

Woman Seriously Injured in Knife Attack During Church Service in Ireland

A woman in her 50s was seriously injured Tuesday after a man allegedly stabbed her during the recitation of the rosary before Mass at Holy Cross Church in Tramore, County Waterford, Ireland.

The woman was attacked in the main body of the church shortly before the 10 a.m. service with dozens of worshippers present. Reuters reported that she suffered “serious but non-life threatening injuries.” She was taken to University Hospital Waterford for treatment.

Gardaí arrested a man in his 30s at a nearby house and seized a knife. He remains in custody as the investigation continues.

Attack Shocks Worshippers

RTE reported that about 50 to 60 people had gathered to pray the rosary when the attack unfolded.

Parish priest Fr. Richard O’Halloran confirmed that the victim was one of the church’s parishioners. He said another priest witnessed the stabbing along with many of those gathered for worship.



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Fr. O’Halloran also praised “the swift response of parishioners and emergency services” who rushed to help the injured woman.

The attack disrupted what began as an ordinary morning of

worship and left the congregation reeling from the violence inside their church.

Diocese Calls for Prayer

In a statement reported by Reuters, the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore said it was “deeply shocked by the violent incident which occurred this morning during Mass.”

According to RTE, the diocese added, “Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured parishioner, and we pray for her full and speedy recovery.”

Church leaders also commended the “courage and presence of mind shown by the parishioners who assisted during this frightening incident.”

As we continue to see churches and Christians targeted around the world, let us pray for the injured woman to experience a complete recovery, for the congregation and the Tramore community to find God’s peace after this traumatic attack, and for the nation of Ireland. May God strengthen His people, protect His Church and bring many hearts to Jesus Christ in the midst of darkness.

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