

# VENERABLE MATT TALBOT CENTENARY WEEKEND

## SHRINES OF IRELAND PILGRIMAGE

June 1 - 9, 2025  
GUIDED  
GROUP  
PILGRIMAGE

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### Day 1 – Monday - June 2<sup>nd</sup>

On arrival in to Shannon we meet our Marian Pilgrimages tour guide before transferring to the Radisson Hotel in Clare where the group will enjoy breakfast together. Afterwards we make our way to the mystical Cliffs of Moher. The cliffs of Moher rise to 390 feet above the Atlantic Ocean and allure their many visitors with their beauty. We will move on to Galway, a city that has kept its medieval charm with its colorful streets and authentic pubs. The coastal road from the Cliffs of Moher travels along the blue Galway Bay, with a natural rocky landscape on the other side. We will enjoy dinner and an overnight stay in Galway.

### Day 2 – Tuesday - June 3<sup>rd</sup>

After breakfast in the hotel we spend the morning in Galway city, visiting the Cathedral, Spanish Arch, Eyre square and the salmon weir, after lunch we continue our pilgrimage to Ballintubber to visit the 13<sup>th</sup> century Cistercian Abbey where we will celebrate mass, visiting Cong on the way, famous for the filming of the “Quite Man’ movie, later in the afternoon we will continue to Croagh Patrick, where Saint Patrick fasted for 40 days. Here for those who wish, can climb as far as St. Patrick’s statue. After our visit we will drive to the Knock house hotel to check in for relaxation and dinner. 2 nights stay in Knock.

### Day 3 – Wednesday - June 4<sup>th</sup>

This morning, we will take a tour of one of the world’s leading Marian shrines, situated in the plains of Mayo. The apparition is rich in symbolism and is venerated internationally. After our visit we take the short drive to Attymass, where we visit the prayer center of Father Patrick Peyton, the rosary priest to celebrate mass. The late afternoon we will spend some time in the beautiful town of Westport before returning to the Knock house Hotel.

### Day 4 – Thursday - June 5<sup>th</sup>

This morning, we depart Knock for Dublin, on route we will be visiting Clonmacnoise Abbey, which is Ireland’s most important monastic site, overlooking the River Shannon. This site was founded by St. Ciaran in the 6<sup>th</sup> century. We continue to the medieval city of Kilkenny for mass in the Black Abbey. We will visit Kilkenny Castle, seat of the Butler

family, Earls and the Dukes of Ormond. Nearby visit Kilkenny Design Workshops in the old stables of the castle. Time for lunch and shopping before we are continuing to Dublin for 4 nights stay.

### Matt Talbot Centenary Weekend Celebrations

#### Day 5 – Friday - June 6<sup>th</sup>

Today we will travel through the beautiful mountains of Wicklow, also known as the “Garden of Ireland,” until we reach Glendalough. This ancient monastic city, established in the 6<sup>th</sup> century by St. Kevin, is in the heart of “the valley of the two lakes.” It was a very important center of learning, as well as a pilgrimage destination. Here we take a guided tour, in which you will see an Irish round tower, the ruins of St. Peter and St. Paul’s Cathedral, and the quaint St. Kevin’s Church which is surrounded by an old cemetery. In the afternoon we will return to Dublin for some free time and an early dinner before we attend the opening of Venerable Matt Talbot Centenary weekend in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in the city center returning after to our hotel.

#### Day 6 – Saturday - June 7<sup>th</sup>

In the morning visit Trinity College, the oldest university in Ireland. It was founded in 1592 by Elizabeth I. We will visit the ancient library at Trinity College containing over 20,000 manuscripts, among which is the famous illuminated Gospel manuscript: the Book of Kells. In the afternoon the highlight of the centenary weekend is the main mass in Saint Marys pro-Cathedral Concelebrated by Archbishop Dermot Farrell and guests with a procession to the tomb of venerable Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church returning to hotel for dinner.

#### Day 7 – Sunday - June 8<sup>th</sup>

Morning free before transfer to Our Lady of Lourdes Church for a series of talks and workshops plus a walking tour in the footsteps of Venerable Matt Talbot before closing Mass. Return to hotel for dinner.

#### Day 8 – Monday - June 9<sup>th</sup>

After breakfast we will depart to Dublin airport for return flight to the USA.

**\$4495** per person price based on double occupancy

- Round-trip airfare from Philadelphia or New York
- 1 nights in the 4\* Salthill Hotel, Galway or similar
- 2 nights in 4\* Knock House Hotel, Knock or similar
- 4 night in Trinity Capital Hotel, Dublin or similar
- Breakfast and dinner each day at hotel
- Luxury coaching with Marian Pilgrimages Representative throughout
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Daily Mass and Spiritual program
- Portorage at all hotels
- All Tips & Gratuities
- Special Matt Talbot Centenary Weekend celebrations

#### Price does not include:

- Single supplement: \$975 (limited availability)
- Lunches
- Travel Insurance, if required please request a brochure.

**It is strongly suggested that all pilgrims be covered by Travel Insurance**

*Please note this itinerary is subject to change and should not be considered a contract of events or places to be supplied or visited. Although we make every effort to follow the itinerary as advertised, many factors may make it necessary to alter it as set out above.*



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