

POPE'S MASS ~ PHOENIX PARK, SUNDAY, 26TH AUG, ~ WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

- On Sunday 26th August at 3.00pm there will be a special Mass in the Phoenix Park celebrated by Pope Francis.
- Entry to the Mass will be by ticket (free) only. All tickets will have a compulsory designated point of entry.
- Tickets will only be available online. A parish will have the facility to book a small block of tickets together.
- To facilitate parishioners who may wish to travel to the Mass as a group on hired transport our Parish Grouping will hire some busses to bring parishioners to and from the Mass.
- We have secured 200 seats on hired busses that will be shared across the four parishes.
- For those travelling on the busses hired by the parish Grouping it is important that we source their ticket for the Mass. This is to try and ensure that all travelling on one of the busses enter the Phoenix Park at the same place.
- As of yet parishes have not got the full details regarding the sourcing of a block of tickets but all that information is about to be finalised and we need to be ready to put our arrangements in place for the Pope's Mass in the Phoenix Park.
- If you wish to attend the Pope's Mass in the Phoenix Park and travel on the bus organised by the parish please leave your name in the parish by Monday 18th June along with a €10 payment for the bus seat
- Bookings will only be taken with payment for the seat.
- Payment will only be refunded in the event of being unable to attend if **A)** the bus is full and **B)** there is another person to take your seat.
- It is important to know that from whatever point you enter the Phoenix Park for the Pope's Mass on Sunday 26th August there will be a walk of a minimum of 20 to 30 Minutes to reach your designated place at the Mass.
- Busses will leave the Church at 11.00am on Sunday 26th May and return back to the parish one hour after the Mass concludes. (All attending the Mass must be in their designated place by 1.30pm)
- **N.B.** If you have booked to attend some of the events in the RDS that are part of the WMOF you are automatically facilitated with the option of getting a ticket for the Phoenix Park Mass. If you avail of getting a ticket in that way your entry point may be different from that of those travelling on the parish hired transport and it may be more convenient for you to make your own way to the Mass. The best option for those individual situations will become clearer later on.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES PROGRAMME

World Meeting of Families 2018 will be a joyful and enriching occasion for adults, young people and children. During these five days, there will be time to meet and share, pray and reflect, grow in faith and love, celebrate, as well as gather strength to continue the journey of life.

- **21 August 2018** - Opening of World Meeting of Families 2018
Simultaneous National Opening of WMOF2018 in all dioceses in Ireland
- **22 to 24 August 2018** - World Meeting of the Families Pastoral Congress
Keynote speakers, workshops and discussions; exhibitions, art and cultural activities, daily celebration of the Eucharist, liturgical and prayerful activities. Each day will reflect on the theme “The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World” chosen by the Holy Father. The venue has been confirmed as the **RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4**
- **Evening of 25 August** - Festival of Families
A festive time, where we gather to celebrate the gift of family from the perspective of the specific theme of the World Meeting. This will be a cultural celebration of music, dance, song, within a prayerful and joyful setting, and with the aid of stories given by families from different parts of the world.
Venue: **Croke Park Stadium.**
- **26 August 2018** - Solemn Eucharistic Celebration
The World Meeting of the Families 2018 will conclude with a Solemn Mass in thanksgiving to God, the Holy Trinity, for the gift of family and for its sanctification.
Venue: **Phoenix Park**

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