



CHOOSE LIFE

*we cherish
them both*

**NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL
FOR THE RIGHT TO LIFE
OF MOTHERS & BABIES**

SATURDAY, 4TH MAY 2013

**OUR LADY'S SHRINE,
KNOCK, CO. MAYO**

CHOOSE LIFE: IRELAND FACES A DEFINING MOMENT

The decision by the present Irish Government to legislate for abortion means that Irish law will permit the direct and intentional killing of innocent unborn babies. Doctors in Ireland have confirmed that mothers already receive any life-saving treatments they need during pregnancy - and that this is achieved *without* directly targeting the life of the baby.

The **Choose Life: We Cherish them Both**, Vigil of Prayer for the Right to Life of Mothers and their Unborn Babies, is an opportunity for all people of faith and goodwill to join in prayer for mothers and unborn babies, that they will continue to be protected, cherished, and safeguarded from all harm.

Please be part of this special day and invite as many of your family, friends and loved ones as you can.

In the words of Pope Francis, before he became Pope:

“Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing. So, go forth and don’t be discouraged. Care for life. It’s worth it!”

Mass in Honour of Saint Raymond Nonnatus, Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers, Argentina (August 31, 2005)



PROGRAMME

- 1PM ROSARY PROCESSION:**
With Scripture reflections & personal testimonies.
- 2PM SHORT PRESENTATION:**
Protecting the Equal Right to Life of Mothers and Unborn Children in Ireland Today.
- 3PM HOLY MASS:**
Celebrant: Cardinal Seán Brady,
Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland
Homilist: Most Rev. Brendan Leahy,
Bishop of Limerick

For assistance in arranging transport for a group or parish please contact:

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Out of respect for the regulations that apply at Knock Shrine and the need to have an orderly and prayerful ceremony, we request that participants do not bring any placards or images for display. All appropriate materials will be provided. Please follow directions and instructions of the stewards at all times.