



# DIocese of CLOYNE

## WMOF18 NEWSLETTER

### August 2018



#### Latest News from WMOF18

**Information for those traveling to the Phoenix Park on Sunday 26th Aug.**

#### Transport

Public transport and coaches will be given priority and will bring you closest to Phoenix Park.

**It will not be possible to drive up to or near to the Phoenix Park by car.**

For further traffic information log on to - [www.gov.ie/popeinireland](http://www.gov.ie/popeinireland)

#### Seating

It is not feasible to have seating for 500,000 people, therefore you are strongly advised to bring some form of portable seating.

#### Facilities

Designated rest zones, food and drinks stations, medical facilities, as well as toilets and baby changing facilities are all at the venue, gates and transport hubs. There will also be volunteers throughout the venue and special facilities for people with accessibility issues and their carers.

#### Television Coverage

For those unable to attend the WMOF18 all of the events will be featured on RTE television and radio.

#### Volunteering

One day volunteers and Ministers of the Eucharist are required for 26th August Mass in the Phoenix Park, register at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer)

#### Unused Tickets

If parishes or individuals have unused tickets for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park, you are requested to email - [worldmeeting@tickets.ie](mailto:worldmeeting@tickets.ie)

You are asked to do this asap, quoting your booking reference, to allow those who have been unable to secure tickets the opportunity to attend.

#### WMOF18 Opening Ceremony

We will join with every diocese in Ireland when we host an **Evening Prayer** ceremony to mark the opening of the World Meeting of Families.

**On Tuesday 21st August**

**At 7.30pm**

**St Colman's Cathedral,  
Cobh**



Presider - **Most Rev. Bishop William Crean**

Featuring the Cloyne Diocesan Choir

**Each parish in the diocese is asked to ring their church bell at 7.30pm.**

**Refreshments served following the ceremony**



#### Pray-A-Thon - A New Initiative for Families To Prepare for WMOF2018 in the Home!

The Pray-A-Thon is an initiative for families as Ireland prepares to host WMOF2018 in August.

It is an invitation to reach out to family members/friends and pray for them and any special intentions they might have. Similar to the aim of read-a-thons of fostering the habit of regular reading, the Pray-A-Thon can also encourage children in the practice of praying within the family home. Easily downloadable, the prayer card can be printed by schools, parishes or parents, and given to children to fold into a booklet, bring home and fill in individually. The card has space for up to 20 names and the children write down the names of family members/friends for whom they will pray on each day of their Pray-A-Thon.

**You can download resources for the Pray-A-Thon on-**

**[www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Resources/Pray-a-Thon](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Resources/Pray-a-Thon)**

#### A Journey through Amoris Laetitia' TV Series

This new six-part television series has also just been launched as we approach the final month of preparations for WMOF2018. The series features a wide variety of well-known commentators, as well as families from all walks of life and from all over the world. Contributors include Archbishop Eamon Martin, Bishop Robert Barron, John and Clare Gabrowski, Pontifical Council for the Family; Sr Consilio, Cuan Mhuire; and Pat and Susan Keenan of Retrouvaille Ireland. Available at [www.amoris.ie/tv](http://www.amoris.ie/tv)



A new series of digital animations, believed to be the first created using *Amoris Laetitia* as a guiding theme, has been created as part of the ongoing preparations for WMOF2018.

The Amoris Animations provide accessible insights and reflections on the messages in *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*, the document written by Pope Francis on love in the family.

Available at [www.amoris.ie/animations](http://www.amoris.ie/animations)

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#### How can I get involved?

**Volunteer** - One day volunteers and Ministers of the Eucharist are required for the Mass on the 26th August in the Phoenix Park, register on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer)

**Pray** for the success of the World Meeting of Families 2018 see our Pray-A-Thon feature.

**Attend** the opening Ceremony at St Colman's Cathedral on Tues 21st August at 7.30pm.

World Meeting of Families website

[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

[www.facebook.com/wmof2018](https://www.facebook.com/wmof2018)

[www.twitter.com/wmof2018](https://www.twitter.com/wmof2018)