# Renagh Barish Rews

17 August 2025

St Mary of the Rosary 1896-2025

St John the Baptist 1970-2025

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**Mass Times** St Mary of the Rosary Weekend Masses:

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion | Saturday 10am Saturday Vigil Mass | 6.15pm Sunday 8am | 12 noon | 6pm

> Weekday Masses 8am | 11am

Adoration | Weekdays 5-7pm Confessions | Sat after Liturgy

Parish Radio: 106.2FM

St John the Baptist, Tyone

Saturday | 7.30pm Sunday | 10.30am Polish Mass | 2nd & 4th Sunday

Portroe 10.00am Ballywilliam 11.15am

> Curreeny 10.00am Silvermines 11.00am

Odhrán Pastoral Area

Mass Times

Friday

Portroe 7.30pm

Killeen 7.30pm

Saturday

Youghalarra 6.30pm

Puckane 7.30pm

Templederry 7.00pm

(and Wednesdays at 7.00pm)

Silvermines 8.00pm

Sunday

Carrig 10.00am

Fr Pat Gilbert

This story began in the village of Knock, in County Mayo, in

the West of Ireland on Thursday evening, 21st August 1879.

The people of the village were all doing their daily jobs. Patrick Hill, with

his friends John Durkan and Dominic Beirne Senior were heading off to

the bog. Judith Campbell had just hung out the washing. The postman

had stopped to chat at the Beirne cottage. Outside, two young cousins,

Johnny Curry and Catherine Murray, stood listening to their grandmother.

In an instant the two children were off, running barefoot through the grass

in search of some ripe blackberries growing in the hedgerows. Elsewhere,

Mary McLaughlin went out to visit her close friend Margaret Beirne, who

Walsh, sat by the half door of his cottage, smoking his pipe. He talked to

Before dark, they would experience something mysterious that would

was living near the old grey church in the village. An old man, Patrick

the neighbours as they passed by.





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man is Joseph, her husband. It took the adults a little while to agree on the identity of the third figure. On his head, he wore what looked like a bishop's mitre and he held a book in his left hand. Eventually, they agreed it must be St John, the Apostle

Behind the three figures there was an altar surrounded by angels. On the altar, there was a cross and a lamb. The adults explained to the children that the lamb represented Jesus, the Lamb of God. The rain continued to pour down, but many stayed on, praying the Rosary, for almost three hours, while the apparition lasted. Later, the witnesses reported that the ground below the figures remained completely dry during the apparition, in spite of the heavy downpours.

There were fifteen official witnesses to the apparition, most of whom were from the village of Knock and surrounding areas and ranged from the ages of 5 to 74. 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. Here is a combined account from those witnesses.

"The entire back wall of the church was bathed in a brilliant light, which could be seen from quite a distance away. Everything was raised about two feet off the ground. There was an altar, on top of which stood a Lamb with a Cross. The altar and Lamb were surrounded by Angels, hovering above. Around them were golden stars or small brilliant lights, glittering

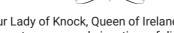
"To the left of the altar were the three figures: St Joseph on the left. Our Lady in the middle, and St John the Evangelist on the right. St Joseph's hair and beard were grey and he leaned in a respectful manner toward Mary. St John was dressed in Mass vestments with a bishop's mitre on his head, a book in his left hand, and his right hand raised in blessing. Our Lady was life-sized; the other two were smaller."

"The Virgin's eyes were raised toward heaven with hands outstretched. Mary was beautiful. She wore a white gown and sash. A veil flowed from the back of her head to her feet. On top of her head was a gold crown. Between the crown and the edge of the veil was a gold rose. Mary was almost iridescent."

Archdeacon Cavanagh was the parish priest of Knock at the time of the apparition until his death in 1897. He was known to practise special devotions to Our Lady and he worked hard to serve the ever-growing number of pilgrims. Some months before the apparition, Archdeacon Cavanagh made known to his parishioners his plan to say one hundred Masses for the souls in purgatory which Our Lady wished to be released. These Masses were completed shortly before the apparition.

Christians. It invites us to reflect on the importance of the Eucharist, on living the message of the Gospel and on raising our eyes towards heaven in humble and confident prayer. Our Lady of Knock continues to give hope and healing to many pilgrims. Pope Saint John Paul II visited for the centenary in 1979, becoming the first Pope to visit the island of Ireland. Mother Teresa visited in 1993 and in 2018 Pope Francis visited the shrine as part of the World Meeting of Families which was held in Dublin. It is estimated each year that up to one million people visit Knock Shrine.

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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.

This Week We Offer A Special Prayer To

...Our Lady of Knock

"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.



#### **Feast Days for the Week Ahead**

17th Our Lady of Knock

19th St Mochta

20th St Colman St Bernard 22nd The Queenship of Mary

23rd St Eugene

Golden Rose Queen of Ireland, all our cares and troubles cease, as we kneel with love before you, Lady of Knock our Queen of Peace.

## Day of Prayer for Peace in Gaza

Sunday 24 August 2025 has been designated as a national day of prayer for peace in Gaza. Join us in prayer for peace, hope and justice for all those affected by the conflict.

#### St. John the Baptist Church is Open Daily

The Oratory in St. John the Baptist Church is open Monday - Friday 10am to 6pm. The entrance is at the side door of the Church and not the main entrance. This is operated by volunteers.

#### **Nenagh branch Parkinson's Support Group**

Weekly meetings of the Nenagh branch of the Parkinson's Support Group will resume following our summer break on Monday, September 8th from 2pm to 4pm. Our meetings are held in the Pastoral Centre. Church Road, Nenagh and we welcome new members and volunteers. For any information please contact our co-ordinator, Susanne Noonan, on 087-6982829.

#### Readers | 23 - 24 August 2025

6.15pm Mary McGrath Patricia Finn 7.30pm Pat Meagher 8am 10.30am Margaret Teehan Eilish Carter 12noon Martin O'Brien 6pm



#### **How to Donate to Nenagh Parish**

For technical reasons, the Tap to Donate facility has been removed from St Mary of the Rosary Church. We have generated this QR code that can be used to make your weekly donation on our Payzone online. This is an alternative method of contributing to the weekly Parish Collection

#### Anniversaries | Sat 16 - Sun 24 August **St Mary of the Rosary**

Sat 16th 6.15pm Alice Ryan (MM)

Michael Ryan (Rabbit) (1st A)

Kathleen Mulqueen (1st A) Nora McGrath

Nancy & Joe Mitchell Bernard & Maeve McDonagh

Sun 17th 8am Sun 17th 12noon Tom Mitchell (1st A)

Mary Ryan (1st A) & her husband

Denis

Barbara Walsh & her husband Mike Paddy & Kathleen Harty & their son

Patrick Ryan Tom Mulcahy

Sun 17th 6pm Fr. Tom Seymour

John & Anne O'Connor

Nancy Mitchell & her son Joe John O'Sullivan

John O'Connell

Wed 20th 11am Pamela Ann Richardson

Fri 22nd 8am Peg Cleary

Michael Holmes (1st A) & his wife Sat 23rd 6.15pm

Catherine Nora O'Brien Oliver Cleere Patricia Ryan

Jimmy & Peggy Scanlon

Sun 24th 8am Julia Neary Last Sun 24th 12noon Mary Kinehan

Liam & Bridget Mackey

Pat McMahon Betty O'Connor

Dan Mullane & his sister Peg Mullane

Sun 24th 6pm Tom Talbot

Carol Henry

St John the Baptist

Sat 16th 7.30pm Josephine Powell

Jim Sheary Sun 17th 10.30am Denis Hogan (MM)

Pat McLoughlin (who died recently in

Perth) Moss Fagan

Sean & Kitty Coughlan

Sun 24th 10.30am James & Brigid Hickey

Seamus Shesgreen & his wife Ann

Shesgreen Flannery

Bridie & Ned Moore

### **Our Faithful Departed**

Ann Moran (Née Spillane) Binu Mundampala Sr. Jency Varghese Valiyaparambil

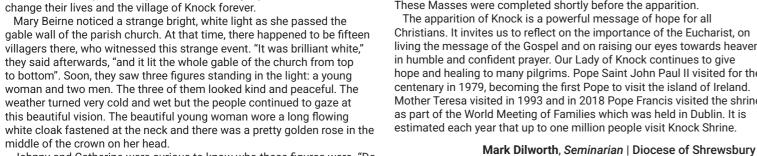
May They Rest In Peace. Amen

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#### Life Lessons

An Irish priest was trying to find a parking space. He kept looping the car park, but no-one was leaving. So he prayed, "God, if you free up a parking space for me, I promise I won't drink for a month". Some clouds cleared and the sun beamed down onto an empty parking spot. "Never mind, Lord, I've found one".



Johnny and Catherine were curious to know who these figures were. "Do you see the lady?" Mary Beirne said, "well, that is Our Lady, and the old