



DIOCESE OF CLOYNE

WMOF18 NEWSLETTER

March 2018



Adoration Week

11th –16th March

During this week adorers throughout the diocese will pray for families and for the World Meeting of Families.

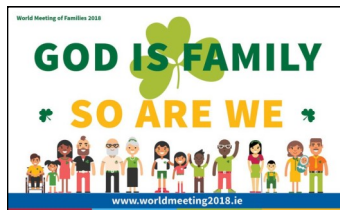
Also on Thurs evening 15th March, from 8pm to 9pm. Fr. John Keane will lead a **Holy Hour** in The Church of Our Lady Conceived Without Sin, Mitchelstown.

All are invited to attend this Holy Hour and to pray for families.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Bumper stickers available from your parish

The shamrock as a symbol of the Trinity is promoted through the distribution of window stickers, car bumper stickers and other materials. This initiative promotes the message 'God is family, so are we', highlighted by Pope Francis



"Dearest Mothers, thank you for what you are in your family and what you give to the Church and the World."
Pope Francis, Mother's Day 2017

SUGGESTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH

'Parish Conversations'

Parish Conversations continue in a number of parishes during or after Lent.

Family Stations of the Cross

Parishes might host 'Stations of the Cross' with an emphasis on Families

Adoration Week

11th to 16th March

Mother's Day - 11th March

St Patrick's Day
Saturday 17th March



Children's Family Album Initiative



The Society of Missionary Children (the Pope's official children's charity for overseas mission) with the support of the World Meeting of Families is creating a "Family Album" to bring to the World Meeting of Families! (see www.wmi.ie for details)

This will be a digital collection of drawings, or other artwork from children, adolescents, and their families, providing everyone with the opportunity to illustrate what family means to them. We would invite you to participate as creatively as possible in the Society's "Family Album."

Pope Francis says that through beauty, artists make the world better! He also says that living together is an art, a beautiful, fascinating journey so, what better way for families to express the art of living together as family than through art!

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.

Programme for WMOF18

Tuesday 21st August 2018

Opening Ceremonies

Wed 22nd to Fri 24th August

Three day congress

Saturday 25th August

Festival of Families

Sunday 26th August

Eucharistic Celebration

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How can I get involved?

Volunteer - If you would like to volunteer to assist in the running of the WMOF18 events in August 2018 you can register on www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer

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

Prepare spiritually with the 'Parish Conversations' programme in Spring 2018.

Register now to attend the World Meeting events in 2018, see worldmeeting2018.ie for details of registration and accommodation.

World Meeting of Families website

www.worldmeeting2018.ie



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