

Hello  
Children

**We are going  
to learn about**

# *Lady of Knock* **this month.**



**T**he story of Knock began on the 21st of August 1879 when a heavenly apparition appeared on a gable wall of the parish church when Our Lady appeared in the company of St Joseph and St John the Evangelist, the Eucharistic Lamb on a cross standing on an altar surrounded by angels. The apparition lasted for 2 hours and there were 15 official witnesses.

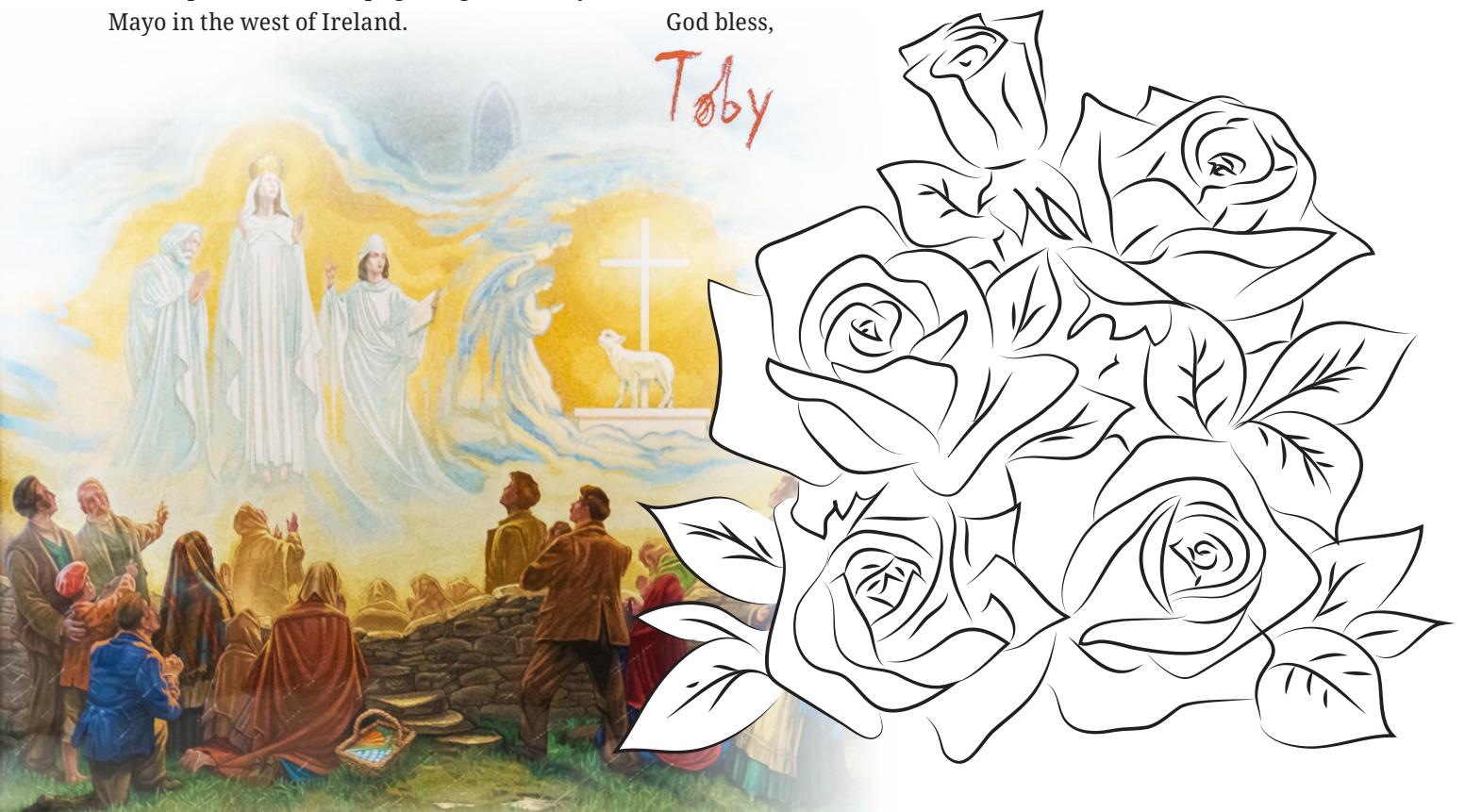
The Marian Shrine of Knock is a well-known place of Catholic pilgrimage in County Mayo in the west of Ireland.

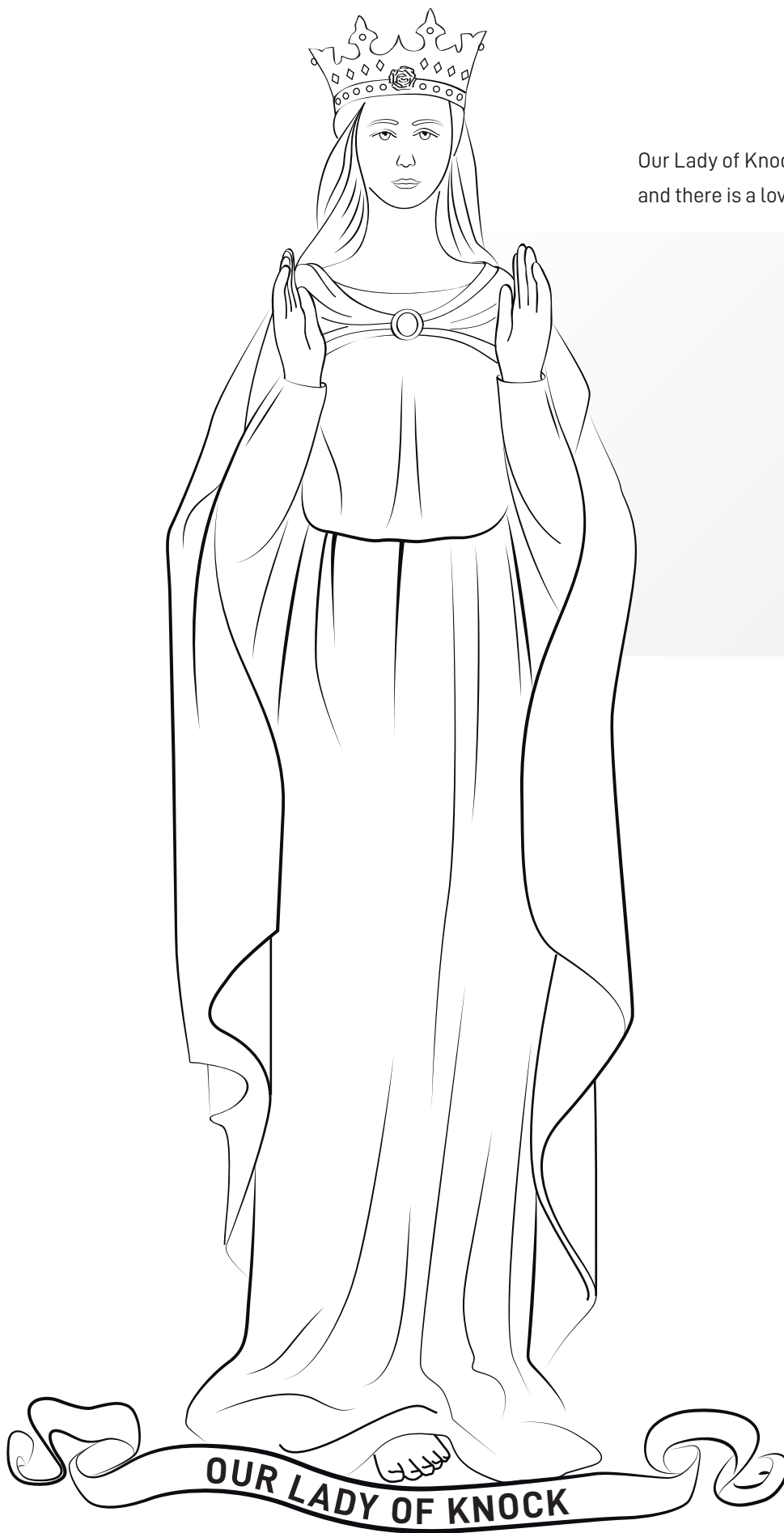
Knock is a traditional annual pilgrimage for thousands: visiting the shrine is a tradition passed down through generations of families. Lots of parishes in Ireland have an annual parish pilgrimage to Knock. People spend a day in prayer, taking part in the Stations of the Cross or joining in candlelit vigils. They carry away Blessed Holy Water to share with family and friends. Many say they find Knock a place of peace.

You can ask your parents or grandparents if they have ever been to Knock and some of you may even have visited Knock yourselves.

God bless,

*Toby*





Our Lady of Knock is also known as the Queen of Ireland and there is a lovely hymn that tells this story really well.

*Golden Rose,  
Queen of Ireland  
All my cares  
and troubles cease  
As I kneel  
with love before you  
Lady of Knock,  
my Queen of Peace.*

## FAMOUS VISITORS!



In 1979, Pope John Paul II visited Knock.



Mother Teresa of Calcutta visited the shrine in June 1993.



In August 2018 Pope Francis visited the shrine at Knock.



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