

**Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis to Ireland on the occasion of the
World Meeting of Families in Dublin**

25-26 AUGUST 2018

Saturday 25 August 2018

- 10:30 Arrival at Dublin International Airport
10:45 Transfer to Áras an Uachtaráin
11:15 Arrival at Áras an Uachtaráin
11:30 Courtesy visit to the President in Áras an Uachtaráin
12:00 Transfer to Dublin Castle
12:10 Arrival at Dublin Castle
Meeting with Authorities, Civil Society and Diplomatic Corps in Dublin Castle
15:30 Arrival at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral
Visit to the Cathedral - Greeting of the Holy Father
16:15 Transfer to the Day Centre of the Capuchin Fathers
16:30 Private visit to the day centre for homeless families of the Capuchin Fathers
19:30 Arrival at Croke Park Stadium
19:45 Festival of Families in Croke Park Stadium - Speech

Sunday 26 August 2018

- 08:40 Departure by plane for Knock
09:20 Arrival at the Airport in Knock
09:45 Arrival at Knock Shrine
Visit to the Chapel of Knock Shrine
Angelus on the square in front of the Shrine
11:15 Departure by plane for Dublin
11:50 Arrival at Dublin International Airport
Lunch with the Papal Delegation
14:30 Arrival at Phoenix Park
15:00 Mass in the Phoenix Park - Homily by Pope Francis
Meeting with the Bishops in the Convent of the Dominican Sisters
18:30 Arrival at Dublin International Airport
18:45 Departure by plane for Roma/Ciampino
23:00 Arrival at the Airport of Roma/Ciampino

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Oblate Parish of Mary Immaculate Newsletter

The Nativity of St John the Baptist

24th June 2018



We usually associate John the Baptist with the Advent season and the invitation to 'prepare the way for the Lord'. But here in early summer we encounter John once more, in order to celebrate his birth on June 24. So important is this solemnity that today it replaces the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The New Testament does not supply precise information about the dates of John's or Jesus' birth. In the third or fourth century the birthday of Jesus was assigned to Dec. 25, around the time of the winter solstice, after what we call the "shortest" day of the year, when the time of daylight begins to increase.

In John's Gospel there is a saying from John the Baptist, referring to Jesus, that "He must increase; I must decrease" (3:30). And so the birth of John was assigned to June 24, after the summer solstice in this part of the world, when the daylight begins to decrease, following the "longest" day of the year.

At the baptism of Jesus we see John's own recognition of his subordinate status with respect to Jesus: "I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

The Gospels tell the story of John in this way: that while John is great, Jesus is even greater. The birth of John is presented as the fulfilment of God's promises to an elderly childless couple, Elizabeth and Zechariah. John is conceived by an old couple, but Jesus' conception is much greater with no man involved. God is the Father and Mary the mother. The idea is not to criticize John but rather to highlight Jesus' greatness.

John was important for his time and ours. Jesus said: "I assure you there is no man born of woman greater than John." Yet John, when Jesus began his ministry, John was happy to send his followers to Jesus and let himself fade into the background. 'He must increase and I must decrease' he said. The dynamic of "decrease and increase" can be applied to all Christians. The vocation of every Christian is to let the light of Jesus shine forth to all the world and bear witness to the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us.

World Meeting of Families Solemn Eucharistic Celebration

Sunday 26th August 2018 at 3p.m. in the Phoenix Park

Tickets for the Final Mass

The Final Mass for WMOF2018 is a **free ticketed** event. Every adult and child in attendance will require a ticket to access the venue. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. All tickets will be for standing sections.

Tickets for this event will be released on the World Meeting of Families Website on the **25th June 2018**.

From the 25th of June, book your ticket through an online form on the World Meeting of Families 2018 Website. Your ticket will be sent to you by email closer to the event.

You must choose which event you would like to attend – Phoenix Park or Knock. It is not possible to apply for tickets for both Phoenix Park and the Knock events, as these events are on the same day – you may only apply for one of these events.

When registering for a ticket, you will be asked for the following information:

- Name and postal address: to identify you as the person applying for the tickets.
- Email address: your tickets will be sent to you by email for you to print off at home.
- Travel information: you will be asked where you are travelling from. This will help to assist you to find the best route to the event.

You will not receive your ticket immediately after you register. Tickets will be sent closer to the event by email in the form of a 'print at home' ticket. This will include travel information, along with details of how to get to your section/gate at the event.

Plan your trip—bus, train, tram, walking, or coach. You will not be able to drive up to or park near the venue, but park and ride or park and walk facilities will be available around the city. A special transport ticket will go on sale soon in newsagents and on-line. This ticket will allow you to travel within the Dublin area on all Dublin Bus, DART commuter rail and Luas services on Sunday 26th August.

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil 7pm
Sunday: 8am, 11am, 7pm

Holy Days: Vigil 7pm,
7am, 10am, 7pm
When Holy Day falls on a Saturday, Mass times are Vigil, 11am and 7pm

Weekdays (Mon-Fri)
7am, 10am, 7pm

Saturdays: 11am
Bank Holidays: 11am

Confessions: Saturday
10.30 am-11.00am
6.30 pm.7.00 pm



Baptisms take place on the third Sunday of every month at 3pm. Contact the Parish Office Tel. 4534408 ext. 203

Lotto draw every Monday evening. Tickets €2.

Family Offerings

27/05/2018 €353.85
03/06/2018 €509.16
12/06/2018 €290.00

Thank you for your generous support.

Oblate Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Saturday, 14th July 2018

The bus will leave from Our Lady of the Wayside Church/ Mary Immaculate Church/St. Michael's Church (times to be finalised).

Fare: €20

To book a place please give you name, phone number and bus fare to your Parish Office

Oblates of Mary Immaculate Parish. Tel: 01 454 34408

Our Lady of the Wayside Parish. Tel: 01 450 1040

St Michael's Parish. Tel: 01 453 1660

Booking essential before 25th June 2018

Congratulation to the pupils from Scoil Mhuire Gan Smál who, in glorious sunshine, celebrated their **First Communion on Saturday 9th June**. We pray that these children will continue to grow in their faith, supported by family, community & school.

Visitors are welcome to the **Legion of Mary** meeting every Thursday at 7:30pm in the Oblate House of Retreat.



Social Media Specialist

We are looking for a dynamic person to appoint to the new role of **Social Media Specialist** to support the work of the Oblates. The role will involve delivery of proactive & coordinated external digital communications through a range of channels. The successful candidate will work collaboratively to develop innovative & imaginative responses in a rapidly changing communications landscape. For a detailed job description, salary & contract information, please contact: Fr Lorcan O'Reilly at oblate_partners@btinternet.com Closing date for completed applications is 30th June 2018

Summer Camp July 29th-August 3rd. This year, why not give your child a summer holiday with a difference. Young people from England, Scotland & Wales, aged 12-14, will come together for 5 days of outdoor activities & teambuilding. The camp will take place in Lilliput OEC, near Mullingar. Staff are fully trained and Garda Vetted. For more information: Contact 0877723255 or padraig.oblate.partners@gmail.com