



An Astonishing Secret

**A Contemplative Retreat
Inspired by the Wisdom of the late Daniel O'Leary**

18th to 22nd October 2026

A contemplative weekend in the sacred landscape of Knock Shrine

4 Nights Accommodation • Single Occupancy • Continental Breakfast • €380 per person

There are moments when faith begins to feel less like something we must hold onto... and more like something quietly awakening within us. Inspired by the writings and video teachings of the late Daniel O'Leary, An Astonishing Secret is a gentle four-night contemplative retreat exploring the beautiful and transformative mystery at the heart of Christian faith: that the Divine is not distant from the world, but alive within it, within us. Together, in a small and intimate group setting, we will prayerfully engage with Daniel's deeply hopeful vision of incarnation spirituality through video reflections, silence, poetry, contemplative practice, shared reflection, and time for personal prayer.

This retreat is for those longing for a deeper, more spacious way of seeing, one that recognises the sacred woven through ordinary life, human experience, creation, longing, struggle and love itself.

Set within the peaceful surroundings of The Retreat Village at Knock Shrine, participants will also have time to avail of the rich spiritual and prayerful spaces of the Shrine grounds throughout their stay.

Retreat includes:

Daily contemplative gatherings and reflections

Engagement with Daniel O'Leary's An Astonishing Secret video series

Opportunities for silence, prayer, personal reflection, and shared conversation

Time to enjoy the sacred spaces and beautiful grounds of Knock Shrine



The Retreat Village at Knock Shrine

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