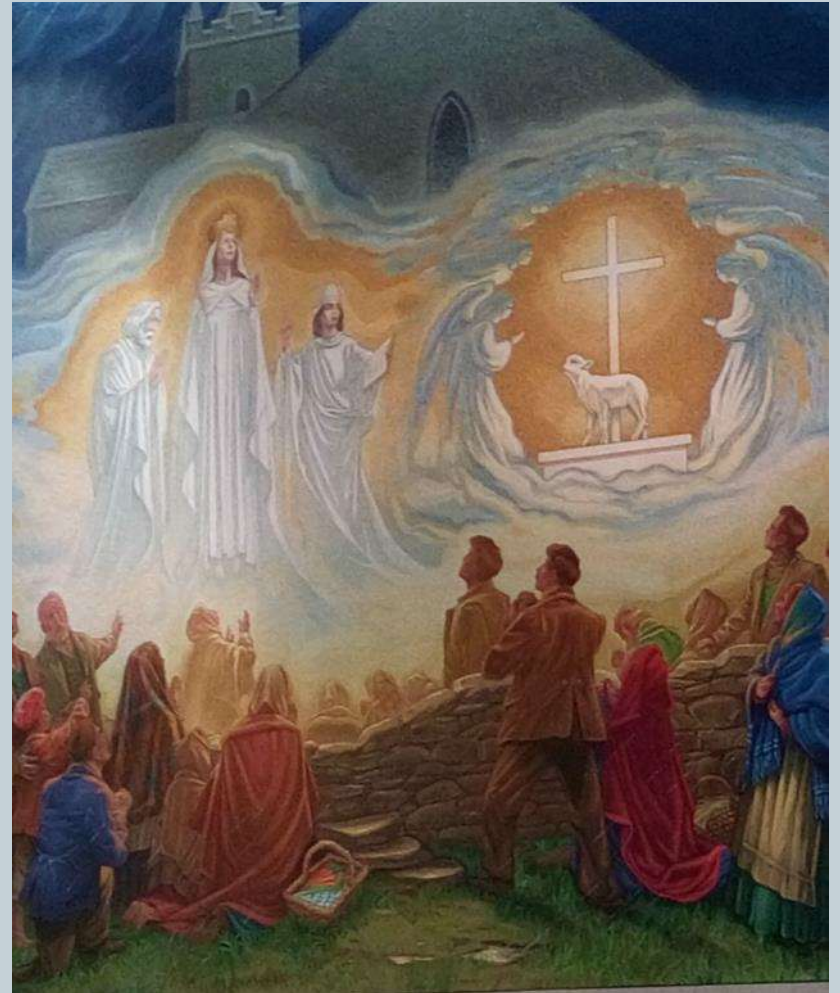
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# The Apparition in Knock

The Story of Knock began on the 21<sup>st</sup> August, 1879 when, at approximately 8 O' clock in the evening, fifteen people from the village of Knock in Co. Mayo, Ireland, 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 new mosaic of the apparition, made in Italy, using 1.5 million glass and marble pieces





## Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland

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. The findings of the Commission were that the testimonies were both trustworthy and satisfactory.



On Sunday, 29 August, Srs Mairead and Mary, Marife and Merle went on pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Knock



**We were gifted with a warm and sunny day**



**...on the way, we had to stop as part of the bridge was raised to make way for a boat passing below...**





Upon reaching Knock, we had a cup of tea in this building just in front of the shrine, a hostel owned and run by the Daughters of Charity. We found out that the sisters will only be staying until the end of the year.



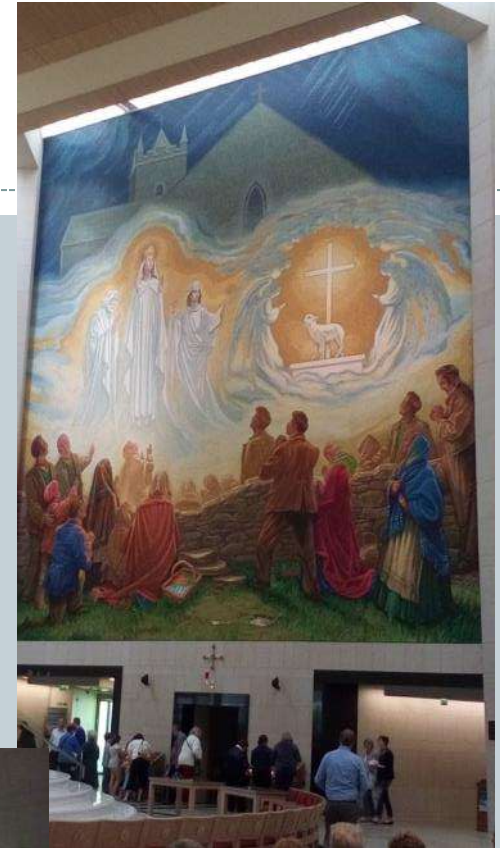
# The Basilica



# Inside the Basilica



The Basilica was built in 1976. This year, on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it underwent major renovations inside. They installed a gigantic mosaic of the apparition made up of 1.5 million pieces of glass and marble. It was made in Italy and transported to Ireland in 315 blocks.





# The Apparition Chapel





# The Golden Rose

(Given to the Shrine by Pope John Paul II)



# The Stations of the Cross



# Chapel of Reconciliation and Holy Door of Mercy





# The Knock Museum





# The Rosary Procession



Thank you Lord for a truly beautiful day!

