

'Seeing is Believing: Reflecting on Art as a Glimpse of the Sacred'

Illustrated lectures with Dr. Nora Donnelly

Dates: Saturday 9th & 16th December

Time: 10.30am

Location: Taize Room, Prayer Centre, Knock Shrine

Fee: €20 per person. Book online on Eventbrite.

These illustrated lectures are designed to make sense of art. Indeed Nora Donnelly hopes to help not only to make some sense of art, but to make new sense by attending to what we see just for its own sake. In this way she hopes to show that God is imminent and embedded in all things visual, and that our world is charged with the wonder of His presence.

Seeing is Believing...

Lecture 1: Saturday 9th December

'Regarding Mary; A Visual Inquiry into Images of the Virgin in Art'

The first illustrated talk will look at images of Mary in painting. The primary focus of attention is to be Michelangelo's *Doni Tondo* which will we examine in detail. We will also glance at the work of other artists asking how they depicted the Virgin and how they represented the Holy Family. Artists discussed and shown include:- Bellini, Botticelli, Bruegel, Caravaggio, Fra Angelico, Ghirlandaio, Leonardo da Vinci and Murillo.



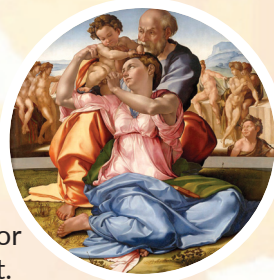
Lecture 2: Saturday 16th December

'With Respect to Art; Looking at the Miracle that is Christmas'

The second lecture will think about a variety of images of the Nativity. It will take a hop, skip and a

jump across a diverse range of paintings that depict various aspects and moments in this wonderful event. It is hoped that these images open the door to admit us to a deeper, broader and more reverent understanding of what Christmas might mean to the thinking Christian.

The artists and work featured will include: Federico Barocci, Velasquez, de la Tour, Rembrandt, van der Goes, Gozzoli, Caravaggio, Michelangelo and Paula Rego.



About Nora Donnelly:

Dr. Nora Donnelly is an educator and art critic as well as an artist. She has taught both at Primary and University levels and written extensively about the value of the experience of art to humankind.

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17th December at 8.00pm



Join with the Schola Cantorum Basilicae in celebrating the joy of Christmas with a collection of carols, hymns and festive favourites at Knock Basilica.

All welcome, admission is free.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 19th December

"Everyone needs to be touched by the comfort and attraction of God's saving love, which is mysteriously at work in each person, above and beyond their faults and failings."

Time: 8pm-9pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation with music provided by Schola Cantorum Basilicae.



Book your place online at
Eventbrite.ie (where applicable)

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for further details, or email:
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Faith Renewal Events

AUTUMN / WINTER 2023

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Ireland's International Eucharistic
and Marian Shrine



As the autumn leaves begin to fall and the winter chill settles in, we are excited to invite you to a new series of faith renewal events.

From our engaging adult faith formation course to thought-provoking discussions on the Synod, creative and inspirational sacred art workshops, and the enchanting 'Carols by Candlelight' concert, we have created a varied programme to help you to connect with your faith as you journey through Advent and into Christmas.



What Do We Know About Jesus? Evening Faith Formation Course with Fr Eugene Duffy

Dates: October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
November 7th, 14th & 21st

Time: 8pm – 9.30pm

Fee: €50. Book your place online on Eventbrite.
Taking place in St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine.



This short series of presentations will explore some fundamental aspects of our knowledge about Jesus of Nazareth. It will trace how faith in Jesus developed, leading to what we profess about him in our creeds. The series will provide a basic foundation for those who want to deepen their own faith and be in a position to share it with others. It would be an ideal foundational course for those engaged in parish ministries, diocesan or parish pastoral councils.

Our Sources – how reliable are the Gospels? The World of Jesus: what do we know about his cultural background?

Works:	What was so disturbing?
Words:	What were his new insights?
His Death:	Why did such a good person die?
His Resurrection:	What did the witnesses see and believe?
New Names for Jesus:	What do they mean? Jesus – God and Man: understanding the statement of faith

The Synod on Synodality: Reflecting on the Proceedings in Rome

**Online Series
– Dates to be confirmed.
See knockshrine.ie for
further details.**



This online series will offer weekly reflections and discussions on the proceedings at the Synodal Assembly in Rome.

Following the Synodal Assembly, Fr. Eugene Duffy in Knock will be in conversation with distinguished participants of the Synod in Rome to discuss the key outcomes.

It is hoped that the conversations will be of particular interest to members of Diocesan and Parish Pastoral Councils, as well as the general public.

This event is free of charge, no bookings necessary.
Join online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

November Remembrance Mass

**Sunday 5th November
at 12 noon in Knock Basilica**

***Each November affords
us a time to pause,
reflect and remember
all those who have
died and gone before us
into the loving arms of
God.***



This November, we are offering you the opportunity to join with others, reflect on our loss and the journey of learning to let go.

*Ní imithe uainn atá siad, ach imithe romhainn.
They are not gone from us, but gone before us.*

All-Night Vigil

Thursday 7th December

'A Light to Enlighten the World.'

Confessions from 10pm until midnight on the night of Thursday 7th December. The Vigil will continue in the Basilica from midnight with Rosary, Holy Hour, Reflections and Prayer, concluding with Mass at 4am.

