

The Papal Mass Bus Bookings

Clonakilty Parish has reserved a bus to travel to the Papal Mass on Sunday August 26th in the Phoenix Park. The bus will leave Clonakilty at approx. 5.30am. There will be breakfast on route and dinner on the return trip. We plan to be parked up in Dublin for approx. 11am. Mass is at 3pm. The bus will be parked approx. 5 km from Phoenix Park where there will be shuttle buses from the car parks to and from Phoenix Park especially for those who need it. You will also be able to walk. The cost of the bus is €60. The entrance tickets for the Mass are included with the bus booking. You can book bus tickets either in the Sacristy or Mary Finn on 087 1983053. A €20 deposit is required at the time of booking. **Closing date for bus booking is Wednesday July 4th.** There is no seating at the Papal Mass so you may need to bring your own small foldable chair.

Alternatively if you are travelling to the Papal Mass with your own transport, you can now book tickets from the World Meeting of Family's website. Note - only tickets holders will be admitted to the Papal Mass. Tickets for Knock Shrine are now booked out.

Tickets for the Festival of Families

On Saturday 25th the Festival of Families will take place in Croke Park from 6pm. The tickets for this event were only available when you purchased any of the days in the Congress in the RDS. This Saturday evening event is now booked out.

Ringing of the Bells -The call to Prayer

On Tuesday 21st August @7pm the Bishops of Ireland have invited all Churches in Ireland to ring their bells simultaneously throughout Ireland to mark the opening of the WMOF.

Cork and Ross Opening Ceremonies.

The Cork and Ross opening ceremonies will take place on Tuesday 21st August at 7.30pm in the Cathedral of St. Mary & St. Anne in Cork. The choir performing on that night in the Cathedral will also be singing for the Papal Mass in Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th. The Choir is made up of singers from our Parishes. Everybody is invited to this opening ceremony.

Local Mass for Sunday August 26th

Due to the large numbers of Clergy attending the WMOF Papal Mass on Sunday 26th August, the times of masses in Clonakilty Parish may differ. You will be informed closer to the date.

Invitation to view the WMOF

It is expected there will be in the region of 600,000 people attending the Papal Mass on Sunday August 26th in the Phoenix Park. The whole Mass will be broadcast live on the TV. Some of you who cannot make the journey to Dublin may seek another way of joining the Holy Father. Gathering in a sacred place to watch the solemn proceedings in a faith community setting.

At the Church of the Immaculate Conception, The Lough, Cork the entire proceedings will be broadcast live on large screen. There is no booking required & there is ample free parking available. The Papal Mass tends to be long, so you may want to bring a cushion. There will be refreshments after the Mass in their Parish Centre. Children are especially welcome for Jesus calls them into his presence. You are assured of a warm welcome. All they ask is the readiness to celebrate in quietude giving God reverence in God's house.



WMOF - NEWSLETTER

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the 2018 World Meeting of Families from Tuesday 21st - Sunday 26th August, guided by the theme:

“The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the **World**”.

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. The event has at its heart the following key moments:

Tuesday 21st August 2018, National Opening of WMOF2018 ceremonies will take place simultaneously in all dioceses of Ireland.

Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th August 2018, Three-day Congress In the RDS. Each day will reflect on the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World” chosen by the Holy Father and will include an enriching programme for adults of keynote speakers, workshops, talks, testimonies and discussions; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as fun activities for children. The Congress will also include daily celebration of the Eucharist, prayerful activities, exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances.

Saturday 25th August 2018, a Festival of Families will be held in Croke Park. Comprising of a reflective concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents .

Sunday 26th August 2018, The Holy Father will visit Knock Shrine in the morning. WMOF2018 will close with a **solemn Eucharistic Celebration** in Phoenix Park that will gather hundreds of thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

Volunteers Required for the WMOF

The World Meeting of the Families 2018 will attract thousands of Irish and International pilgrims. Organising it and seeing it through will only be possible with the help of generous volunteers who will put their love and talents to service.

In 2012, for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress, approximately 2,000 volunteers gave their time, abilities and service to organise this event in various roles, such as stewards, welcoming and information teams, photographers, bloggers, media support, logistics, programming support, among many roles. The volunteers were amazing and loved the experience of being part of the event from the inside.

If you volunteered for IEC2012 please volunteer with us again and help us encourage others to do so too. If you have not volunteered before, we would like to have you too. We are seeking several thousand volunteers; we hope WMOF2018 will appeal to many to help!

Our volunteers are vital to the success of the World Meeting of Families. We will be grateful for every single minute that you give us of your precious time and we truly value your contribution and do hope you will consider applying as a member of our Volunteer Team.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who expressed an interest through our website in volunteering and signed up for our newsletters and to all of those who contacted us. Everyone looking to volunteer must now officially apply to become a WMOF2018 volunteer through our online application link.

Itinerary of Pope Francis while in Ireland.

Saturday 25 August 2018

- 10:30 Arrival at Dublin International Airport **OFFICIAL WELCOME**
- 10:45 Transfer to Áras an Uachtaráin
- 11:15 Arrival at the Presidential Residence
- 11:30 **COURTESY VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT** in the Presidential Residence

- 12:00 Transfer to Dublin Castle
- 12:10 Arrival at Dublin Castle
- 15:30 Arrival at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral
- 16:15 Transfer to the Day Centre of the Capuchin Fathers
- 16:30 **PRIVATE VISIT to the DAY CENTRE FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES of the CAPUCHIN**

FATHERS

- 19:30 Arrival at Croke Park Stadium
- 19:45 **FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES** in Croke Park Stadium - **Speech of the Holy Father**

Sunday 26 August 2018 DUBLIN-KNOCK-DUBLIN-ROMA

- 08:40 Departure by plane for Knock
- 09:20 Arrival at the Airport in Knock
- Immediate transfer to the Shrine
- 09:45 Arrival at Knock Shrine
- 10:45 Transfer to the airport in Knock
- 11:10 Arrival at the airport in Knock
- 11:15 Departure by plane for Dublin
- 11:50 Arrival at Dublin International Airport

Lunch with the Papal Delegation

- 14:30 Arrival at Phoenix Park
- 15:00 **HOLY MASS** in Phoenix Park - **Homily of the Holy Father**
- 18:30 Arrival at Dublin International Airport

FAREWELL CEREMONY

- 18:45 Departure by plane for Roma/Ciampino

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