

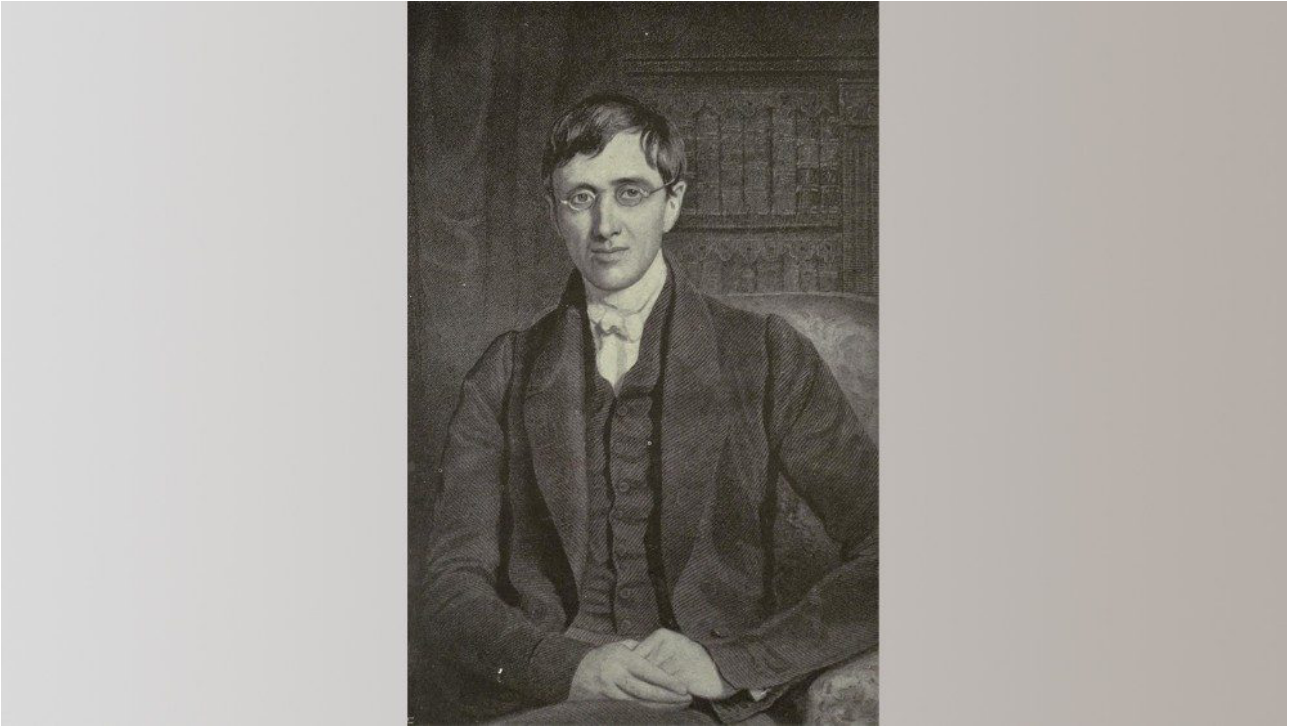


Founder of University College Dublin is to be made a saint

The founder of University College Dublin, Cardinal John Henry Newman, is to be made a saint.

The Vatican on Monday announced that the cleric will be canonised by Pope Francis in St Peter's Square on October 13.

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Cardinal Newman in his younger days

Two miracles must be attributed to someone in order for them to be made a saint.

The first miracle attributed to the cleric relates to the case of a Boston deacon whom Newman is said to have saved from paralysis.

In February, the Vatican announced that it had attributed a second miracle to the cleric, who was beatified by Pope Benedict in 2010.

The miracle – the curing of a woman who ‘prayed for the intercession of [Cardinal Newman](#) at the time of a life-threatening diagnosis’ – was investigated and approved by the Archbishop of Chicago.

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Doctors who treated the woman were unable to explain how or why she was able to suddenly recover.

Born in London in 1801, Newman founded the Catholic University in 1854. Originally located at St Stephen's Green in Dublin, it later became University College Dublin.

Newman, who converted from Anglicanism, served as the university's first rector until 1858.

Catholics and Anglicans welcome news of Cardinal Newman's canonization date

Catholics and Anglicans have welcomed Monday's announcement that Pope Francis will declare English Cardinal John Henry Newman a saint on Sunday, October 13, at a Mass in St. Peter's Square in Rome.

The day of canonization was established on July 1, as the Pope held an Ordinary Public Consistory of cardinals to formally approve the canonization of Card. Newman along with four others: Giuseppina Vannini, Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan, Irmã Dulce Pontes and Marguerite Bays.

Newman, a former Anglican priest who became a Roman Catholic in 1845 and eventually a Cardinal, is regarded as one of the most influential figures from his era for both Anglicanism and Roman Catholicism, noted the Church of England in a press release on July 1.

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C of I Bishop Paul Colton said that Sunday was a very special day in Cork. “The episcopal ordination of Bishop Fintan Gavin as Bishop of Cork & Ross gives so many of us joy. I was deeply humbled, on his own suggestion and as a sign of our ecumenical journey together, to have been invited to present his crozier”



“The canonization of Blessed John Henry Newman is very good news for the Catholic Church in England and Wales, and we give thanks with them for this recognition of a holy life formed in both our communions that continues to be an inspiration for us all,” remarked Anglican Bishop Christopher Foster of Portsmouth, Co-Chair of the English and Welsh Anglican–Roman Catholic Committee, on hearing about the canonization date.

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“Both as an Anglican and as a Catholic, his contribution to theology, to education and to the modelling of holiness resonates to this day around the world and across the churches,” he said.

Born in London on 21 February 1801 and died in Edgbaston on 11 August 1890, Card. Newman was a noted theologian and poet. He was one of the leading figures of the Oxford Movement that originated at Oxford University in 1833, which sought to link the Anglican Church more closely to the Roman Catholic Church.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, regarded the news of the date of the canonization as a “moment of great pride”.

“John Henry Newman is known for many great qualities, but we remember him particularly for the kindness and compassion of his ministry to the people of Birmingham,” wrote the cardinal who is president of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England Wales.

The British Ambassador to the Holy See, Sally Axworthy also expressed delight at the announcement of the canonization date.

The 54-year-old diplomat noted that “Cardinal Newman had a major impact on Catholic theology and on education worldwide, making him a truly global Briton”.

“He brought his experience from the Anglican Church to his work as a Catholic, bridging the two traditions,” she said.

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“The canonization will be an important moment for Britain, and for UK-Holy See relations,” she said, adding she was eagerly looking forward to the celebrations. “An important theologian-preacher and pastor in his years as an Anglican priest,” Axworthy said, “he was one of the key leaders of the Oxford Movement that heralded a revival in the life of the Victorian Church of England that spread around the Anglican Communion.”

Card. Newman, who was declared Blessed by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 in Birmingham, England, is also commemorated in the calendar of the Church of England on the date of his death – 11 August. As a Catholic priest, he founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Edgbaston, England, in 1849. Fr Ignatius Harrison, Provost of the Oratory said that “Newman's lifelong success in bringing others to Christ shows us that the apostolate of Christian friendship achieves much more by attracting people to the Lord than by aggressive polemic.”

“Newman's long and incremental spiritual pilgrimage,” he said, “shows us that God leads us to Himself step by step, in ways that He customizes to our individual needs, and in His own good time.”

Church of the ‘saviour of the Welsh language’ prepares for Royal visit

The thousands of travellers commuting up and down the length of Wales on the A470 highway probably have little idea that they are passing within feet of an historic and cultural gem.

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This week, however, quite a few cars will be pulling over in the layby halfway between Dolgellau and Machynlleth in the Dyfi valley, which serves as the main carpark for the tiny village of Mallwyd.

On Friday (July 5) HRH The Prince of Wales will be visiting the village church of St Tydecho – a stunning Medieval building, served for 40 years by a Renaissance scholar known as the ‘saviour of the Welsh language.’

Former Rector of Mallwyd, the Revd Dr John Davies edited and revised the 1620 Welsh translation of the Bible – 400 years ago next year – and also the 1621 Book of Common Prayer. Not only did the translations make the books more accessible to people at a time when few could read or write, they were also highly significant in preserving the Welsh language.

During his visit, the Prince will join the congregation for a traditional Welsh service, the Plygain, led by a party of close harmony singers. Before he leaves, he will also take a look at ancient yew trees in the burial ground.

“We are delighted that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is recognising the cultural and historical significance of St Tydecho’s church to Wales,” says the Revd Miriam Beecroft, vicar and Ministry Area Leader.

“It is one of our hidden treasures, not least because it was where John Davies served while he worked on the translations which earned him the reputation of being the ‘saviour of the Welsh language’. It seems very fitting to mark

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The Revd Miriam Beecroft, vicar and Ministry Area Leader.

the visit with an ancient Welsh language service, the Plygain.”

The Plygain service will be led by the Dean of Bangor, Kathy Jones.

A Welsh Scholar

Dr John Davies was a renowned Welsh scholar who was Rector of Mallwyd for 40 years from 1604 until his death in 1644. A student of Bishop William Morgan, he worked with Bishop Richard Parry in editing and revising the translations of both the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. He also

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wrote a Welsh grammar (in Latin) and dictionary (Welsh-Latin, Latin-Welsh).

A memorial to Dr Davies was erected in the church to commemorate the 200th anniversary of his death.

Mallwyd church was founded around the sixth century by St **Tydecho** after he came to the area from **Cornwall**. The present building, which is Grade Two listed, dates from the 14th Century with the tower and porch being added during Dr Davies' time in the 17th Century. It has an unusual balcony of tiered seating at the back which was added in 1764. In the burial ground outside are several ancient yew trees.

Death of Dean Philip Knowles

The death has occurred of the Very Revd Dr Philip Knowles. Dean Knowles, who was Priest in Charge of the Narraghmore Group of Parishes in the Diocese of Glendalough and former Dean of Cashel, died peacefully yesterday morning (Tuesday July 2).

His funeral service will take place on Thursday July 4 at 11am in St James' Church in Castledermot. Clergy and lay readers are invited to robe (white stole).

Dean Knowles was educated in Trinity College Dublin and the Church of Ireland Theological College. He was ordained in 1977 and served as a Curate in St Paul's, Lisburn (Connor). He was incumbent of Cloonclare with Killasnett and Lurganboy (K,E and A) from 1979–87 and of Gorey

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Dean Philip Knowles

from 1987–95. He served as Dean of Cashel from 1995 until his retirement in 2013. He has been serving as Priest in Charge in Narraghmore since 2016.

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