

Welcome to Madrid

Until 27 June, Hall 9 B at the Prado Museum is home to the five paintings by El Greco which are preserved at the Illescas Sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity (Toledo) due to the refurbishments that are being carried out there.

The paintings were painted for this temple by El Greco between 1600 and 1605 and are on display alongside the cloths of the main altarpiece at the College of Dona María of Aragon (1597-1600), which are preserved at the museum. The figure of the Virgin Mary is the theme of the set of paintings: **Saint Ildefonsus**, overlaps the saint's intellectuality and religiousness; **Virgin of Charity**, portrays the kindness of a mother who protects her son and is lifted up, joining earth and heaven, on the way to her coronation; **Coronation**, where the Holy Trinity presides over the scene in which the Virgin Mary is being crowned in a heavenly scene; **Annunciation**, with the expressiveness bringing the spectator closer to Mary's surprise in the Annunciation's revelation; and **Nativity**, which shows the love of parents towards their newborn son.

It is a unique opportunity to compare two series of works at the end of the painter's career, characterised by his absolute disinterest in spatial conventions, the use of elongated and fiery models, created with increasingly broken and vibrant strokes, a reduced colour scheme and flashing illumination.

The exhibition has the support of FUNCAVE, the sponsorship of the Friends of the Prado Museum Foundation and the collaboration of the Community of Madrid.

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Interest data

When

Until 27 June

Address

Paseo del Prado, s/n 28014

Web

<https://www.museodelprado.es/actualidad/exposicion/el-greco-en-illescas/a9c94c26-77c5-1dc2-1a9e-23037937f960>

Where

Prado Museum

Tourist area

Paseo del Arte

Metro

Banco de España (L2), Estación del Arte (Antigua Atocha) (L1)

Bus

001, 6, 10, 14, 19, 26, 27, 32, 34, 37, 45, C03, E1

Price

General Entrance Fee: €15

Reduced Entrance Fee: €7.50

Check [official website](#)

Type

Exposiciones, Pintura

Cercanías (Local train)

Madrid-Atocha

Opening times

Mon- Sat: 10am - 8pm

Sun and Public Hols: 10am - 5pm



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