



# DIOCESE OF CLOYNE

## WMOF18 NEWSLETTER

### May 2018



#### Latest News from WMOF18

##### Registration and Tickets

At the moment the tickets for the **Festival of Families** in Croke Park and the **Closing Mass** in Phoenix Park are not directly available on general release until we have completed our consultations with the relevant statutory agencies on capacity, transport, security, safety and other issues. When these tickets become available they can be available to book online at [www.worldmeeting2018@gmail.com/tickets](mailto:www.worldmeeting2018@gmail.com/tickets) and they will be free.

##### Pastoral Congress

Registrations for the WMOF2018 **Pastoral Congress** have now exceeded 18,000 people. Approximately 60% of these registrations are from overseas with the remaining 40% being registrations from within Ireland. We are on target to have somewhere between 10,000 – 12,000 international visitors to the WMOF2018 which will mean that we will have the largest international attendance at the World Meeting of Families gathering to date.

##### Volunteering

The number of volunteers has now reached 2,500, but we will need up to 10,000 volunteers around the events in August. You can volunteer online at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/Volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/Volunteer)

## Happy Anniversary



Pope Francis quotes the 2014 Synod of Bishops on the Family:

**‘Liturgies, devotional practices and the Eucharist celebrated for families, especially on the wedding anniversary, were mentioned as vital factors in fostering evangelisation through the family.’ AL223**

As part of the preparations for the WMOF18 we are asking parishes to invite couples who are celebrating a significant Wedding Anniversary, or indeed any wedding anniversary, during this year of the WMOF18 and of the visit of Pope Francis, to arrange some form of faith event or blessing, maybe as part of the Sunday Eucharist during the month of May.

It is important that we value and celebrate the commitment couples continually make to each other, to their families and to their faith communities. ‘The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church’. AL31

#### SUGGESTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAY

**Blessing for couples celebrating Wedding Anniversaries.**

**Cloyne Diocesan Family Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday May 13th**

**Book transport for your parish group to travel to WMOF18**

Are you a parent or grandparent?  
Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus.  
**POPE FRANCIS**



#### 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 - RDS

**Saturday 25th August**  
Festival of Families – Croke Park

**Sunday 26th August**  
Eucharistic Celebration-Phoenix Pk.

#### Contact Us -

**Diocese of Cloyne Coordinators**  
Breda McDonald  
John Fitzgerald  
Phone: 086 0640249  
Email: [wmof18cloyne@gmail.com](mailto:wmof18cloyne@gmail.com)

Or the Cloyne Diocesan Office-  
Phone: 021 4811430  
Email - [info@cloynediocese.ie](mailto:info@cloynediocese.ie)  
Website - [www.cloynediocese.ie](http://www.cloynediocese.ie)

#### 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](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer)

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

**Register now to attend** the World Meeting events in 2018, see [worldmeeting2018.ie](http://worldmeeting2018.ie) for details of registration and accommodation.

**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)