

on Ireland's bogs, wildflowers, and geology, as well as the history of farming in Ireland and a book on Clare Island. He is closely associated with the Dominican Ecology Centre in Wicklow (An Tairseach) and the Columban Ecology Centre at Dalgan Park and has written several books on creation spirituality. He is a Member of the Royal Irish Academy.

**Sunday 21 August,  
the Anniversary of the Apparition**

**3pm Most Rev Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin  
They will take their Place at the Feast**



Bishop Kevin Doran is Bishop of Elphin. He currently serves as Chairperson of the Council for Life and of the Consultative Group on Bioethics of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. He is also a member of the Council for Justice

and Peace, the Committee for Doctrine & Theology. He represents the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference at the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (Oxford) and is the liaison between the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference and Irish pro-life groups.

**8pm Fr Richard Gibbons, PP and Rector,  
Knock Shrine**

**Knock – the Vision of Hope**



Fr Richard Gibbons is a native of Louisburgh, Co. Mayo and Parish Priest and Rector of Knock Shrine. He studied at the Pontifical Irish College, Rome and was ordained for the Archdiocese of Tuam in 1999.

In 2003 he was appointed to Knock as curate and in 2012 was appointed Parish Priest and Rector. Fr Richard is the author of the 'Knock Prayer Book', a beautiful collection of prayers which was published in 2018 by Columba Press.

**FAMILY DAY Sunday 21st August**

**11am - 3pm**



Our Family Day is a lovely opportunity for families to get together to enjoy a range of fun activities.

All events and activities are free of charge and take place on the beautiful grounds of Knock Shrine, close to the award-winning Knock Museum and Café.

There will be outdoor activities taking place on the green (weather permitting) & marquees with indoor workshops, games and more.

Don't miss this special day of memory making and fun for everyone to enjoy.

**Monday 22 August**

**3pm & 8pm Most Rev Francis Duffy,  
Archbishop of Tuam**

**The Call of the Lord**



Archbishop Francis Duffy studied for the priesthood at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth and was ordained a priest for the diocese of Kilmore on 20 June 1982.

On 17 July 2013 he was appointed by Pope Francis as Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois. He served as Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois for eight years until his appointment as Archbishop of Tuam on 10 November 2021. Archbishop Francis was installed as Archbishop of Tuam in the Cathedral of the Assumption on Sunday, 9 January 2022.

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**Thursday 18th August  
'A Day of Prayer for Peace  
in Ukraine'**



We are inviting people from the Ukrainian Community in Ireland and host families to join us for ceremonies on this day.



**Engaging on the Synod**

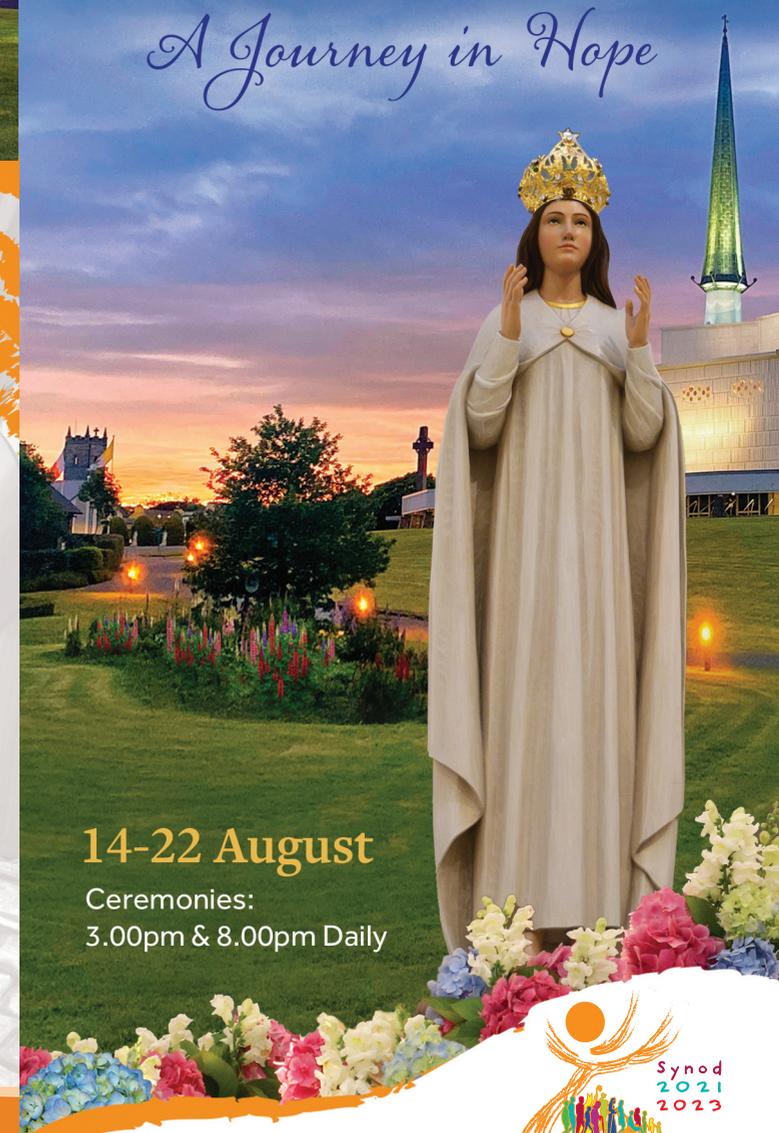
A unique feature of this year's Novena will be the 'Synod Tent', where members of the public will be invited to learn more about the Synod and what it means for all of us.

It will also provide an opportunity for us to listen to what you think Knock Shrine has to offer you and the Church in Ireland at this critical juncture in our history.

**Daily Sessions will take place in the Synod Tent at 12 noon with a facilitator present each day to provide structure and facilitate questions and group discussion.**



**KNOCK  
NOVENA  
A Journey in Hope**



**14-22 August**

Ceremonies:  
3.00pm & 8.00pm Daily



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# A Journey in Hope

## Novena Speakers

Ceremonies: **3pm & 8pm Daily**

**Evening Candlelight Procession** will take place after the 8pm ceremony (weather permitting).

**The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers nine days of reflection and prayer and a chance to reconnect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine.**

The purpose of the Novena is to recognise the unique role that Knock, as an International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady.



### Sunday 14 August

**3pm Most Rev Tom Deenihan, Bishop of Meath**

#### *What is Christian Hope?*

 Bishop Tom Deenihan attended Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth and was Ordained to the Priesthood in 1991 for the Diocese of Cork & Ross. He held a number of positions in that Diocese, including that of Diocesan Secretary, until Pope Francis appointed him Bishop of Meath in 2018. He holds a Doctoral Degree in Education and is currently Chair of the Council for Education of the Irish Bishops Conference and Chair of the Catholic Education Service.

**8pm Cormac Henry, former Youth Volunteer at Knock Shrine**

#### *What Gives me Hope Today?*



Cormac Henry is a 21-year-old currently studying Business and Law in UCD. He hails from the Parish of Mayo Abbey and has a passion for sport but also loves giving his time to volunteer in his Parish as well as at Knock Shrine and on a number of pilgrimages to Lourdes.

### Monday 15 August

**3pm & 8pm Roseanna Ruane, mother of Saoirse Ruane**

#### *The Power of Prayer in Difficult Times*



Roseanna Ruane from Athenry, Co Galway, is mother to Saoirse Ruane who appeared on the Late Late Toy Show in 2020. Roseanna, together with her husband Ollie and daughters Saoirse and Farrah Rose, have experienced the pain of coping with Saoirse's childhood cancer. Roseanna will share her story, explaining how her faith gave her hope and courage during this difficult time.

### Tuesday 16 August

**A Day of Thanksgiving for the Irish Contribution to the Universal Synod**

**3pm & 8pm Dr Nicola Brady, Chair of the Synodal Steering Group**



#### *The Synodal Pathway: What have we learned and what will we do?*

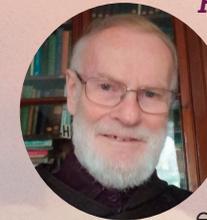
Dr Nicola Brady is the Chair of the Steering Committee for Ireland's National Synodal Assembly. She has recently been appointed General

Secretary of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI). Her previous roles include General Secretary of the Irish Council of Churches (2016-2021) and Research Coordinator for the Council for Justice and Peace of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. She has particular experience in the area of faith-based peace-building on the island of Ireland and internationally.

### Wednesday 17 August

**3pm & 8pm Fr Terence Harrington**

#### *How Can I Have Hope in my Brokenness?*



A native of Castletownbere, Co. Cork, Fr Terence is a Capuchin Franciscan who has worked in administration, formation and evangelisation. Over the years he has preached Parish Missions and retreats throughout the entire country. He is no stranger to Knock, having worked here as a curate in 2018.

### Thursday 18 August

**3pm & 8pm Halyna Teslyuk**

#### *A Hope that Inspires*



Halyna Teslyuk is Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. She holds a Bachelor Diploma in Theology and Philosophy from the Lviv Theological Academy; Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute; Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the Ukrainian Ministry of Education.

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### Friday 19 August

**3pm & 8pm Lauren Conroy, Student**



#### *My Faith Story*

Lauren Conroy is a 5th year student at St Louis Community School, Kiltimagh. Lauren has been a member of the School Chaplaincy team providing monthly Scripture Reflection videos which were broadcast on the Knock Shrine website, a project which began during lockdown to offer people at home some engagement and daily prayer. Lauren also enjoys to sing and play music in her spare time.

### Saturday 20 August

**3pm Fr Michael McKeever, Parish of Gartan and Termon**

#### *Eucharist: A Sign of Hope*



Fr Michael McKeever is a priest in the Diocese of Raphoe, and is currently one of the Vicars General in the Diocese. He is Diocesan Secretary and serves as curate in the Parish of Gartan and Termon (Church Hill, Co Donegal). Fr McKeever is the organiser of the Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock for the past number of years.

**8pm Professor John Feehan, Geologist, Botanist, Author and Broadcaster**

#### *God in Everything that Lives: A Reflection on Laudato Si*

John Feehan is a natural scientist who has written extensively on many aspects of the natural and cultural heritage of the Irish landscape, including definitive works

