## Order of Malta Ireland

The Order of Malta, a lay religious organisation founded in 1115 to protect and offer respite to pilgrims to the Holy Land and the Holy Places. Today we remain true to our founding principles:

"to Serve our Lords the Sick and the Poor".

These principles become reality through the voluntary work carried out in humanitarian assistance and medical and social activities. In Knock, Order of Malta Ireland is delighted to continue its founding principles with the Auberge of Knock, probably the Order's first Auberge since Malta in 1798.

In Knock the Order seeks to provide that tranquil place for rest, respite and reflection for those visiting Ireland's National Marion Shrine on pilgrimage or perhaps more widely, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey and Kylemore Abbey.

Order of Malta Ireland's Works of Mercy include:

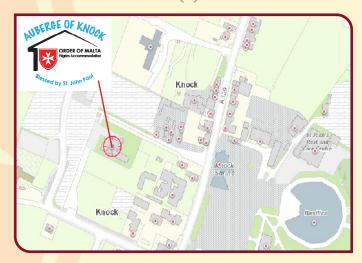
The Ambulance Corps
The Auberge of Knock
The Order's Annual Pilgrimage to Knock
The Order's Annual Pilgrimages to Lourdes
International Summer Camp for Young Disabled
Malta Share Lisnaskea – Respite holidays for
people with learning and physical difficulties
Malta Services Drogheda – Special Adult
Education and Training Day Centre
Holy Family Hospital Bethlehem
Knight Run - supporting the homless.

## **Booking**

Pilgrimage organisers and promoters are recommended to arrange and book their pilgrimages as early as possible.

Groups wishing to book for adventure activities can do so all year round by Phone or Email

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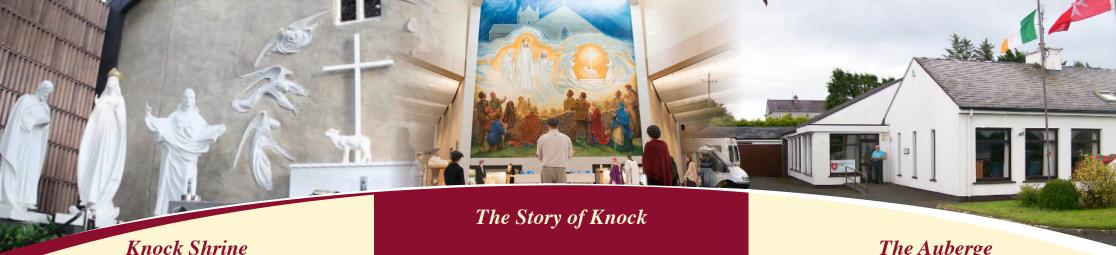


"In pursuit of "Obsequium Pauperum"
To provide respite care and
accommodation for pilgrims who require
such care and support in their visit to the
National Marion Shrine of Knock

In pursuit of "Tuitio Fidei"
To support the Shrine in its Mission of
Hope, Renewal of Faith and
Internationalisation of the Shrine

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Knock Shrine located in Co. Mayo is Ireland's National Marian Shrine where over 1.5 million pilgrims visit each year.

The Pilgrimage Season at Knock runs from April - October each year with daily Masses and Confessions, Anointing of the Sick and Stations of the Cross.

Groups are always welcome and can avail of guided tours, private Mass and a visit to the award-winning Knock Museum.

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The Story of Knock began on the 21st August, 1879 when, at approximately 8 o'clock in the evening, fifteen people from the village of Knock in Co. Mayo, 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 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.

## The Auberge

Blessed by St. John Paul himself on his visit to Ireland in 1979 the Order of Malta Auberge is the perfect residence to experience the peace and tranquillity of this sacred place. The Auberge is located very close (300 metres) to Ireland's National Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. You will receive a warm Irish welcome and find a wide range of comfortable rooms at reasonable rates.

We are a single storey accommodation with 17 rooms. The Auberge is open to the public, offering comfortable accommodation in the heart of the village of Knock. We are available for group bookings all year round.

Accommodation is on a Bed and Breakfast basis. Full or half board is available on request Wheelchairs and wheelchair raincovers are available. There are also some electric beds and a hoist if needed. A motor scooter can be hired by prior arrangement. Those interested in booking accommodation for the pilgrimage season can do so by visiting our website, www.aubergeknock.com email: aubergeknock@orderofmalta.ie and telephone, on +353 (0) 87 3387410. Knock is situated in the heart of the picturesque County of Mayo and is 45 minutes from the shopping and tourist centres of Westport, Ballina Castlebar & Sligo.