



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

14th November 2021



Remembering our Beloved Dead

It was great to see so many of our friends and neighbours whose loved ones were buried from St. Gabriel's over the past year, attend our special Mass of Remembrance last Sunday. A lot of people worked hard to prepare the Mass, the music, the readings, the candles, and more, in a spirit of love and care for the bereaved in the hope that they would receive some consolation and comfort in the ceremony. Grateful thank to everyone involved. *Fr. Pat*



Irish Bishops' Pilgrimage to Knock



To pastorally support everyone who has suffered the pain of bereavement during the Covid-19 pandemic, and in the context of the month of November as the traditional time when we remember our dead,

on this Sunday, 14th November at 3.00pm,
the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to Knock.

The bishops will concelebrate Mass for all those who have died in our country during the pandemic, and for their families. They will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who so selflessly sacrificed so much during the past twenty months.

This Mass will be live-streamed on www.knockshrine.ie and broadcast on the RTÉ News Now digital television channel (200) and online.

The bishops invite everyone to join with them in prayer on this solemn occasion.

"To Love is to be Vulnerable": A Talk by CS Lewis

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket — safe, dark, motionless, airless — it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation."



The above words are from a BBC recording of a series of talks by C.S. Lewis on the different kinds of love. An influential Anglican theologian in the early 20th century, he wrote several books for both adults and children, such as *The Screwtape Letters* and *The Tales of Narnia*. To hear this lively, challenging and engaging recording, visit www.newpilgrimpath.ie