



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

24th August 2025



Cardinal Newman, Doctor of the Church

Pope Leo XIV has announced his intention to declare St. John Henry Newman (Cardinal Newman) a Doctor of the Universal Church.

This title of Doctor of the Church is rarely bestowed and recognises the exceptional contribution that St. John Henry made to theological research and reflection. It puts him into the company of the greatest teachers of the Church, such as St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Thérèse of Lisieux and others, now totalling just thirty-eight in all.

St. John Henry has a very special connection with Dublin, having lived and worked from 1851–1858 as the first Rector of the Catholic University of Ireland, the forerunner of today's University College Dublin. It was here in Dublin that he delivered the famous lectures on university education, later published as *The Idea of a University*. The beautiful University Church on St. Stephen's Green was also built on his initiative. Saint John Henry Newman, pray for us!

Grateful Thanks for your Generous Donations for the Associated Membership of the Dublin Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes

We reached our target and were delighted to send them a total of €2,570, including three donations that came in by cheque.

Day of Prayer for Gaza

As we announced last week, this Sunday, 24th August is designated as a special day of prayer for Gaza at the request of the Archbishops of Dublin and Armagh.

A special Prayer for Gaza card is available in the Gathering Area.



**Come along to a
talk about Dublin's
own special saint**

Lorcán Ua Tuathail
(St. Laurence O'Toole)
Feast Day 14th November

by Fr. John Scroope-O'Brien
at 8pm Monday 1st September 2025 in
Ely House, 8 Ely Place, Dublin 2

Starting with the Holy Rosary at 8pm

The Order of The Knights of St. Columbanus
Council 20



**A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN GAZA
AND FOR THE STARVING CHILDREN**

Heavenly Father,
Source of all life and love,
We lift our hearts to You with sorrow and hope,
As we remember Your children in Gaza—
Innocent souls who hunger not only for bread,
But for safety, for kindness, and for peace.

Lord Jesus,
Who said, "Let the little children come to me,"
Hold close in Your tender arms
Every child who suffers from the pains of hunger,
Who sleeps beneath the echo of bombs,
Who cries with no one to comfort them.
May their tears stir the hearts of the world.

Holy Spirit,
Breath of peace and justice,
Move through the hardened places of this earth,
Inspire leaders with compassion,
Break the chains of hatred and revenge,
And guide us all to be instruments of Your mercy.

Bless the peacemakers, Lord,
Give courage to those who deliver aid,
Wisdom to those who speak for justice,
And strength to those who care for the broken.

Mother Mary, Queen of Peace,
Wrap Gaza in your mantle,
Intercede for every child who goes to sleep hungry,
And every parent who feels helpless.

Bring comfort, healing, and above all, peace.
AMEN.

