



DIOCESE OF CLOYNE

WMOF18 NEWSLETTER



22-26 AUGUST 2018

Message from Bishop William Crean



We are fortunate in Ireland to have the privilege of hosting the World Meeting of Families in 2018 (WMOF18). It gives the Irish Church the opportunity to celebrate family life and focus on the challenges facing Irish families today. Pope Francis, who has personally chosen Ireland for this event, tells us that "the welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the World and of the Church." (AL 31).

So I invite you to join with us as we prepare for this great world family occasion. On Sunday the 7th. May we will host a Diocesan Forum in Springfort Hall, which will be an occasion for us to listen and discern how the people of our diocese wish to prepare for WMOF18.

Then I will celebrate Mass to launch our preparations in the Holy

Family Church in Youghal on Saturday 20th. May at 7.30pm.

This newsletter will be issued on a monthly basis from September 2017, to keep you informed of events and we hope that you will contact us with your suggestions or comments.

Cloyne Diocesan Forum

Bishop William invites you to join him for this meeting of parish representatives and family support agencies to discern how we might best prepare for the WMOF18.

Sunday May 7th. 2017
at 2.00pm

Springfort Hall
Mallow, Co Cork.

Keynote Speaker

Martin Kennedy

Pastoral Programme Coordinator WMOF18

Also presentations from family support agencies on their work.

If you wish to attend please register by
texting 086 0640249 or email
info@cloynediocese.ie

Holy Family Church Youghal



Saturday 20th. May 2017 - 7.30pm

You are invited to join with Bishop Crean in celebrating Mass to launch the preparations in our diocese, for the WMOF18. For this occasion we join with the people of Youghal as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Holy Family Church. As anniversaries are always great family occasions, what better opportunity and venue for the launch of preparations for this unique family event.

The World Meeting of Families comes to Ireland!

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families in

August 2018. Started by Saint John Paul II, and held every three years, this major world event celebrates family as the cornerstone of our lives, and the fundamental building block of society and the Church.

Families and others from all over the world will gather in Dublin

From 21-26 August 2018 to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for WMOF2018 is The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World. The WMOF2018 Logo, launched in December 2016, reflects on this theme and our journey towards August 2018.

Martin Kennedy - Profile



Martin Kennedy is pastoral programme coordinator for World Meeting of Families. He has worked for thirty five years as a

trainer and facilitator with church and community groups. Martin is married to Breda. They have two adult children and live near Killashandra in Co. Cavan.

Family Prayer Book: The Diocese of Cloyne is currently preparing a Family Prayer Book to accompany people in preparation for WMOF2018 (Dublin). We are making a call for people to submit personal prayers which are precious and unique to them. These may be prayers handed onto you by a parent, a grandparent, or other family member.

The prayer should be no more than 200 words, and should be suitable to appear in a Prayer Book designed for families and family life.

A selection of these prayers will appear in a Diocese of Cloyne Family Prayer Booklet to be published in the Autumn. Please forward your prayer for consideration along with your name, address, email and phone number via email to cloynenewevangelisation@gmail.com or via post to Fr Sean Corkery, 2 Bellevue Circle, Bellevue, Mallow, Co Cork.



How can I get involved?

-If you would like to get involved with the preparations in the Cloyne Diocese, please phone the **Diocesan Office at 021 4811430**

-**Pray** for the success of the World Meeting of Families 2018.

-**Prepare** spiritually with the pastoral programme available from this Autumn.

-**Attend** the World Meeting events in 2018 as a pilgrim, a volunteer or an exhibitor. Details of opportunities will follow in the next few months.

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