

*A 10-Day Pilgrimage to*  
**I R E L A N D**

*with* Fr. Brendan Hankins, O.Praem.  
& Special Guest, Catholic Author Patrick O'Hearn

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**September 25 - October 4, 2024**



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The goal of this pilgrimage is “to put people in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only he can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity.”

- POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II, *CATECHESIS TRADENDAE*

## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### **DAYS 1 & 2: SEPTEMBER 25 & 26 — ACROSS THE ATLANTIC / ARRIVAL IN DUBLIN**

This is a land-only pilgrimage meaning airfare is not included. Most flights will depart late on September 25, and arrive the afternoon of September 26. When arranging flights, all participants should plan to fly into Dublin (DUB) no later than the afternoon on September 26. Some prefer to fly in a day or two early. If pilgrims need extra nights at the hotel, they can book directly with them. Upon arrival at the Dublin airport (DUB), pilgrims will go through passport control, gather their luggage, and transfer to the hotel (*transfer included*). The first activity as a group will be dinner at the hotel on September 26. Overnight in Dublin. (D)

### **DAY 3: SEPTEMBER 27 — SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK**

Following breakfast, we will check out of our Dublin hotel and board our motorcoach destined for the International Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. On the evening of the 21st of August 1879, an apparition occurred at the gable wall of the local parish church when our Lady appeared, in the company of St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist. Unique to the Knock apparition was the presence of the Eucharistic Lamb in front of a cross, standing upon an altar and surrounded by angels. The apparition lasted for about two hours and 15 official witnesses gave their testimonies to a commission of enquiry in October of that year. Upon arrival, we will drop off our luggage at our hotel and make our way to the shrine's café for lunch. Following lunch, pilgrims will be invited to explore the Shrine Museum prior to gathering back together for a guided tour of the campus. Our tour will culminate at the very spot where the apparition took place. We will have the blessed opportunity to celebrate Mass here. Following Mass, pilgrims are free to explore the grounds at their leisure. You can visit the fantastic book and gift shop, pray the stations of the cross, and make a visit to the basilica, all before returning back to the hotel for dinner on your own. Overnight in Knock. (B)

### **DAY 4: SEPTEMBER 28 — KYLEMORE ABBEY / CONNEMARA NATIONAL PARK / GALWAY**

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we begin our journey to Kylemore Abbey and their romantic Victorian Walled Gardens and Gothic Chapel. Upon our arrival at Kylemore, we will join the Benedictine sisters for Mass in their private chapel. After Mass, we will have lunch in the café and following, a private tour of the grounds and Abbey. The afternoon will be free for pilgrims to explore the grounds and the Victorian Walled Gardens, the Connemara ponies, and simply take in the breathtaking views of the mountains and water that surrounds us. After an inspiring day at Kylemore, we board our motorcoach and make our way to our hotel in Galway. On our way, we will take the scenic route through the Connemara National Park, taking in the mountainous beauty of this region. Enjoy your evening in the musical streets of Galway, full of shops, pubs, and winding streets. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Galway. (B)

### **DAY 5: SEPTEMBER 29 — GALWAY CATHEDRAL / WILD ATLANTIC WAY / CLIFFS OF MOHER / KILLARNEY**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will make our way to Galway Cathedral for a private Mass and a special welcome by the Cathedral rector. After Mass, we will board our motorcoach and take yet another amazing drive down the Wild Atlantic Way. Hugging the west coast of Ireland with views of the ocean, bays, cliffs, mountains, and the Burren National Park, we find ourselves at our destination: The Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs of Moher offer one of Ireland's most commanding landscapes, being sure to make you stand in awe! After a delicious lunch in the Cliffs View Café, we will board our motorcoach and make our way to Killarney where we will check into our hotel and have a free evening full of music, food, drink, and shopping. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Killarney. (B)







## DAY 6: SEPTEMBER 30 — THE RING OF KERRY

Following a delicious Irish breakfast, we will take a short walk to the Killarney Franciscan Friary (OFM) for Mass. Following Mass, we will board our motorcoach and begin the scenic journey around the famous Ring of Kerry. Some of our stops will include:

- The Kerry Bog Village Museum (*entrance not included*) & Red Fox Inn
- Cahersiveen & the Daniel O'Connell Memorial Church
- Waterville (Charlie Chaplain's favorite holiday village)
- Lunch at the Scarriff Inn
- The Village of Sneem (Quill's Woolen Market)
- Moll's Gap & Ladies' View
- Killarney National Park

We return to Killarney for a second night of food, drink, and music! Dinner on your own. Overnight in Killarney. (B)



## DAY 7: OCTOBER 1 — THE ROCK OF CASHEL / KILKENNY CASTLE

After breakfast and Mass, we will check out of our hotel and make our way to the Rock of Cashel, originally the seat of the kings of Munster. According to legend, St. Patrick himself came here to convert King Aenghus to Christianity. Brian Boru was crowned High King at Cashel in 978 and made it his capital. After lunch in Cashel, we make our way to Kilkenny Castle. One of the most instantly recognised buildings in Ireland, Kilkenny Castle has been an important site since it was built by the Anglo-Normans in the 12th century. The castle was remodeled in Victorian times and set in extensive parklands which was the principal seat of the Butler family, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde. Following a guided tour of Kilkenny Castle, we will check into our hotel and enjoy free time to explore the charming city with dinner on your own. Overnight in Kilkenny. (B)



## DAY 8: OCTOBER 2 — GLENDALOUGH / WALKING TOUR OF DUBLIN / ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL / CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

This morning, we depart Kilkenny and make our way to the stunning glaciated valley in County Wicklow where in the sixth century, one of Ireland's most revered saints founded a monastery. The foundation of St. Kevin at Glendalough became one of the most famous religious centers in Europe. The remains of this Monastic City, which are dotted across the glen, include a superb round tower, numerous medieval stone churches and some decorated crosses. After a guided tour of the monastic site, we will board our motorcoach and journey to Dublin passing through the breathtaking Wicklow Mountains National Park. After dropping our bags off at the hotel, we will begin our walking tour of Dublin. Halfway through the tour, we will visit St. Teresa's Church (Discalced Carmelite Friary) to celebrate Mass. Following Mass, we will continue our journey to the historic Cathedrals of St. Patrick and Christ Church Cathedral. The evening is free to explore the Temple Bar District, have dinner on your own, and partake in the musical culture of Dublin. Overnight in Dublin. (B)



## DAY 9: OCTOBER 3 — A FREE DAY IN DUBLIN

Our final full day in Ireland is a scheduled free day. Pilgrims get the chance to pick and choose what interests them individually and explore Dublin at their own pace. Some of the most popular sites include:

- GPO Museum
- Guinness Storehouse
- Trinity College Old Library & the Book of Kells
- Jameson Distillery Bow St. Tour & Tasting
- Big Bus Dublin Hop-on / Hop-off Bus Tour
- Dublin Castle
- Kilmainham Gaol (prison)

With many other sites to choose from! We will gather together one final time for a festive farewell dinner at our hotel (*included*). Final overnight in Dublin. (B, D)

## DAY 10: OCTOBER 4 — OUR JOURNEY HOME

Our last group activity is dinner together on October 3. We have the hotel rooms for the night of October 3 so you can schedule your flight out of Dublin (DUB) for anytime on October 4. There will be a group transfer to the airport (*included*) after breakfast. (B)



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## INCLUSIONS

- Accommodations at the best four-star hotels with baggage handling (*1 piece per person*)
  - *Knock (1 nights), Galway (1 night), Killarney (2 nights), Kilkenny (1 night), and Dublin (3 nights)*
- All tours and transfers in an air-conditioned deluxe motorcoach
- Full Irish breakfast every morning and two dinners
  - *Wine and bottled water at all included dinners*
- Tips for hotel staff and restaurants (*for included meals and portorage*)
- Admission tickets and private tours through all shrines, monasteries, abbeys, and historical sites on our itinerary
  - Listening devices provided (*for groups larger than 30*)
- Local, English-speaking pilgrimage escort & guide for the entire duration of the pilgrimage
- Daily Mass, confessions, and spiritual guidance with Fr. Brendan Hankins, O.Pream.
- Two pre-departure information meetings
- A custom neck wallet and luggage tag for each pilgrim

### What's not included:

- Airfare
- Meals not mentioned above
- Tips for guide and driver (*estimated €100 total*)
- Travel insurance (*optional but recommended*)

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- A deposit of **\$500** per person is due upon registration.
- Final payment/remainder of balance is due on or before **June 25, 2024**.
- Late bookings after 90 days prior to departure require payment in full at time of booking.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

All payments are refundable up to 90 days prior to departure. The total fee is 50% refundable from 90 days to 30 days prior to departure. There is no refund for cancellations within 30 days of departure.

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