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We have a lot to celebrate in our Faith – don't be afraid to show it

ometimes you'd be forgiven for thinking that there is nothing to celebrate in being Catholic and Irish in modern Ireland. Hostility towards the Church is extremely high and truth be told it was always going to intensify in the run up to the visit of Pope Francis and the World Meeting of Families. A poll on The Irish Catholic Facebook page found 88% of respondents say they feel hostility towards their Catholic

Let's be clear, some people have legitimate and justifiable grievances against the Church. For many, no amount of outreach or contrition from Church leaders will heal their pain. That doesn't mean that the outreach isn't important - it is vital. But we shouldn't delude ourselves into thinking it will be enough.

The fact too is there are also many opportunistic people who simply don't like the Catholic Church and what it stands for. Many of them are unwilling to give the Church the benefit of the doubt on anything. They will use every opportunity possible to try to present the Church and the Catholic faith in as negative a light as possible.

Witness, for example, the bizarre attempts to link homelessness with the Papal visit. Several media commentators have been willing to take cheap shots against the Church as if Pope Francis is responsible because our political class has normalised the fact of families raising their children in hotel rooms

Relentless

The negativity is relentless, but Catholics shouldn't let it wear them down. A tremendous effort has gone in to organising the World Meeting of Families 2018.

Across Ireland, hundreds of volunteers have been working night and day to ensure that the event is a success and an appropriate celebration for Irish families. The visit of Pope Francis to both Knock and Dublin is

the icing on the cake and something many hundreds of thousands of Irish people are looking forward to. With just over a week until the Pontiff touches down for his short trip, excitement is building and Catholics are justifiably thrilled that the successor of St Peter is coming to Ireland.

The Pope will undoubtedly touch on the darker chapters of the history of the Church in this island, and that is entirely appropriate. The story of those who have suffered is part of the story of the Church in Ireland and will remain so.

The Good News of the Gospel is as relevant today as it ever was - and Ireland has a piercing need for that good news"

There will be lots of celebrate too. For most Catholics, they experience the Church in their local communities and through their families.

Catholicism is incarnated for them in the daily kindnesses, forgiveness and encouragement that they receive from the local Christian community. God is made present to them through the grace to overcome difficulties and to come to terms with the things that they cannot change.

Editor's Comment

Michael Kelly

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The story of Christianity, the story of the Church is always one of grace as well as sin. Anything that is made up of human beings always is. And, it was ever thus - the crowning moment of Christianity saw the Saviour of the world crucified between two thieves.

The history of the Church in Ireland as elsewhere hasn't all been glorious, but it hasn't all been terrible ever.

The Good News of the Gospel is as relevant today as it ever was - and Ireland has a piercing need for that good news. Catholics must be unafraid to humbly celebrate the joy of their Faith. The World Meeting of Families will be moment of tremendous grace and energy for all those who participate. That is Good News.



Archbishop Eamon Martin with Lucy Lyons, Grace Lyons, Paula Lyons and Roisin McAnenly visiting the relics of Ss Louis and Zélie Martin and St Thérèse of Lisieux at St Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh. Credit: www.LiamMcArdle.

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Biblical names for boys remain a popular choice

Colm Fitzpatrick

Despite being written thousands of years ago, it seems that Irish people still have a penchant for names found in the Bible, as over half of the top 10 names given to Irish new-born boys are found in the Scriptures, according to a new sur-

Although there are countless names to choose from, research from the Central Statistics Office shows that out of the top ten boy names given to Irish newborns in 2017. six have a Biblical theme, ranging from the first human of God's creation to the apostles and apocalyptic figures.

Although Jack topped the list, placing No.1, James and Daniel took the silver and bronze prize, representing an influence from both the Old and New Testament. The book of Genesis also seems to resonate with Irish people, with Noah from the Ark epic and Adam from the Garden of Eden account taking the prizes of sixth and

The Gospel name Luke also placed sevangel Michael found in the Book of Daniel and Book of Revelation squeezed into the list at No.10.

The other names in the list were Conor and Sean, placing fourth and fifth, while Harry took the prize for eighth

Female names

Notably, despite various biblical female names such as Abigail, Ruth and Mary, only one such-themed name appeared in the top 10 list for female newborns. Hannah, a prophetess, mother of Samuel, and citizen of Jerusalem found in Samuel I. came in at seventh.

For those with a pedantic concern for this topic, the name Sophie which placed fifth, derives from the Greek 'sophos'. It means wise and is mentioned 44 times in the Bible, being used in the New Testament to describe the men who came to visit Iesus at his birth.

The top three names for Irish new-born girls were Emily, Emma and

Singer rested on God during trials



Colm Fitzpatrick

Musical icon Sir Cliff Richard has said that his Faith supported him during his battle with sexual assault allegations which were made in 2013.

In a radio interview with Miriam O'Callaghan on RTÉ Radio One last week, the

famous singer described how his Faith got him through the trial. "My Faith, my fans, friends, my family - they never left me alone. I was never ever alone all that period, so I survived a lot of it because of that.

"There's no doubt, when your friends stay and they all go to bed, you go to bed and

suddenly you're on your own. But I never felt alone. I was always able to speak to God, pour my heart out and I think that was very good for me."

In June 2016, prosecutors announced that he would face no charges. Sir Cliff sued the police, which ultimately settled the case for £400.000.

Chance for speed dating Catholic-style at WMOF

Chai Brady

The search for love can be a tough one, so for some an event held just across the road from the RDS during the WMOF Pastoral Congress might be their chance to find romance.

With thousands of people attending the WMOF Pastoral Congress from August 22-24 there will be a Catholic Speed Dating event held just across the road in the Horse Show House.

Taking place on Thursday, August 23, from 9-11pm it is open to people of all ages and costs €30 if paid online (at DenverCatholicSpeedDate.com) before 6pm on the day, or €35 at the door - cash only. The cost includes many evening starter foods and finger foods and either one beer or soda, as well as materials and matching.

Email BasquezA@aol.com with name, age, mobile number, email and preferred age group. Emails before the event get seated nearest their preferred age group.

The event is organised by Denver Catholic Speed Dating LLC based in the US, which hosted Philadelphia Catholic Speed Dating during World Meeting of Families 2015. It is a small events planner who say there have been more than 30 marriages among participants who met at their events.

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'No surprise' that Travellers are forced to sleep in Garda stations – priest

Greg Daly

Reports that more than one in five families referred to Gardaí when overnight accommodation is unavailable are Travellers are unsurprising, a priest who works as chaplain to the Traveller community has said.

"It does not surprise me," Mallow's Fr Tom Naughton told The Irish Catholic, continuing, "it has always been an outstanding issue in my experience".

While stressing that his work with the Traveller community has been primarily religious and spiritual in nature, Fr Naughton said it has long been clear that Travellers have suffered from housing difficulties.

"I have been acutely aware over the years of the situation of housing, particularly with Travellers," he said. "Now it's a general problem but with Travellers in particular I suppose it's true to say that a

week hasn't gone by where I haven't become aware of at least one situation.'

The Cloyne priest's comments come against the background of reports that in April Focus Ireland directed eight families to go to Garda stations for accommodation, with four families being similarly directed in May. Overall, 30 families were sent to Garda stations in April, and 29 in May.

Commenting on claims that the national housing crisis is having a disproportionate impact on the Travelling community owing to a failure of local authorities to provide Traveller-appropriate housing and discrimination against Travellers in the private rental market, Fr Naughton stressed the importance of appropriate housing

"It's one thing to give a person accommodation, but that may not necessarily be appropriate for various types of reasons," he said, adding

that he feels the main issue is a failure to integrate the Travelling community into broader society.

"There is a whole huge effort needing to be made with the integration of travellers into society in general, and society coming halfway with initiatives and endeavours and projects of working together so that misunderstanding and fear of the 'other' is broken down and

Describing this as "the very root cause of any discrimination that exists", Fr Naughton said tackling this would require work on all

"But that cuts both wavs to be honest: both communities have to come halfway and be willing to work together constructively in order to break down discrimination," he

Super practice for super event



Bishop Denis Nulty stands with young people from the Amadeus Youth group after a 'super practice' this week for the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin's opening ceremony on Tuesday, August 21, at 7.30pm in Carlow Cathedral.

NI pro-lifers 'squeezed' by Westminister and RoI on abortion



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Chai Brady

Some Northern Irish Catholics are "upset" and "disap-pointed" that two pro-choice Government ministers from the Republic were given a platform to push for liberalised abortion laws at a prominent Catholic teaching college.

According to Tracy Harkin of the Iona Institute it was inappropriate to allow two politicians who have been "actively vocal against Church teaching" to speak at an institution that "symbolises the formation of the next generation of teachers".

Last week Health Minister Simon Harris told attendees at an event in St Mary's University College in Belfast that he intends to ensure women from the North can access abortion services in the south.

Respect

He also said he respected the issue of abortion laws in North, but that he "really hope this issue is addressed in the near future".

Tracy Harkin told The Irish Catholic: "It's very clear here that there is not a will among Northern Ireland people to liberalise the abortion law.

"That they can come here, over the border, and push that agenda up here, I think there's huge issues with that."

She said Minister Harris was not respecting democracy with his comments.

"What we do know is, on a practical level, when the Westminister government recently funded abortion for women from Northern Ireland the rates went up alarmingly so we know that there's going to be lives lost, so that's why we need to really resist that whether it's coming from London or from the south."

"In Northern Ireland we're feeling very squeezed at the moment."

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar's attendance at the same university previously – to open the community festival West Belfast Belfast Féile an Phobail - was protested by prolife group Precious Life, who accused him of being "anti-Catholic".

'You can't be against everything' - advice from the wise....

- wise in the ways of public communication - once said to me: "You can't be against everything – or be seen to be against everything. Pick your targets. Prioritise what's important to you." I would now, with respect, pass on that advice to Mary McAleese.

You can't be against everything in the Catholic Church, which is how it is beginning to look, from infant baptism to the tradition of the male priesthood to LGBT issues within the church, and ambivalence - it would seem - over the moral standing of unborn life.

If you are attempting to ride two horses at once, remember that they won't necessarily work serenely together in harness.

If you want change and reform, then prioritise what's most important to you. If you feel that gay rights are the issue, then bring your energy and canon law learning to this: focus on it, make it your priority.

But if you think women priests or the position of women within the formal arrangements of the Magisterium is a greater urgency, then prioritise that.

Bear in mind, incidentally, that within the Anglican community, gay men were often those most vehemently opposed to the ordination of women. So if you are attempting to ride two horses at once, remember that they won't necessarily work serenely together in





Mary McAleese.

harness.

Ditto if you would campaign against infant baptism (or "infant conscripts" as you have called them), or Confession or Pro-Life: select a priority, and stick with it.

It's not hard to see why Mrs McAleese expresses a range of angry feelings. Her maternal instinct is outraged on behalf of her gay son, and the fierceness she brings to this cause is by no means dishonourable. We admire the tiger mother defending her young.

On the position of women in the Church, her own pride is hurt that her contribution has been rebuffed or sidelined - especially when she suspects, maybe with reason, that she is as clever, or even cleverer, and more knowledgeable than many an elderly prelate. She worked hard at her studies

in theology and canon law, after her tenure as President. Her dander aroused, she has proceeded to the scattergun critique of just about everything.

Equal footing

All this is understandable, psychologically. There is also another point to be made: it isn't easy being an ex-Head of State. One moment you are standing next to Queen Elizabeth, in Flanders Field, or welcoming the President of the United States, all on an equal footing: the next, you are just an ordinary citizen again. That's something you have to address, on a level of personal adjustment.

But when it comes to issues, the wise old bird was correct: you cannot be against everything, if you want to be effective. Pick your targets. Prioritise. And then sometimes be nice

Courtesy and respect win votes

Theresa May was subjected to a range of ridicule for her rather deep, and awkward-looking, recent curtsey to Prince William. On a somewhat Gilbert & Sullivan point of protocol, there are a variety of curtseys which a subject may perform only British subjects curtsey: others do not measuring from a two-inch bob to a 13-inch knee-

Irish commentators on social media thought it hilarious and expressed satisfaction that such "serf-like" gestures are not required in a republic - although

there was a time when English commentators like the acid-

tongued Nancy Mitford thought it equally hilarious to see Irish politicians kneel before a bishop.

These gestures often contain hidden agendas, however. Theresa May curtseys to the Sovereign's heir, but it is the Prime Minister who has all the power: the Monarch's heir, in reality, must do exactly as she tells

him. By the same token, Irish politicians would behave respectfully towards a bishop since, at that time, there were votes in it. What you see isn't always what you get.

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Maria Steen The View

attended the funeral of a dear family friend last week. The lady in question was a cherished mother, sister and friend. But above all, she was a beloved wife. Over more than half a century, she and her husband were truly united in marriage. They were and remain an inspirational example of all that Christian marriage can be. Although impressive in every way as individuals in their own right, together, in marriage, they were transformed. Their marriage became greater

than the sum of its parts.
Anyone who knew
them recognised in their
marriage something
beautiful, something truly
good. Christian marriage
– lifelong, faithful and
fruitful – is something that
is good, and is a good in

Shining a bright light on marriage and the family

itself. And although it is no longer politically correct to say so, it is also better than many alternatives.

How sad, in a world where there is so much loneliness, abuse, selfishness and sadness, that the idea of two people publicly committing themselves to each other, giving themselves to each other totally and unconditionally, building a life together, serving each other and others, is seen as something oppressive, patriarchal, bad.

No longer can a Catholic bishop hold up the ideal of Christian marriage without a government minister or senator ridiculing and mocking him. Simon Harris and Catherine Noone had nothing better to do on the Sunday of the August bank holiday weekend than to take to Twitter to criticise Bishop Kevin Doran for talking about Catholic marriage to a room full of Catholics. It seems they have forgotten all about their calls for the separation of Church and State.

Honour

Our Government, like many others, is intent on eradicating the significance of the differences between the sexes, on denying children the right to know and to be raised by their biological parents, and on obliterating the position of honour in which marriage has historically been held by every western civilization.

We hear people shouting for the rights of all other forms of family (and politicians listen intently), but no one speaks up for the married couple who have given their lives to each other totally and selflessly, and are doing their best to bring up their children as good Christians and good citizens, struggling with the difficulties that life throws at everyone from time to time.

The one form of family that is under attack in the western world at the moment is the traditional family based on marriage.

In the eyes of governments around the world, there is nothing special or distinctive about this form of union.

It is against this background that the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) will be held in Ireland next week.

What will the Church have to say to the world about the family?

This is what I hope for: that while the whole world is watching, the Catholic Church will shine a light on the beauty of marriage, of married love and all that flows from it. While world leaders and politicians and broadcasters and celebrities laugh at what is beautiful and good and true, let the Church, from the Pope down, hold up the ideal of Christian marriage. Let the Church honour married couples like Louis and Zélie Martin, parents of a saint and saints in their own right.

Even today, marriage still forms the bedrock of most extended families in this country and throughout Europe. While people may not be married themselves, or may be in some other form of relationship, to whom is it that the extended family gravitates at Christmas or some other family event? Back to the marital home – to parents

or grandparents whose marriage is the rock upon which the rest of the family is built.

The Christian view of the family puts marriage at its centre. This does not mean that everyone is called to marriage, but what it does mean is that marriage is an essential and fundamental part of the familial structure.

What is family after all? It is an intergenerational community of people, bound together by the ties of marriage and of blood, and in exceptional circumstances of adoption. Those ties – and the duties that arise from them – are what make the idea of family so important.

Nowadays, we often hear people describing their friends as "family". Whether they are serious about this or not, it is an error and a distortion of what family truly is.

One of the greatest strengths of the family is that we have very little choice about it.

No one speaks up for the married couple who have given their lives to each other"

While we can choose our spouses, we cannot choose our parents, our children, our sisters or brothers, our wider family. We find ourselves thrown into close quarters with a group of people whom we might never have chosen to live with had that choice been available to us. This is a good thing.

The family is a microcosm of the world outside and the first place we learn to deal with conflict, differing needs and expectations, and putting the needs of others before our own because of the familial bonds of love and duty. It is where we learn how to live harmoniously with others.

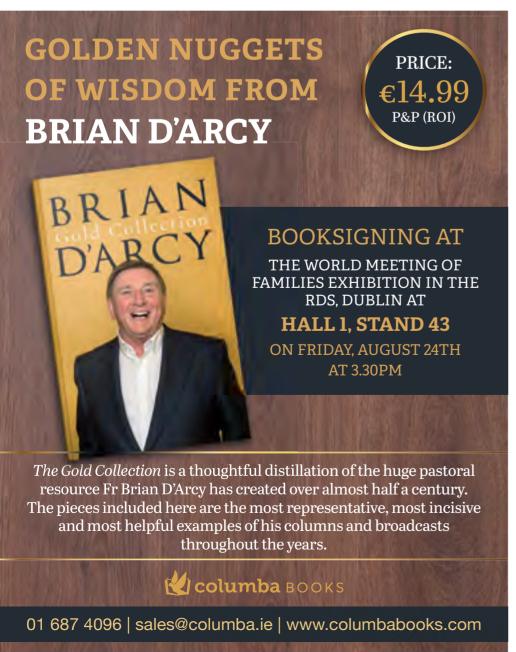
Were we able to choose our families – and there is an ever-increasing movement to make this so – we could avoid disagreements, pain, suffering and other difficulties. We could choose to live only with people we like and who like us, people without problems, people who are not dependent on us. But in doing so, we would never really learn what it is that love, as the central theme of the family, means.

Love, for the Catholic, is no mere feeling, it is a decision – and within a family - a duty. There is no effort in loving someone when you feel like it; anyone can do that. It is precisely in circumstances where you do not feel loving that the promise to love is most important. While we cannot choose our families or the circumstances into which we are born, we can choose to love.

Circumstances

As Christians, we know that God's plan for mankind is that children be welcomed into the world by their own mother and father, who are committed to each other and to their children in marriage. There is a sense among some Catholics that to proclaim this truth is somehow to dismiss or judge people who are living in circumstances or relationships that differ from this, but this is faulty thinking. We can applaud the heroic efforts made by many single parents while acknowledging that for a child not to know and be cared for by his father or mother is less than ideal.

The lesson taught by the life of my recently deceased friend is that the ideal is not just some fairytale. It is real. It is possible. It is achievable. I have seen it done. And it is worth the struggle. Denying this truth serves only to deprive those who may not have experienced first-hand the fulfillment of Catholic marriage of an ideal to which they can and should aspire. The World Meeting of Families should remind us – without apologies that marriage is good and beautiful and unique.



Quizzing the flock before the shepherd arrives



Greg Daly

hat most Irish people believe the Church should ordain women, as a new poll suggests, shouldn't surprise anyone. Only two years ago 58% agreed with the proposal when Ireland's farming community was polled on the issue, while in 2012, according to an Amárach Research poll for the Association of Catholic Priests, a massive 77% of Catholics surveyed backed the idea.

Still, it's worth taking a closer look at the published findings of the *Sunday Independent*/Kantar Millward Brown as conducted between July 23 and August 6.

The poll was conducted among a representative sample of 875 adults at 64 sampling points nationwide, with a margin of error of plus or minus 3.3%.

Strikingly, the poll is a survey of the public in general, rather than Catholics in particular, and with the 2016 census indicating that just 78.3% of the population identify as Catholic, surveys such as this need careful handling: it can be reasonably safely assumed that about a fifth of those who responded weren't Catholic.

Services

One could go further, of course: even of those answering who identify as Catholic, how many are massgoers? It's worth considering, especially in light of the Pew Research Centre's finding that only 34% of Irish adults claim to attend religious services at least monthly or how just 30% of the 3,779 voters surveyed by Behaviour & Attitudes after voting in this year's abortion referendum said they attended religious services at least weekly, but attempting to play down poll findings on this basis would be unwise.

Pew figures, after all, indicate that 92% of Ireland's self-identifying Christians claim to be raising their children in their own Faith; looking to the future, it is worth recalling the prediction of Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, the Dominicans'



onetime Master General, that "Christianity will flourish in the 21st Century if we grasp that the Church is above all the community of the baptised"

Given this, it is striking that 55% of those surveyed by Kantar Millward Brown agree with Mary McAleese that that the Church does not treat women equally, with only 15% disagreeing, the remainder of those polled being divided equally between those saying "it depends", and those saying they did not know.

How 55% of people saying the Church does not treat women equally squares with 62% backing the ordination of women priests is unclear – are there those who think women are treated equally, but it wouldn't hurt to have women priests too?

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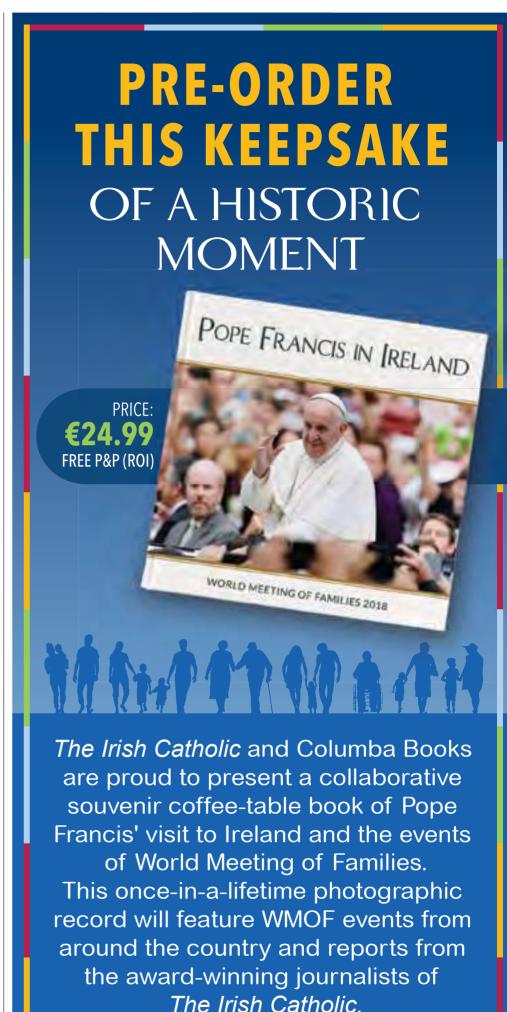
Either way, women are those most likely to have answered in the affirmative on the above topics, with 60% believing women are treated less well than men in the Church, and 65% believing the Church should ordain women to the priesthood.

While older people appear less likely than younger ones to support female ordination, support for this spans all age groups with just 18% of those surveyed believing the Church's perennial teaching should be held to. It could be worth asking people whether they understand what underpins Church doctrine around this issue.

Less controversially, as it's a matter of practice rather than teaching, a full 67% believe priests should be allowed marry, with just 15% opposing this. Given, however, low numbers of new priestly vocations in the West and the increasing visibility of married clergy of Anglican backgrounds across social media, it is difficult to see current practice persisting forever.

Finally, just 19% of those surveyed said they intend to attend a ceremony linked with the papal visit: this suggests that around 670,000 adults from the Republic intend to go to at least one of the Festival of Families, the Angelus at Knock or the Closing Mass of WMOF2018, this figure rising slightly to 23% in the 35-49 demographic. With children from the Republic and both adults and children from the North attending all three of these events, however, this figure seems overrstated, but time will tell.

Be that as it may, it's striking that of the 81% of people not planning on attending any of the papal events, half intend to follow the ceremonies on television, on the radio, or online, with under a fifth – a mere 15% of the country's adult population – adamant that they will do no such thing. Ireland might at times seem a cold house for Catholics nowadays, but it seems this isn't a black-and-white matter.



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An unhealthy obsession



Ireland still
does not want
a normal
relationship
with the
Church,
writes **David Quinn**

ostile or negative headlines ahead of the Pope's visit to Ireland next week have been mounting. The Irish Times ran three in the space of five days.



Queen Elizabeth II inspects an army salute during her visit to Ireland in 2011.

One concerned a fear that homeless people will be ejected from emergency accommodation in hotels to make way for pilgrims here for the World Meeting of Families and the papal visit.

Two concerned the abuse scandals. In one of these Mary McAleese recalled a meeting with Cardinal Angelo Sodano (now retired) at the Vatican in 2003 during which he raised the possibility of the Holy See reaching an agreement with the Irish State whereby Church documents would be protected from State scrutiny. The next day Dermot Ahern, the former Foreign Minister, remembered a similar meeting with Cardinal Sodano a year later in which Cardinal Sodano asked for the State to indemnify the Church against abuse claims.

Then we had stories in other papers about a temporary morgue being set up in the Phoenix Park in case people died at the papal Mass, and an official from the HSE warned that there might be an outbreak of disease at the Mass among the 500,000 expected to be present. No-one could recall similar warnings about the health dangers of big crowds getting this sort of coverage before.

Reminders

There have also been lots of reminders about the abuse scandals. This is fair enough. The scandals have done enormous damage to the Church and the Pope must and will address them when he is here. He must also meet victims of abuse.

At the same time, it has been interesting to contrast coverage of the pending papal visit with the visit of Queen Elizabeth to Ireland in 2011. There was far less negativity on that occasion, although it did exist, albeit

almost exclusively in republican circles.

In the run-up to the royal visit there was little appetite in either our media or political establishment to remind the Irish people of the dark side of British rule or to bring to mind the worst episodes of the Troubles that the British were involved in, such as Bloody Sunday. The Troubles only ended in the 1990s, so it is not like they were a distant memory in 2011, or now.

On the day Queen Elizabeth arrived, *The Irish Times* editorial was headlined, 'The Day has Come'.

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The piece began: "President Mary McAleese has called the State visit of Queen Elizabeth II 'extraordinary' and 'phenomenal'. Given that this is the first such visit in a century, such words are not out of place. Yet, the real significance of the event lies, less in being extraordinary, than in being pleasantly and properly ordinary. It is at last possible to say that the relationship between Britain and Ireland is simply normal. It is what it ought to be between neighbouring countries bound together by strong economic, political, cultural, social, sporting and personal ties.'

Further on, it criticised

those striking a negative tone: "The diehards do this independent State some small service – they remind us of what Ireland as a whole has left behind. They still define Irish identity negatively – as anti-Britishness. Most of the rest of the nation, even in the midst of our current travails, has the self-confidence not to need a hatred of Britain to make it feel Irish."

Is it possible that some people in Ireland are now inclined to gain a sense of identity through relentless opposition to the Catholic Church? Do elements of our media encourage this, including *The Irish Times*? What about the Government? Health Minister Simon Harris never seems to miss an opportunity to take potshots at the Church.

Education Minister Richard Bruton has spent his term in office paring back the rights of Catholic schools. Taoiseach Leo Varadkar has said he intends raising issues like women priests and same-sex marriage with the Pope when he is here. Other politicians have said the same.

Different tone

Mary McAleese herself has struck a completely different tone about the upcoming papal visit than about the visit of Queen Elizabeth to Ireland. Admittedly she is not our president now but here is what she said in May 2011 about the royal visit: "Her Majesty, the Queen, the Head of State of our immediate next door neighbours, the people with whom we are forging a new future, a future very, very different from the past, on

very different terms from the past and I think that visit will send the message that we are, both jurisdictions, determined to make the future a much, much better place."

Ahead of the papal visit she has been insistently negative. She continually attacks the Church, adding even infant baptism in her list of criticisms. She attaches the word 'evil' to the Church with regularity.

with regularity.

It might be said that a papal visit is different to a royal visit and a reigning British monarch has far less real power than a Pope, and that is true. Nonetheless, a British monarch is British Head of State and symbolises Britain itself and British history and British rule including in Northern Ireland. The Queen provided regular succour to the Unionist community and to the British army in the North during the Troubles by her visits there.

There was no apology for British crimes against Ireland down the centuries"

When the Queen was here in 2011 she visited the Garden of Remembrance to honour those who died for Irish freedom and in a speech at Dublin Castle she referred to the troubled historical relationship of our two islands. But there was no apology for British crimes against Ireland down the centuries.

So, is a double standard being applied to the papal visit compared with the royal visit? Why the eagerness in May 2011 to declare relations with Britain normalised compared with the present wish by our political establishment to call out the Church not simply over the scandals, but also over some of its teachings?

Perhaps this goes beyond the scandals. Remember, the State closed its embassy to the Holy See in 2011 in protest at them. It is now clear that the State also wants the Church to change its teachings in conformity with its own policies. This being so, it means relations with the Church will never be normalised until the State accepts that the Church is the Church rather than a mere extension and appendage of itself, to be moulded in its

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After the end of the fighting in the war against IS, the situation in Iraq remains disastrous. The areas liberated from IS are in ruins and the country is deeply divided ethnically, politically and religiously. Economic decline, displacement, unemployment and poverty can be found everywhere.



Dr Michael Kinsella National Director, Aid to the Church in Need

he situation of Christians is also catastrophic. Thousands have moved to safer areas and to Europe. Through its humanitarian and reconstruction efforts, ACN is working tirelessly with its project partners to persuade the faithful to stay and return home.

According to a survey, 8.7 million people still require humanitarian aid in Iraq today; around 2.6 million are internally displaced. The number of Christians in the country has fallen dramatically due to the war. Experts estimate that there are 250,000 to 350,000 Christians. In comparison, in 2003 there were still 1.5 million.

Providing food continued to be a top priority for us in Iraq in 2017. For Christians from Mosul and the Nineveh Plains, who have fled the Daesh to Kurdistan, we provided \in 4.7 million for food and \in 1.9 million for housing. Around 12,000 internally



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displaced families benefit from this regular support. Our project partners repeatedly stress that ACN aid gives people hope. For many of them, our support is a true testament to God's kindness and love.

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Another sign of hope for many Christians is the rebuilding of churches and ecclesiastical facilities. For this reason, ACN also supports the reconstruction and renovation of some churches, parish centres and monasteries.

A 'Marshall Plan' for Christians in Iraq

The commitment of the Nineveh Reconstruction Committee (NRC) in Iraq is bringing courage and hope for Christians in Iraq. The committee is an interconfessional aid project developed by ACN together with the Syrian Catholic, Syrian Orthodox and Chaldean Catholic Churches.

It offers Christians from the Nineveh Plains in Kurdistan who were displaced by the IS the opportunity to return to their villages. We supported the project with considerable resources in 2017 and have been able to regularly provide food and shelter to 95,000 Christians from the Nineveh Plains, as well as finance the reconstruction of the first 200 homes in their home villages, 100 of them in Qaraqosh alone.

The goal of the Nineveh Reconstruction Committee is to rebuild the homes of internally displaced people from the Nineveh Plains that were destroyed by IS. For after the region was liberated, many Christians expressed their desire to return to their villages and thus to their old lives. They turned to local church leaders, who, in turn, asked ACN to help

with the planning and funding of the project.

on the Nineveh Plains in Iraq.

In this way, a kind of 'Marshall Plan' for Christians was developed in a process of close collaboration, which not only encompasses reconstruction but also the creation of jobs as part of the construction work.

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As confirmed by a study commissioned by ACN, IS terror in the Nineveh Plains has destroyed or seriously damaged nearly 13,000 private homes, as well as schools, clinics andchurch buildings. The estimated reconstruction costs for private homes alone will exceed US\$250 million.

But as large as these challenges are, the Nineveh Reconstruction Project has already proved to be a great success. Just over a year after the start



of the project, 8,768 of the 19,452 families have been able to move back into their homes – and more will follow.

As part of our advocacy activities, we will continue to

promote the Nineveh Reconstruction Project through fundraising, awareness raising and advocacy activities among governments and key institutions.



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A Programme of Events for ACN Ireland's exhibition at the WMOF2018:

It is both a blessing and a great joy to welcome families from around the world to join ACN at its exhibition titled '...and you shall be My Witnesses' for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Please consider bringing your family along to learn about the vital work and mission of ACN nationally and internationally – as well hearing incredible first-hand stories of Faith, Hope and Joy from a remarkable group of international Christian witness.

Today, more than ever, the world needs these witnesses. The suffering and persecuted Church, the primary focus of ACN's mission, have so much to teach the world about life, love and family. For even as they endure the traumas of famine or violence or persecution, they cling yet tighter to their faith in God. Our message to the persecuted is 'even if the whole world should forget you, I will never forget you.'

Among the many features of our exhibition, there will be:

A display of ISIS-desecrated religious articles rescued from Qaraqosh, kindly donated to us by the ACN-funded Nineveh Reconstruction Committee (NRC).

A 'refugee experience', that showcases the dangerous and difficult conditions which so many thousands of Christian families endure across the Middle East as result of near unprecedented levels of persecution against Christianity. An inspirational line-up of testimonies exploring the Christian understanding and application of Faith, Hope and Joy from the Church in Africa, South America, Asia and the Middle-East.

An immersive media exhibition area show-casing the inspirational and Grace-filled work of ACN across the world.

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A Prayer for the Church in Nineveh Plains

Lord and God.

Hear today the cry of your children, now scattered to the four winds and forced to seek shelter in foreign lands. Hear the prayers of your people on the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates, in the land of Abraham, who since the beginnings of Christianity have not ceased to praise and glorify your Name.

Throughout the centuries no day has passed there on which the Holy Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of your Son was not celebrated. Without interruption, the sound of the bells and the singing of their hymns have risen up to you, together with the smoke of the incense that was offered in your Name.

Yet now this sacrifice of praise has become for many a Way of the Cross on which for your Name's sake they have been driven from their homes and robbed of their possessions and their happiness. For the sake of your Name many have even shed their blood. Their sacrifice has become one with the Sacrifice of your Son on Golgotha. The persecutors, with their guns and their their raging violence, seemed to have triumphed; death and mourning seemed to have had the last word. It seemed as though their end had come.

Yet today, Lord of history and Shepherd of your people, the hour of liberation has come. Those who desecrated your sanctuary, who destroyed the crosses and sacred images, who persecuted and expelled your faithful, are now gone.

Grant your people now the grace of returning to those places where the tree of their life is deeply rooted. Grant that this tree may bear fruits of peace and enable your people to restore the honour of your Name in those places you gave to them and to their ancestors, and preserve this land for future generations also, so that the praise of your Name may never cease in their churches and in their families.

We ask you this, O God, lover of mankind, through the intercession of Mary, the Blessed Mother of God, of the martyrs of the Nineveh Plain and of all who have borne witness to you by their blood.

Amen.

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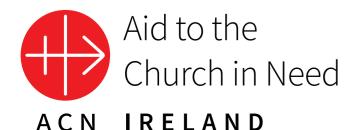
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Magh Ene flies the flags for Pope



In anticipation of Pope Francis' visit for WMOF, the Parish of Magh Ene celebrated international family at Mass with contributions from many different nationalities living in Bundoran, Co. Donegal. At the

beginning of Mass, national flags, including the Vatican City flag, were presented by the children of Irish, Polish, Slovakian, Vietnamese, Venezuelan and Filipino families.

Prayers of the Faithful were

offered by each family in their own language and the choir sang Irish, Latin and English hymns.

Canon Ramon Munster PP centred his homily around the Faith finding its way to each of

the countries represented, how families had contributed so much to its continuing existence, and the fact Pope Francis would bless and recommend this family contribution to Church life when he comes to Dublin. Because Bundoran attracts so many visitors and tourists each summer, many other nationalities attending Mass came forward to greet participants when Mass was ended.

Over 5,000 NI pilgrims to use WMOF public transport

Colm Fitzpatrick

Booking demand for public transport in the North of Ireland is "strong" ahead of the papal visit events later this month, a spokesperson for Translink has

Translink, which provides train and bus services across the North of Ireland and to Dublin, said that there are numerous transport services available on August 25-26 to bring over 5,000 pilgrims to attend the World Meeting of Families events.

"In addition to our scheduled services, we are running a number of bus and train specials. We have provision for over 5,200 passengers to the papal visit events in Dublin and bookings are strong," a spokesperson for the corporation said.

Major event

"This is set to be a major event and Translink look forward to playing an important part working with the NTA (National Transport Authority) to ensure its success."

They added that pre-booking of travel is essential and are urging customers to plan and book their journey in advance at www. translink.co.uk/popeinireland/.

WMOF urges pilgrims to 'leave no trace' in Europe's biggest event of 2018

Chai Brady

The papal Mass on August 26, which 500,000 people are expected to attend, will be the biggest event in Europe this year according to organisers.

With such a huge influx of people, WMOF2018 has released a new animated video called 'Leave no trace' which aims to encourage pilgrims to reduce their environmental footprint during the World Meeting of Families (WMOF).

It suggests people travel lightly, leave their car behind and choose eco-friendly transport, go plastic free, leave no trace and take time to reflect on God's creation.

Jane Mellett, project co-ordi-

nator for 'Care for our Common Home', says Pope Francis has invited everyone to enter a conversation about the threats the planet faces as a result of environmental destruction.

She said: "The 'Our Common Home' project encourages everyone, through prayer, discussion, and action, to think deeply about the kind of world we will leave to the generations coming after us. This is one of the most challenging issues of our time, and the World Meeting of Families 2018 offers the chance to explore this with participants.

"We all have a part to play in protecting our common home. If everyone joining the World Meeting of Families takes responsibility to be an eco-pilgrim on their journey we can minimise our impact throughout the event, and most importantly at the Papal Mass in Phoenix Park."

She added: "This wonderful park is a great example of God's creation, and we ask all our pilgrims to do their best to leave no trace while they are here, and bring home all they bring with them, so that the beauty of this park can be enjoyed by generations to come."

According to organisers, the total attendance for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland for the WMOF is expected to be 750,000, in comparison attendance at the 1916 Centenary Eater Sunday

Parade was 350,000.

Half a million tickets have been booked for the WMOF2018 Closing Mass in the Phoenix Park, with pilgrims coming from Ireland and abroad, pointing to an attendance more than six times that of Croke Park at full capacity.

The previous WMOF locations include: Rome (1994); Rio de Janeiro (1997); Rome (2000); Manila (2003); Valencia (2006); Mexico City (2009); Milan (2012); and Philadelphia (2015).

Among the 292 speakers at the Pastoral Congress being held in the RDS over August 22-24 will be 91 women, 65 lay men, and 44 clergy and religious, with the largest group of speakers being couples.

Massive feat as pilgrims take on 220km trek to Pope's Mass

Staff reporter

A group of 20 people have joined together to take on a gruelling 220km pilgrimage from Clare to Dublin to welcome Pope Francis to Ireland.

Beginning on August 15 after 11am Mass the walkers will set off from Nenagh Parish and eventually aim to arrive at the Phoenix Park, Co. Dublin, on August 26 for the Pope's Mass. Fr Des Hillery, who will be one of the pilgrims, said it was a way of celebrating the rich tradition of pilgrimage in Ireland.

However the main purpose is to welcome Pope Francis, Fr Des told *The Irish Catholic*: "What it does I suppose is reflect the Faith that's there, and it reflects the actual commitment that's on the ground."

"Pope Francis is certainly a person that's making a huge impact and is a voice for an awful a lot of people who find that they are voiceless," he added.

Walkers

The first day of the 11-day walk will be along the old Birr road to Sopwell. Next morning the walkers hike along the O'Sullivan Berea Ormond way to Lorrha.

The pilgrims will then begin their treck to Portumna and onwards to Meelick's beautiful church. Meelick church is Irelands oldest Catholic church with continuous use since 1414 AD. Next morning on Saturday, August 18 they travel onwards from Melick to Shannon harbour to join the Grand Canal towpath for the treck to Inchicore in Dublin, eventually leaving the Grand Canal towpath at Inchicore and walk to Phoenix Park for Mass with Pope Francis on August 26.

Peacekeeping chief to speak at WMOF women's forum

Staff reporter

The World Meeting of Families 2018 has announced that a symposium dedicated to the global impact of women's leadership will be held on Saturday, August 25 as part of its international gathering of families from August 21-26. 'Voices of Impact: Women Leaders Shaping Global Change', will be chaired by Irish broadcaster and entrepreneur Norah Casey and US business executive Susan Ann Davis and will feature a series of dynamic conversations and interviews with women leaders at the RDS in Dublin.

This is the first time that a symposium of this type has featured as part of a WMOF gathering.

The symposium themes will include women's leadership in driving global growth and reducing poverty; peacekeeping; sustainability; entrepreneurship; girls' education; violence against women; the needs of refugees, the challenges of the homeless and people with special needs.

According to organisers, women change-makers from



Monique Morrow.

around the globe will engage in dynamic conversations on unique initiatives and solutions to the world's most pressing problems.

Speakers

The keynote speaker is Norwegian General Kristin Lund, Jerusalem, the first woman to lead the UN Peacekeeping Forces. Major General Kristin Lund is Head of Mission and Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO).

She was the first female officer to be promoted to the rank of Major General in



Sr Jane Wakahiu.

the Norwegian Army, before becoming the first female Force Commander in a United Nations peacekeeping operation, while serving in Cyprus.

Confirmed speakers also include Louise Phelan, VP of Global Operations, Pay-Pal, EMEA; Monique Morrow, Zurich, technology pioneer and co-Founder of the Humanised Internet; Ruth McCarthy, CEO of Global Payments, FEXCO, Dublin; Aoibheann Mangan, EU Digital Girl of the Year (age 11); Sr Iane Wakahiu, Los Angeles, Director of Catholic Sisters Initiative, Conrad Hilton Foun-

dation; Jackie O'Donovan, London, Managing Director, O'Donovan Waste Disposal; Irish motivational speaker, Joanne O' Riordan; Irish corporate director and Board Chair of Crafts and Design Council of Ireland, Breege O'Donoghue; sustainability and ethical trade innovator Caroline Keeling, Chief Executive of Keelings; social entrepreneur Iseult Ward, cofounder of Food Cloud; visual artist Leanne McDonagh, a member of the Traveller Community; Syrian journalist Razan Ibraheem; Sinéad McSweeney, Vice President of Public Policy EMEA and Managing Director, Twitter Ireland; Irish Naval Commander Marie Gleeson and Silicon-valley based Caroline Dowling, CEO of Integrated Network Solutions, Flextron-

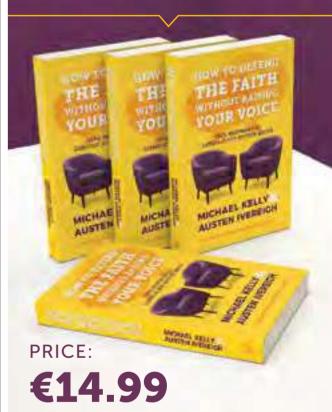
Tickets for the Saturday symposium are free of charge and can be booked on the World Meeting of Families 2018 website https:// www.worldmeeting2018. ie/en/Programme/Voicesof-Impact-Women-Leaders-Shaping-Global-Cha.

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Vulture fund sales to cause housing 'chaos'

Colm Fitzpatrick

Irish banks selling to vulture funds will lead to a "greater risk" of people losing their homes, and "do little" to curb the fragility of the current housing crisis, a prominent charity has said.

Peter McVerry Trust, the national housing and homeless charity, said that the recent move by Ulster Bank to sell more than 5,000 mortgages to a vulture fund, alongside PTSB's announcement of the sale of over 10,000 mortgages will "inevitably lead to more

cases of homelessness and bring greater dysfunction to an already chaotic rental and housing system".

The charity's CEO Pat Doyle said: "Řegardless of whether these are people's principal dwellings or whether they are tenanted buy-to-lets, they are people's homes and they are now at a greater risk of losing their home than they were before these sales.

He added that the scale of these sales must be appreciated and understood, stressing that it is an "enormous issue" and one that cannot be underestimated.

NEWS IN BRIEF

10 commandments for driving to Knock

Mayo County Council has issued '10 Commandments of Road Safety' for pilgrims planning on joining the Pope at Knock Shrine later this month.

With 45,000 people due to join Pope Francis at the shrine on August 26, Mayo council has encouraged people to travel to Knock by public transport, but have advised the 91% of pilgrims expected to travel by car to follow 10 safety instructions.

The first road safety commandment is "Thou shalt not exceed the speed limit," while others include, "Thou shalt wear your seat belt and make sure that everyone in the car is wearing theirs."

Pope to drive Skoda during WMOF

Pope Francis will use a Skoda, the modest family saloon, when he is not using the 'popemobile', during his visit to Ireland for WMOF.



Pope Francis will be using a Skoda apart from the popemobile during his visit to Ireland.

Broadcaster Norah Casey revealed the Pontiff's means of transport on Sunday in an interview on RTE Radio 1's Marian Finucane Show with Brendan

Allianz Insurance is the headline sponsor for the World Meeting of Families, but other companies and corporations in Ireland and the US have made donations towards costs.

"A lot of corporates have given to us privately - that is not a surprise, it happens a lot," she explained. "He is driving a Skoda, for instance, while he is in Ireland. Skoda have provided the car.

WMOF Pope Emoji hits Twitter

A dedicated Twitter emoji which has been created to commemorate Pope Francis' visit to Ireland was launched

The emoji is part of a special welcome to the Pontiff on his historic visit over 25 to 26 August and is the fruit of a collaboration between the social media giant and the World Meeting of Families 2018.

The emoji can be accessed by using the hashtags #popeinireland, #pápainÉirinn, #WMOF2018 and #festivaloffamilies on Twitter.

It features an image of Pope Francis in front of the Irish flag. Another emoji will feature the Pope in front of Knock Shrine.

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A Capital Camino

he 'Seven Churches of Dublin' was a longstanding tradition on Holy Thursday when Canon Damien O'Reilly was growing up, and with the Camino de Santiago growing in popularity in the year leading to 2012's International Eucharistic Congress, a 'pilgrim walk' around the city during the congress had seemed an obvious idea.

"It was something that people who might not be able to attend the congress could do and still be part of it," he explains, relating how the committee he was on thought a useful 'Dublin camino' could include three Catholic churches on either side of the Liffey, with a Church of Ireland church included too to ensure the pilgrimage was an ecumenical experience.

The pilgrim walk was designed to be flexible, he continues - taking place over a week, it could be done in one go, or broken up throughout the week, and involved pilgrims visiting each of the seven churches, spending time in prayer at each one, and having 'pilgrim passports' stamped at each church along the way, with them receiving a certificate of completion once they had finished their pilgrimage, allowing them to share in the indulgences granted for participation in the Eucharistic Congress.

All told, over 20,000 people took part in the walk.

Similar idea

Given this success, it's not surprising that a similar idea was raised for this year's World Meeting of Families, with a small sub-committee being set up to consider it and making recommendations to Fr Tim Bartlett and his team.

"The concept is basically the same," Fr O'Reilly says, "though the seven churches are different."

Of the seven churches picked in 2012, only St Michan's Church on Halston Street and the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Whitefriar Street are among the seven churches in the 2018 camino, Fr O'Reilly adds. "St Mary's Pro-Cathedral is listed, but it's not fully one of the seven this time because it has to close on the Thursday in preparation for the Pope coming," he explains.

Churches this time were chosen for a range of reasons including connections with the Pope himself and obvious

A seven-church pilgrim walk offers an extra way to get involved in WMOF2018, writes **Greg Daly**

links with the theme of the World Meeting of Families itself.

"Whitefriar Street is home to the relics of St Valentine and the shrine of Our Lady of Dublin," Fr O'Reilly says as an example, adding, "St Thérése of Lisieux' parents Louis and Zélie Martin are patrons of the World Meeting, and during WMOF2018, their relics will be there during the pilgrim walk."

Run by St Thérése's order of Discalced Carmelites, Clarendon Street Church was a natural stopping point along the way, while St Audeon's Church on High Street was another obvious choice as one of Dublin's oldest Catholic churches and a key point for the Polish community in Ireland.

Churches this time were chosen for a range of reasons including connections with the Pope himself..."

While some way north of the Liffey, St Saviour's on Dominick Street has long been a centre for the veneration of St Martin de Porres and the Church of St Francis Xavier on Gardiner Street was, as a Jesuit church, another easy choice given how Pope Francis is the first Jesuit Pope.

Dublin's Archbishop Diarmuid Martin and the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin Dr Michael Jackson will jointly launch the walk on August 18, he says, walking between St Michan's Church on Halston Street to the Church of Ireland St Michan's Church on Church Street.

Preparations

Curiously, Fr O'Reilly says, during preparations for the walk in recent weeks, the organising committee led by Bishop Ray Field came upon the tombstone of Archbishop John Carpenter, Dublin's Catholic Archbishop from 1770-1786, in a family plot in St Michan's Church of Ireland Churchyard.

Explaining that there'll be volunteers in every church along the route to meet and greet pilgrims, and to supply them with pilgrim passports if they need them, Fr O'Reilly stresses: "Pilgrims can visit any church in any order, and can take as long as they like. If they complete the walk all in one go, it will probably take about two-and-a-half hours."

That model could work especially well for parish groups, he says, but however people choose to do it, he says, noting that some may wish to do it with a newly-released app, one key thing they should remember is that it opens up WMOF2018 for people who can't make it to the RDS.

"It's a way for people to be involved who can't go to the Pastoral Congress," he says.

St Audoen's Church, High Street

The theme for this station is the gift of grandparents to the family.

Home to Ireland's Polish Chaplaincy service, St Audeon's was built between 1841 and 1847, designed by Patrick Byrne, the architect of the nearby

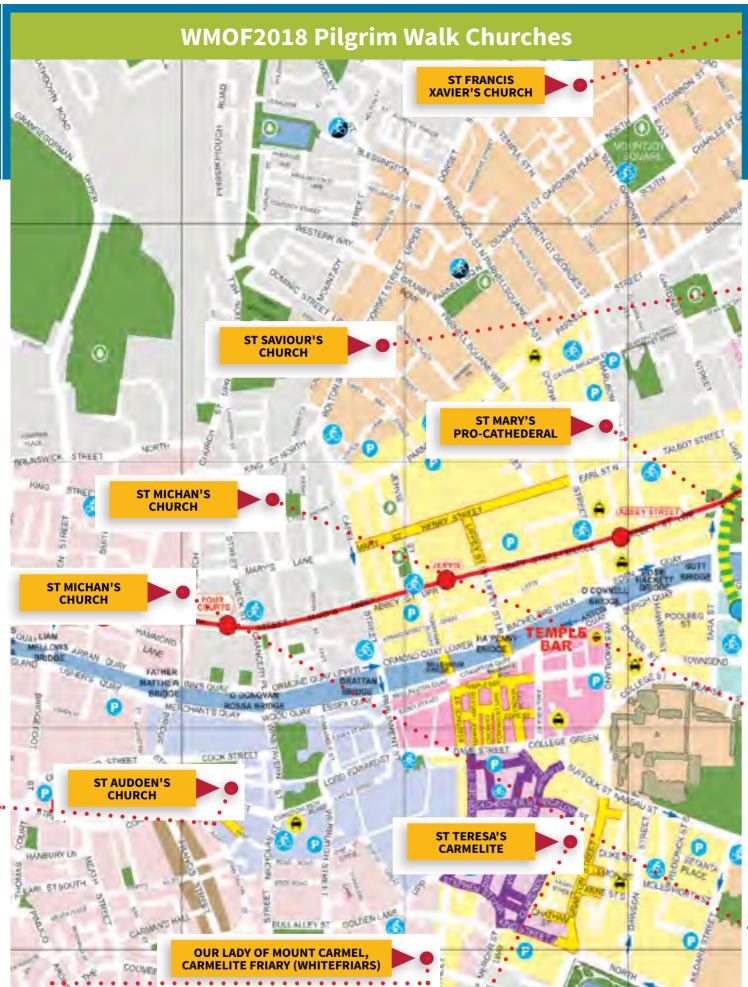


St Paul's Church on Arran Quay and the Church of the Immaculate Conception on

Merchants Quay.

Appropriately for a church on a WMOF2018 pilgrim walk, St Audoen's houses the National Shrine of St Anne, the mother of Mary and thus the grandmother of Jesus. The site on which the church is built once housed a college to accommodate the chaplains to the Guild of St Anne's – the bakers' guild of medieval Dublin.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel **Aungier Street**

The theme for this station is love at the heart of the family.

The first Carmelites arrived in Ireland in the late 13th Century, with Dublin's original Carmelite community being suppressed during the Reformation in 1539. They were back in the city early in the 17th Century, their community moving several times before settling on Whitefriar Street, the site of their pre-Reformation priory,

over 1824-1825, with the foundation stone of the new church being laid in 1826 and the building being consecrated in November 1827.

The original 19th-Century church, designed by George Papworth, architect of St Mary's Pro Cathedral, proved far too small, however, and major redevelopment took place in the 1840s.

St Teresa's Carmelite Church,

the family.

1797, St Teresa's played a key role in the 19th-Century Catholic emancipation movement, with Daniel Connell holding political meetings there between

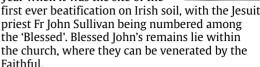
1813 and 1829 and Fr John Francis Lestrange acting as secretary of O'Connell's Catholic Association. Its political links continued through the 19th Century, holding the funeral of the Fenian Charles McCarthy in 1878 in a hall off the main church despite Church

Nowadays, situated as it is just off Grafton Street, St Teresa's may be one of Dublin's busiest churches, with several Masses being celebrated there every day and Confessions being heard throughout the week.

St Francis Xavier's, **Gardiner Street**

The theme for this station is the role of teachers in enriching the children of our families.

St Francis Xavier's Church received national attention last vear when it was the site of the



Built between 1829 and 1832, the Jesuit church was heavily influenced by Italian architecture and in 1889 was the site of the funeral of the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, who is buried in Glasnevin

St Saviour's, Dominick Street

The theme of this station is God walks with families when times are tough.

The Dominican Priory of St Saviour's was first founded in 1224, roughly on

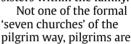


the site now occupied by the Four Courts, with the present church having been opened in 1862.

In 1974 St Saviour's became parish church for the surrounding area, and in 2000 became the student house for the formation of priests for Ireland's Dominicans. In recent years the church has also become home to the Dominican Polish chaplaincy, also offering Masses in Slovak and Spanish, making it a truly international church in the heart of the capital.

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, **Marlborough Street**

The theme for this station is the gift of brothers and sisters within the family.





nonetheless invited to visit Dublin's pro cathedral, although it should be noted that St Mary's will close after 12.45pm Mass on Thursday August 23 until the morning of Sunday August 26.

St Michan's, Halston Street

The theme for this station is the gift of children to the family.

Built between 1812 and 1817. and developed further in 1891, St Michan's on Halston Street has for two centuries served the people of the Markets, Courts and all those who live and work in the very busy part of the city



which extends west from Capel Street to the Phoenix Park, south to the North Quays and north towards Phibsborough and Drumcondra. Home to a small but vibrant Capuchin community, the church was restored last year to mark its bicentenary.

St Michan's, Church Street

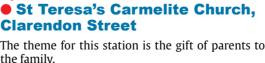
The theme for this station is fostering the gift of forgiveness among families

Dublin's oldest parish church north of the Liffey, St Michan's is an Anglican Church, and its inclusion



is part of the ecumenical dimension of the Pilgrim Walk. Originally built in 1095, the current building dates from 1686 and was substantially renovated in 1825 with its interior substantially the same as in Victorian times.

The church's organ was built in the 1720s, and was reputedly used by Handel when practicising for the first performance of the Messiah, while below the church are burial vaults containing the mummified remains of many of Dublin's most influential 17th-, 18th- and 19th-Century families, including the famous 1798 rebels the Shears brothers.



Home to the city's Discalced Carmelites since

authorities had declared all Fenians excommunicate.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 SPEAKERS' PROFILES

Your guide to some of the Church's leading minds who will be addressing the Meeting



he hundreds of speakers at WMOF2018 represent a colourful cross-section of Church life, both Irish and international, with speakers including parents, priests, religious, business leaders, campaigners, advocates and experts in all manner of challenges to daily family life.

Some of these will be names very familiar to readers of *The Irish Catholic*, not least the Dublinborn Vatican-based Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Armagh's Archbishop and Primate of All-Ireland Eamon Martin, and Bishops Brendan Leahy, Alan McGuckian, Donal McKeown, Fintan Monahan and Denis Nulty.

Other speakers in need of no introduction include abuse campaigner Marie Collins, national director of catechetics Kate Liffey, academic and one-time peace process architect Monica McWilliams, Tyrone manager Mickey Harte and Premier League footballer turned Dominican priest Fr Phil Mulryne, as well as *The Irish Catholic* contributors Breda O'Brien, Bairbre Cahill, Susan Gately and Wendy Grace.

Not every name at the WMOF2018 Pastoral Congress will be so familiar, however, so to help readers navigate WMOF2018 and put faces to names, *The Irish Catholic* has drawn up a list of some of the most interesting speakers from around the world who'll be in Dublin next week.



Cardinal Donald Wuerl

Keynote Speaker – The Welfare of the Family is Decisive for the Future of the World

The 77-year-old Archbishop of Washington, who was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI, has long been a leading figure in the Church's 'new evangelisation' project, giving lectures and publishing books on the subject for some years before the then Pope appointed him relator, or general secretary, of 2012's Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelisation.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1966, between 1969 and 1979 he served in Rome as secretary to Cardinal John Wright, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, even accompanying the wheelchairbound cardinal at the 1978 conclave that elected St John Paul II to the papacy.

Appointed rector of Pittsburgh's St Paul Seminary in 1981, he became auxiliary bishop of Seattle in 1985 and was installed as Bishop of Pittsburgh in 1988, remaining in that role until 2006. While there he reduced the number of parishes in the diocese from 331 to 214, and earned a reputation for being tough on abuse, not least for removing one accused abuser from ministry and facing down a Vatican court which had ruled that he should be reinstated.

Archbishop of Washington since 2006, Cardinal Wuerl has built a reputation as a global leader in catechesis and attempts to revive the Church's missionary efforts. A member of numerous national and international bodies including several Vatican congregations and councils, he is a keen promoter of *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on love and the family.

Bishop Robert Barron

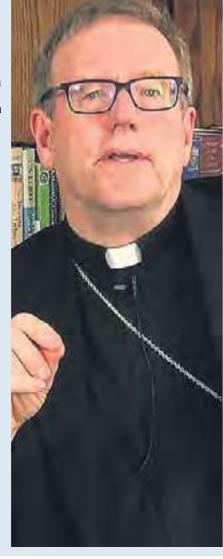
Presenter – Pope Francis on the Gospel of the Family: What is Jesus calling our families to be?

When it comes to the Church's evangelisation efforts in the world today, few names are more prominent than Los Angeles's Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron. Founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, the 58-year-old Chicago-born prelate was ordained in 1986 and after serving as a curate in Illinois taught in Chicago's Mundelein Seminary, which he headed between 2012 and 2015, with spells teaching in Notre Dame University and in Rome's Angelicum University and Pontifical North American College.

Author

A bestselling author and successful broadcaster, Dr Barron is the host of the award-winning documentary *Catholicism* and its successor documentaries *Catholicism: The New Evangelisation* and *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players.* He is one of the world's most influential Catholics on social media, with over 123,000 followers on Twitter, 1.5 million followers on Facebook and his YouTube videos being viewed over 25 million times.

Chair of the US Bishops' Committee on Evangelisation and Catechesis, Bishop Barron has been keynote speaker at many conferences and events, including the 2016 World Youth Day in Kraków, and the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. He is one of five US bishops appointed by Pope Francis to the upcoming Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment



Baroness Sheila Hollins

Major Panel Panellist – Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Baroness Prof Sheila Hollins, is an independent Life Peer in the UK House of Lords, Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at St George's University of London and Honorary Professor in the Department of Theology and Religion at the University of Durham, and was a founder member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors from 2014 to 2017.

She accompanied Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor in the Vatican Visitation to the Church in Ireland in 2011, and in 2012 joined Irish abuse survivor and child protection campaigner Marie Collins in addressing the Vatican's 'Towards Healing and Renewal Symposium' on the topic of 'Healing a wound at the heart of Church and Society'.

She gave evidence last year to the Australian Royal Commission on Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse on behalf of the Pontifical Commission.

She and her husband, Martin, have four children (two of whom are adults with disabilities) and four grandchildren.



Dr Carolyn Woo

Panel Moderator - Faith, Family and Development: The Witness of Women in Leadership

Raised in Hong Kong, Dr Carolyn Yauyan Woo moved to the USA to attend Purdue University in Indiana, where she received her bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees, and joined the faculty, becoming associate executive vice president for academic affairs and is now serving as the Distinguished President's Fellow for Global Development at Purdue.

Between 1997 to 2011, she worked as dean of the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, and in 2012 became President/CEO of Catholic Relief Services, the international humanitarian agency of the Church in the USA, holding this position until 2016, during which period she published Working for a Better World, telling her own story and that of Catholic Relief Services and its work throughout the world.

One of five presenters in Rome at the release of Pope Francis' environmental encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Dr Woo is married with two



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General Kristin Lund

Keynote speaker - Voices of Impact: Women Leaders Shaping Global Change

Norwegian General Kristin Lund is the first woman to lead the UN Peacekeeping Forces. She is Head of Mission and Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce **Supervision Organisation** (UNTSO) and was the first female officer to be promoted to the rank of Major General in the Norwegian Army, before becoming the first female Force Commander in a United Nations peacekeeping operation, while serving in

Cyprus.

General Lund also has extensive experience in multinational operations, including deployment to Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm in 1991 and at the Headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan in 2003-2004.

She has been a member of the Nordic Women Mediation Network since 2015 and currently serves as an advisor at the Norwegian Defence University College in Oslo. In 2017, she became a UNWOMEN Champion.

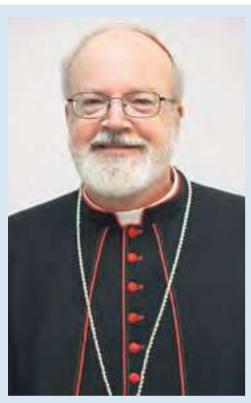
The symposium which she is addressing will include themes such as women's leadership in driving global growth and reducing poverty; peacekeeping; sustainability; entrepreneurship; girls' education; violence against women; the needs of

refugees, the challenges of the homeless and people with special needs.

It will be chaired by Irish broadcaster and entrepreneur Norah Casey and US business executive Susan Ann Davis and will feature a series of dynamic conversations and interviews with women leaders at the

This is the first time that a symposium of this type has featured as part of a WMOF event.

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Archbishop of Boston, Cardinal Seán O'Malley OFM Cap

Major Panel Moderator – Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Cardinal O'Malley is a popular and praised figure in the Church, commended for his role in addressing historic clerical abuse in the Boston area.

He has initiated a zero-tolerance policy against sexual abuse and in 2013 announced a pontifically approved commission, the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors whose purpose is to prevent clerical sex abuse and help victims.

He was ordained a priest in 1970 and was elevated to the cardinalate in 2006. In 2017, Pope Francis appointed him as a full board member to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

So noteworthy his work, he was considered a papabile contender to succeed emeritus Pope Benedict XVI in 2013, before Francis was chosen for the role.

In his mid-70's, Cardinal O'Malley is still a strong candidate for the pontifical role, not only for the example he set for the Church on the abuse scandal, but also because he spent most of his career in Hispanic ministry, he is multilingual, and a defender of orthodox Church teaching.

Such is his evangelical outreach, that he became the first cardinal ever to have a personal blog and also offers regular podcasts.



Fr James Martin SJ

Workshop Speaker – Showing welcome and respect in our Parishes for 'LGBT' People and their Families

Born in 1960, Fr Martin is an American Jesuit priest and writer, and more widely known for his work as the editor-at-large of the magazine *America*. He is the author of over 10 books ranging from the influence of Thomas Merton to the relationship between joy, humour and Faith. Ordained in 1999, Fr Martin has a litany of academic qualifications including a masters degree in philosophy and a Masters of Divinity from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology.

School of Theology. In 2017, Pope Francis appointed Fr Martin as a consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications. He hasn't shied away from this role given his popularity on social media sites which often draws responses of approbation and sometimes controversy.

Although Fr Martin has spoken about an array of theological topics and issues such as anti-Catholicism in the entertainment industry and the intriguing lives of saints, at the moment he is recognised as a strong defender of migrant's rights and the inclusion of the LGBT community in the Church.

His most recent book urges dialogue between the Church and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Catholics who feel estranged and excluded from it.

Gabriella Gambino

Major Panel Moderator – Dancing to the Future with Hope: Strengthening Marriage & the Family Today



Gabriella Gambino, 49, is currently a professor at the John Paul II Pontifical Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences, is a professor of bioethics at the Faculty of Philosophy, and a researcher and associate professor in the philosophy of law at the University of Rome 'Tor Vergata'.

Originally from Milan, she holds a doctorate in bioethics from the Institute of Bioethics at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Rome.

From 2001-2007, she taught and did research at the Institute of the Methodology of Social Sciences of the LUISS-Guido Carli University in Rome, and in 2002 was appointed scientific expert of the National Committee for Bioethics at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

Gambino collaborated with the former Pontifical Council for the Laity and the Pontifical Academy for Life from 2013-2016.

She was appointed undersecretary of the dicastery's section for life in November 2017.

She is married with five children, and has written numerous publications on the themes of life, family and marriage

In addition to Italian, she speaks five other languages.

Linda Ghisoni

Major Panel Moderator – And the greatest is love: Pope Francis on 1 Cor 13

Dr Linda Ghisoni has held a position within the Vatican since November 2017, when Pope Francis appointed her as sub-secretary and the head of the section on laity, for the Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life.

Ghisoni, 52, works as a judge at the First Instance Court of the Vicariate of Rome. In addition to teaching canon law at the Gregorian, she is a professor of law at Roma Tre University.

She is from the town of Cortemaggiore in the north of Italy and studied philosophy and theology at the Eberhard-Karls-University in Tübingen, Germany.

She has served as Judicial

Counsellor at the Tribunal of the Roman Rota from 2002-2009, and Commissioner of the Congregation for the Divine Worship and the Discipline of Sacraments for the Defence of the marital bond in causes for the dissolution of the marriage "ratum sed non consummatum" (ratified but not consummated).

Since November 2011, she has also worked at the Tribunal of the Roman Rota. From 2013-2016, she collaborated with the former Pontifical Council for the Laity in the field of specialist laity studies in the Church. She is married and has two daughters.



Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Keynote Speaker – Support and Preparation for Marriage in the Light of Amoris Laetitia

Well-known for defending a traditional understanding of marriage, Cardinal Nichols will offer some insightful thoughts in his talk. Born in 1945, Vincent Nichols studied for the priesthood at the Venerable English College in Rome from 1963 to 1970, gaining licences in philosophy and theology at the Gregorian University.

He was ordained priest in Rome on 21 December 1969 for the Archdiocese of Liverpool and in January 1980 he was appointed director of the Upholland Northern Institute, where he was responsible for the in-service training of the clergy, pastoral and religious education courses.

He was also a member of Archbishop's Council with responsibility for pastoral formation and development in the diocese.

Commentary

Many would have heard his voice on TV and radio in 2005, where he provided the commentary for the worldwide BBC coverage of the death of Pope John Paul II and the Installation of Pope Benedict

In 2009 he was installed as the 11th Archbishop of Westminster following the retirement of Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor and was elected



President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales by unanimous acclamation on April 30 of that year.

On February 22, 2014, he was created Cardinal Priest by Pope Francis in St Peter's Basilica in Rome. He

was designated the titular Church of St Alphonsus Liguori, a neo-Gothic church that is looked after by the Redemptorists. It is best known for housing the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, a gift given to the Redemptorists by Pope Pius IX in 1866.

Monique Barbut

Panellist - Care for our Common Home: Why the **Family Matters to the Future of our Planet**

Monique Barbut was appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General as the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), starting October 2013. She has been committed to the issues of Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought through her previous work as Chief Executive Officer of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF).

Ms Barbut attended the first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP1) to the UNCCD as a delegate of the Government of France. She attended COP9 in

Buenos Aires as key note speaker and substantively contributed to its outcome.

Prior to joining the GEF, she served as Director of the Division of Technology, **Industry and Economics** at the United Nations **Environment Programme** (2003-2006).

From 1996 to 2003, Ms Barbut held different positions in the Agence Française pour le Développement (AFD). Her work there related to the French aid system, particularly sustainable project financing activities in the French overseas territories, and activities relating to ex-post evaluation.

Rocco Buttiglione

Workshop Speaker - A Hidden Treasure: The Theology of the Body of Saint John Paul II

Known in philosophical circles as a close ally of St John Paul II, Prof. Buttiglione has written extensively about the mind and philosophy of the Polish Pope, and the new philosophy of human labour which underlies the encyclical *Loborem* Exercens. He has also written many articles clarifying the distinctions between Marxism and Christian doctrine.

Born in 1948 in Italy, he studied law in Turin and Rome, where he took his degree with a thesis in the history of political doctrines.

Prof. Buttiglione has held professorships at the International Academy of Philosophy in Liechtenstein and Saint Pius V University in Rome and has been a

member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Science. He has lectured internationally and is on the editorial boards of many Italian and foreign

In the early 1990s, Prof. Buttiglione helped to form an Italian political party, the Christian Democratic Union and since 1994 has served in the Chamber of Deputies in the Italian Parliament, Since 1999 he has been a member of the European Parliament, and in 2001 he was appointed by Italy's President Silvio Berlusconi to be Minister of European Affairs. He also serves on the Acton Institute's board of advisors.

He is married and is the father of four daughters.



Dr Helen Watt

Panellist - Love made Fruitful: Amoris Laetitia on Cherishing the Gift of New Life

An expert in bioethics, Dr Watt is currently a Senior Research Fellow at the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford and from 2001-2010 was Director of the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics.

From 1992-2001 she held the post of Research Fellow at the Centre; from 1993-1996 she was also Senior Research Associate at Peterhouse, Cambridge, Her research interests include reproductive ethics and action theory, particularly issues of cooperation and complicity. She has spoken extensively on the morality of abortion as well as issues in reproductive and sexual ethics.

Her publications include *The* Ethics of Pregnancy, Abortion and

Childbirth (Routledge, 2016) and Life and Death in Healthcare Ethics (Routledge, 2000), together with several edited volumes including the conference collections Cooperation, Complicity and Conscience (Linacre Centre, 2005) and Fertility and Gender (Anscombe Bioethics Centre, 2011). She has also published articles in a range of journals including Clinical Ethics and the Journal of Medical Ethics

Her most recent book explores issues surrounding IVF, surrogacy, and anonymous donor conception as well as less-discussed topics such as the right to mother a child.





Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodríquez Maradiaga

Workshop Speaker - Pope Francis on the Revolution of Tenderness

Born 1942, Cardinal Maradiaga is a polymath of sorts, as he is multilingual, trained in classical piano, and has taught chemistry, physics and music. He earned doctorates in philosophy from the Institute "Don Rua" in El Salvador, in theology from the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome and moral theology from the Pontifical Lateran University.

He joined the Salesians in 1961, and was ordained a priest in 1970. With doctorates in philosophy and theology, he has also received a diploma in clinical psychology and psychotherapy from the Austrian University of Innsbruck. He became the first cardinal from Honduras in 2001, and notably was one of the cardinal electors who participated in the 2005 papal conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI, and also in the 2013 selection of Pope Francis.

He is the current Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, President of Caritas Internationalis and was President of the Latin American Episcopal Conference (CELAM) from 1995 to

He was the Vatican's spokesman with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, on the issue of debt in the developing world.

Kevin Hyland OBE

Human Trafficking - 'An Open Wound on the body of Contemporary Society' (Pope Francis)

As one the founders of the Santa Marta group – who combat human trafficking – Kevin Hyland OBE will tackle one of the most challenging topics of the congress.

With his panel discussion being one of the only over 18s events, it won't pull punches when discussing how human trafficking pervades contemporary society.

The Santa Marta group was launched by Pope Francis at the Vatican in April 2014 and was developed by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England in collaboration with the London Metropolitan Police and is led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols the Archbishop of Westminster.

Hyland was born in 1963 and was formerly the head of London Metropolitan Police Service's Human Trafficking Unit and was also a police officer for 30 years.

He retired from the force as a detective inspector in 2014 and specialised in various crimes throughout his career including homicide, gun crime, anti-corruption and then human trafficking and slavery.

In 2010 Hyland was appointed as the lead for the London

Metropolitan Police's Human Trafficking Unit. During Hyland's tenure the London Metropolitan Police saw an increase in victim identifications and successful prosecutions of traffickers.

He also worked as the UK's Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner and was recently appointed CEO of ChildFund Ireland who work internationally to develop an enabling environment where children's basic needs are met and their rights are promoted and respected.



Cardinal Mario Zenari

Main Arena Keynote Speaker -The Family as a Key to Peace in a Turbulent World

As the Pope's representative in Syria, where conflict has created one of the modern world's largest refugee crisis and Christian persecution is a major issue, Cardinal Mario Zenari will no doubt be a compelling speaker.

Born in Verona in 1946, Cardinal Zenari has served in several diplomatic positions including Senegal, Liberia, Columbia, Germany and Romania.

In 1999 Pope John Paul II appointed him apostolic nuncio for the Ivory Coast and Niger. A few days later he was appointed as nuncio in Burkina Faso as well. In 2004 he was made the Pope's representative in Sri Lanka before



being chosen for his current station as apostolic nuncio in Syria, by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008.

Cardinal Zenari refused to abandon his post during the ongoing bloody conflict in Syria, and is quoted as saying: "How could a representative of the Pope flee the place where they need him most?'

He has called for people not to forget the continuing atrocities in Syria, where half a million people have been killed and millions have become refugees, and continues to be a voice for the country's persecuted 2-3% Christian minority.

Much of the nunciature's activities are to organise humanitarian aid with Caritas Syria and other agencies.

Zenari was proclaimed cardinal by Pope Francis in the consistory of November 16, 2016.



Barbara Thorp

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Barbara Thorp, LICSW is a mother. grandmother and social worker with 35 years ministry in the Archdiocese of

In 2002 she was asked to design, implement and oversee a programme of outreach and pastoral care for women and men sexually abused as children by clergy.

Under the leadership of Cardinal Seán O'Malley, she coordinated a nine-day pilgrimage of atonement for parishes profoundly impacted by clergy sexual abuse and was part of the team that facilitated the meeting with clergy abuse survivors and Pope Benedict in Washington DC.

In 2010-11 she was a member of the Apostolic Visitation team led by Cardinal Seán to the Archdiocese of

Currently, Barbara is the Programme Director at the One Fund Centre at Massachusetts General Hospital.

She has been responsible for responding to the complex recovery needs of those injured at the Boston Marathon Bombing on April 15, 2013.

Sr Nathalie Becquart

Vocational Discernment and the Family: Preparing for the Youth Synod, 2018

As the director of the National Service for Youth Evangelisation and for Vocations at the Bishops' Conference of France since 2012, Sr Nathalie Becquart is well-versed on how family plays a role in supporting vocations of all varieties amongst young people.

Born in 1969, she graduated in Commercial Studies in 1992. In 1995 she joined the Xavière Missionaries of Jesus Christ, an Apostolic Congregation of Ignatian Spirituality. She was Coordinator of the French Catholic scouts' programme for youth in difficult suburbs, from 1999 to 2002. Nathalie has an MA in philosophy and theology (Centre Sèvres Paris) and an MA in Sociology (EHESS).

She did campus ministry in Créteil University, Paris, from 2002-2011 and was deputy Director of the National Service for the Evangelisation of Youth and Vocations in charge of university pastoral care from 2008-2012.

She was Vice-President of the **European Vocations Service 2016-2018** and a member of the Bishop's council of the Diocese of Nanterre, 2015-2018.





Cardinal Christoph Schönborn

In Light of the Word: Celebrating Family in the Judeo-Christian Tradition

Kicking off the pastoral programme in the RDS is Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, the Archbishop of Vienna, a stalwart theologian whose work has helped define much Catholic teaching.

Born into aristocracy in Skalken, Bohemia in 1945, his family fled to Austria the same year. He is a member of the princely House of Schönborn, whose members bear the title of Count.

In 1963 he joined the Dominican Order. He studied philosophy, psychology and theology in Walberberg, Regensburg, Vienna and Paris. He was ordained priest 1970 in Vienna and obtained a doctorate in 1974 in Paris.

One of his most notable achievements was from 1987-1992, when he was chosen as the editorial secretary for the Catechism of the Catholic Church under Pope Benedict

Considered among the *papabili* following St John Paul II's death, Cardinal Schönborn was one of the cardinal electors who participated in the 2005 papal conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI, and the 2013 papal conclave that selected Pope Francis.

Cardinal Schönborn was chosen to present Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) at a Vatican press conference in April 2016, and is said to be one of the most authoritative voices in interpreting the document -which is most likely why organisers billed him to open the event.

Schönborn serves as a member of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Oriental Churches and Catholic Education as well as being involved in the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelisation. He is a member of the Cardinal Commission for the Supervision of the Institute for the Works of Religion.

WMOF Teen Global Village promises to be a hit with youth



Colm Fitzpatrick

mong the many events and programmes taking place during the World Meeting of Families, the Teen Global Village is welcoming teenagers from all over the world to pray, listen to speakers, and meet their national and international peers.

Running from August 22-24, the village is a fun and interactive space for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17. Throughout the different days, attendees will pray together, hear uplifting music, and listen to stories of Faith, hope and love, all the while having fun.

"We really wanted to create a personal atmosphere for young people where they can come and really engage their hearts and minds but also be inspired by great speakers and catechesis and have discussions.

"We're also very blessed as well in that we have seven different organisations represented that are leading workshops as well," said Dermot Kelly, co-ordinator of the Teen Global Village.

The Teen Global Village will be held in a secure area of the RDS Simmonscourt campus, and the various workshops will particularly draw participants into a deeper engagement with the interests and issues that all teens face today in their lives ranging from relationships and family to spirituality and prayer.

"We listen to young people's voices and what they feel they would like to see within the church. There's an array of voices on show that are going to give a great witness and testimony to speak out on what young people are asking for," said Dermot.

Secure area

Some of the common themes of these workshops include 'Caring for the Earth and our Common Home', Mental Health Awareness', Discerning Vocation', 'Christian Mindfulness and 'Prayer', and 'Seeking Global Justice and Human Right for all of Humanity'.

While teenagers are having fun in the village, listening to speakers and talking to one another, parents will go to an adult section where they can learn more about and develop their Faith.

Teen Global Village opening hours and programme

Wednesday, August 22 MORNING PROGRAMME

Please note: The morning programme is for teens only to participate in while parents/guardians take part in morning sessions or other activities.
Supervisors will be provided. There is a maximum capacity of 1000 participants in the Teen Global Village. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

MCs: Laura Whinnery, Cast Ministries and Chris Knowles, CAFOD

9.15am Open Festival 9.45am Welcome, Music & Games 10.15am Prayer & Reflection

Drama Rise Theatre – Race of Life Amoris Video: Families & Consumerism

• "Buzz' Discussion: Core Team

BREAK

11am Teen Workshops: Festival Workshops in pods and tents. 11.30am Catechesis: Families of Faith in an Age of Consumerism

 Bishop Denis Nulty, Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland
 11.50am Q&A with Catechist
 12pm On the Couch' Panel Discussion: FAITH

- Tony Brennan, JPII Awards, Diocese of Derry
- Elma Walsh, Donal Walsh
 Foundation
- Fr Philip Mulryne, Dominican Priest and ex Manchester United player
- Sr Máire McAteer, Sisters of Adoration and Reparation, Belfast, Ireland (North)

12.20-12.30pm Music & Sending Out (Under 18s to be collected)

EVENING PROGRAMME

(Open to all ages)

Please note: Teenagers (under 18s) may not be left unaccompanied in this space during the evening programme. Parents/guardians must remain in attendance.

6.30-8pm Evening Concert: Gardiner Street Gospel Choir, Dublin.

Thursday, August 23MORNING PROGRAMME

MCs: Laura Whinnery, Cast Ministries and Chris Knowles, CAFOD

9.15am Open Festival 9.45am Welcome, Music & Games 10.15am Prayer & Reflection

Drama Rise Theatre – Spiritualise
Amoris Video: Love and

Imperfection
• 'Buzz' Discussion: Core Team

10.45am BREAK 11:00am Workshops in pods and tents

Spiritual Combat Workshop (Fr Leo Patalinghug)

Using his extensive background in Martial Arts, Fr Leo Patalinghug from the USA will deliver an interactive talk fused with martial arts for youth and young adults on how to fight against evil, complete with the ABCD's of spiritual combat and how to "break through" the cycles of sin and hatred in our world.

11.30am Catechesis: Families of Love and Imperfection

• Sr Martina Purdy, Sister of Adoration and Reparation, Belfast, Ireland (North)

Sr Martina of the Blessed Sacrament is a Sister of Adoration in Belfast. She made her first profession in September 2017, having entered the congregation in 2014. Born Martina Purdy, she is a former award-winning journalist and author and was the BBC's political correspondent in Northern Ireland for around 15 years. She was born in Belfast but was raised in Toronto, after her family emigrated to Canada during the Troubles.

The congregation of Adoration Réparatrice was founded in Paris in 1848 by a French artist, Venerable Mother Marie-Thérèse.

11.45am Q&A with Catechist 12pm On the Couch' Panel Discussion: LOVE

Catriona Kelly, Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland
Fr Vincent Stapleton, Diocese of Cashel and Emly
• Fr John Harris, Dominican Order
12.20-12.30pm Music & Sending

(Under 18s to be collected)

EVENING PROGRAMME

Please note: Teenagers (under 18s) may not be left unaccompanied in this space during the evening programme. Parents/guardians must remain in attendance.

6.30-8pm Evening Concert: REXBAND: Internationally Renowned Contemporary Christian Band.

Friday, August 24 MORNING PROGRAMME

MCs: Laura Whinnery, Cast Ministries and Chris Knowles, CAFOD 9.15am Open Festival 9.45am Welcome, Music & Games

10.15am Draver & Deflection

10.15am Prayer & ReflectionDrama Rise Theatre – Tuned In! *Amoris* Video: Families Living in a Digital Age

'Buzz' Discussion: Core Team

10.45am BREAK 11am Teen Workshops. Festival Workshops in pods and tents.

11.30am Catechesis: Families of

Hope; Living in a Digital Age Fr Michael Remery, 'Tweeting with God', The Netherlands 11.45am Q&A with Catechist

12pm On the Couch' Panel Discussion: HOPE

 Teresa Carvalho, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

- Peter Rigney, Youth Alpha
- John McAreavey, Michaela Foundation

12.20-12.30pm Music & Sending Out (Under 18s to be collected)



WMOF2018: Programme 21



Children's Global Village will inspire young people's Faith

Colm Fitzpatrick

or all of the children attending WMOF, there will be an opportunity for them to learn about their Faith through a multitude of sensory and engaging activities in the Children's Global Village.

It will include songs, arts and crafts, dance, games and lots of fun packed faith activities, shows and workshops to entertain the children while helping them reflect on the importance of family. This will also be an opportunity

for interacting with children of all ages from around the world.

"It will give children the option to just meet and greet with other children from their own ages from around the world and maybe reflect on the importance of not just their immediate family but our family of families so all of the different workshops are focused on looking back on the theme from each day in the Children's Global Village which is around the phrases that Pope Francis uses all the time for families which are 'Please, thank you, and I'm

sorry'," explains Julieann Moran, coordinator of the Children's Global Village.

"I think it's just going to be a multitude of sensory engaging activities whether it's through music whether it's through touch or whether it's through engaging with each other through prayer. There's just going to be a multitude of different ways to engage with each other in the space. We're really excited about it."

The Children's Global Village will be held in a secure area of the RDS Simmonscourt campus.

Children's Global Village opening hours and programme

Wednesday, August 22MORNING PROGRAMME

Please note: The morning programme is for children aged 4-12 only to participate in while parents/guardians take part in morning sessions or other activities. This is a fully supervised programme from 9.30am to 12.30pm. There is a maximum capacity of 750 participants in the Children's Global Village. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

9am Registration 9.30am Open and Welcome 9.45am Kisi Kids Drama – Ruth and Boaz - Worship and Action Songs

10.15am Workshop 1 in Tents:

Arts & Crafts Drama & Music Caring & Sharing Godly Play® Prayer Tent

11am Main Tent: Kisi Kids – God's Singing Children

11.10am Catechesis: Families of Faith; and the importance of saying 'Please'.

Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry, Ireland

11.20am Video Testimony – Naas Parish Altar Servers

11.30am Workshop 2 in Tents:

- Arts & Crafts
- Drama & Music
- Caring & Sharing
- Godly Play®Prayer Tent
- **12.15pm Main Tent:** Puppet Theatre with Kisi Kids **12.30pm Programme Close and children are collected.**

EVENING PROGRAMME

6.30-8pm Evening Music & Drama Performance: Ruth the Family Musical
Kisi Kids – God's Singing Children



Thursday, August 23

MORNING PROGRAMME

9am Registration 9.30am Open and Welcome 9.45am Kisi Kids Drama – Joseph and his Brothers – Worship and Action Songs

10.15am Workshop 1 in Tents:

Arts & Crafts
Drama & Music
Caring & Sharing
Godly Play®
Prayer Tent

11am Main Tent: Kisi Kids – God's Singing Children

11.10am Catechesis: God Loves Me; and the importance of saying 'Sorry'

Fr Patrick Cahill, Waterford, Ireland 11.20am Video Testimony – Mullingar Cathedral Choristers 11:30 Workshop 2 in Tents:

Arts & Crafts
Drama & Music
Caring & Sharing
Godly Play®
Prayer Tent

12.15pm Main Tent: Amoris

12.30pm Programme Close and children are collected.

EVENING PROGRAMME

Please note: Children may not be left unaccompanied in this space during the evening drama programme. Parents/guardians must remain in attendance.

6.30-8pm Evening Music & Drama Performance

A Little Bit of Francis – the Life of Pope Francis Holy Family Parish, Ballsgrove, Drogheda

Friday, August 24

MORNING PROGRAMME

9.30am Open and Welcome 9.45am Kisi Kids Drama – St Paul and his Adventures – Worship and Action Songs

10.15am Workshop 1 in Tents:

Arts & Crafts Drama & Music Caring & Sharing Godly Play®

Prayer Tent **11am Main Tent:** Kisi Kids – God's
Singing Children

11.10am Catechesis: Hope and Happiness; the fruits of saying 'Thank you'.

Bishop Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe, Ireland

11.20am Video Testimony – Porterstown Family Mass Group

Forterstown Family Mass Group
 Songs with Lisdeen Children's
 Folk Group, Kilkee

11:30 Workshop 2 in Tents:

- Arts & Crafts
- Drama & Music
- Caring & Sharing
- Godly Play®Prayer Tent

12.15pm Main Tent: Puppet Theatre with Kisi Kids 12.30pm Programme Close and

children are collected.

• The Children's Global Village will be held in a secure area of the

RDS Simmonscourt campus. We are committed to keeping children in our care in very safe hands

in our care in very safe hands.

Therefore, only pre-approved adult volunteers, speakers, entertainers, workshop leaders and other necessary leaders will have entry to the WMOF Children Global Village for the duration of the morning children's Programmes.

However, all ages are welcome to visit the Children's Global Village for the evening drama programme. Under 18s must not be left unaccompanied in the Children's Global Village during the evening drama programme: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them" (Mt 19:14).

In the same way that Jesus Christ commanded the adults to allow the children to approach him, we encourage all parents with children attending the WMOF's to encourage your children to attend the daily children's programme prepared for them in the Children's Global Village. The overall programme and daily catechesis are based upon the themes of 'Please, Thank you and Sorry' as outlined by Pope Francis in Amoris Laetitia. "Three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: 'please', 'thank you', 'sorry'. Three essential words!"

The workshops and catechesis will be child-centred, pointing them towards the sense of wonder and awe that children intuitively have in relation to the world around them and to their relationship with Jesus Christ and their own families.

It will also tap into the innate goodness that is inherent within all children, and the ease with which they form meaningful relationships with others, particularly children from other parts of the world who will also be in attendance in the Children's Global Village.

Knock launches spiritual programme for Pope's visit

Staff reporter

Knock Shrine has released a detailed programme for the visit of Pope Francis to the site of the Marian apparition as part of the World Meeting of Families celebrations.

To make the most of this special occasion, Knock are encouraging everyone to arrive early for a 'Gathering Event' and to stay for the open-air celebration of the Sunday Eucharist after the Pope's departure for Dublin.

At 8.25am on the morning of Sunday, August 26, the bells of Knock Shine will ring out. All churches in the family of six dioceses that make up the ecclesiastical province of Tuam are invited to ring their bells at the same time to signal the beginning of the gathering at Knock and to extend a warm Céad Míle Fáilte to Pope Francis.

From 8.30am, what promises to be an uplifting gathering event entitled 'Witness to Faith and Family' will begin. With video presentations, drama and music pilgrims will be led in prayer and reflection until the arrival of the Pope Francis. The event's focus will be on the story of Knock through the testimony of the



apparition witnesses and the Pope's invitation to witness to the joy of faith and family in the contemporary world. Music for the occasion will be provided by Knock Parish Choir with guest musicians and soloists Sibéal Ní Chasáide and Anne Marie Gibbons.

Arrival

Upon arrival at the shrine, the Pontiff will move through the assembly in the Popemobile arriving at the apparition gable towards 10am where he will be met by the rector of the shrine Fr Richard Gibbons.

The Pope is expected to spend some time in silent prayer at the site of the apparition before exiting the chapel to deliver a short address, lead pilgrims in the Angelus prayer and imparting his apostolic blessing before departing for Ireland West Airport, Knock and returning to Dublin.

Directly after the Holy Father has departed the shrine, there will be a concelebrated open-air Mass for the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time. Fr Richard Gibbons will be the main celebrant and the Mass will be concluded by 12.30/1pm. This spiritual programme is part of the official ticketed event



THE IRISH CATHOLIC'S READERSHIP SURVEY

Please fill out and send to:

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The IC team will be at the WMOF exhibition at RDS (Hall 1, Stand

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With this survey, we are hoping to develop a thorough understanding of our readership base, enabling us to fulfil your expectations from our publication better. It would be appreciated if all questions are answered honestly.

Please be assured that your responses will be kept confidential and will not be shared without your consent in any way or form. The responses will be analysed by in-house experts who value your privacy and will ensure that your survey results will not be shared beyond the organisation.

A few lucky respondents who enter our draw will be selected at random to win the grand prize - a case of quality wine - and

if you would like to submit your	her queries, please feel free to drop us a message at info@irisho	catholic.ie
DEMOGRAPHIC Q	10. How many children (aged 17 or younger) live in	READERSHIP Q
If you wish to enter the draw, please share your contact information with us:	your household?	19. Do you prefer reading your daily news in print form or in digital form?
Name:	│	□ Print
Email:		Digital (social media, website, e-newspaper, etc.)
Phone:	☐ 4 ☐ More than 4	□ Both
2. Please select your age group.	11. Are you in the habit of donating to charity?	20. On a scale of 1-10 (with 1 being negative and 10 being positive), how would you rate the content of The Irish Catholic?
□ 17 or younger □ 18-25	□ Yes □ No	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
□ 26-35 □ 36-45 □ 46-55 □ 56-65	12. If yes, approximately how often do you donate to charity in any given year?	21. How long have you been a reader of The Irish Catholic?
☐ 66 and above	□ 1-2 times	☐ This is my first time reading it
3. Please select your gender.	☐ 3-4 times	☐ Less than six months ☐ Six months to a year
	□ 5 times or more	□ 1-2 years
□ Male □ Female □ Do not wish to disclose	13. Do you tend to donate to the same charity/cause in most cases?	☐ 3 or more years22. What words first come to mind when you think of
4. Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?	□ Yes □ No	The Irish Catholic?
☐ Married ☐ Widowed	14. Approximately how much would you say you donate to charity in a year?	
☐ Divorced	□ <€100 □ <€300	23. Where do you source your copy of The Irish
☐ Separated☐ In a domestic partnership or civil union	□ <€500	Catholic?
□ Single, never married	□ <€1000	☐ Personal Subscription
5. In what region and county do you live?	☐ More than €1000	☐ Purchase in Parish shop
□ Leinster - County:	FAITH Q	☐ Purchase from Parish promoters ☐ Veritas Bookstore
☐ Munster - County:	15. Apart from Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, how	☐ Other local shop
□ Ulster - County:		24. When was the last time you read The Irish Catholic
□ Connacht - County:	☐ Daily	newspaper?
6. Please select your current job/employment status.	□ Every week □ Almost every week	☐ In the last week
	☐ Once or twice a month	☐ In the last month
□ Employed □ Unemployed	☐ A few times a year	☐ In the last 3 months
☐ Student	□ Never	☐ In the last 6 months ☐ In the last 12 months
☐ Priest or religious	16. Other than attending Mass, what is your level of	☐ More than 12 months ago
☐ Homemaker☐ Retired	involvement in the activities of your local church and parish?	25. How many of the last four issues of The Irish
		Catholic have you read or looked through?
7. Do you own a business or a farm?	☐ Very involved ☐ Fairly involved	□ Four
□ Business	☐ Partially involved	☐ Three
□ Farm □ Neither	☐ Not involved at all	□ Two
8. Do you own or rent your home?	17. Have you ever considered a vocation as a religious sister/nun or chaplain/priest?	☐ This issue only 26. Including yourself, how many people, including
□ Own	☐ Yes – I have considered this	yourself, typically read or look through your copy of The Irish Catholic?
□ Rent □ Other (please specify)	□ No – I have never considered this	□ Only me
	□ I am a priest or religious	
9. What was your combined household pre-tax income in 2017?	18. What are you most interested in reading about? ☐ Irish news	☐ Three ☐ Four or more
Under €25,000€25,000 to €34,999	☐ Parish/local news	27. Why do you read The Irish Catholic?
□ €35,000 to €34,999	☐ World news ☐ Features	☐ For the diversity of voices/viewpoints on Catholicism
□ €50,000 to €74,999	☐ Catechism	☐ For the coverage and analysis of news in Ireland
☐ €75,000 to €99,999☐ €100,000 or higher	☐ Youth evangelisation ☐ Missionary work	☐ I use the newspaper as an activist resource☐ Other (please specify):

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28. Please rate your overall impression of The Irish Catholic. □ Excellent □ Good □ Average	38. Which countries and cities (other than Ireland) are you most interested in reading about in The Irish Catholic?	48. Approximately how many publications' newsletters would you say you receive in your e-mail? ☐ More than 4 newsletters ☐ 1-3 newsletters ☐ None
☐ Poor ☐		49. How many paid digital subscriptions do you currently receive?
most in The Irish Catholic? ☐ Irish News ☐ Features ☐ World Report ☐ Comment and Analysis	 39. If you are a current subscriber of The Irish Catholic, how likely are you to renew your subscription when it becomes due? □ Certain □ Likely 	 ☐ More than 4 subscriptions ☐ 1-3 subscriptions ☐ None 50. Which of The Irish Catholic's digital efforts are you
☐ Family and Lifestyle ☐ Reviews 30. How well does The Irish Catholic cover topics of interest to the Catholic world?	 □ Not very likely □ Not at all likely □ I have already let my subscription lapse □ Don't know/can't say 	aware of? □ E-newspaper □ Weekly newsletter □ Weekly podcast
Extremely well Very well Somewhat well	40. If you are a former subscriber to The Irish Catholic, why did you not renew?□ Didn't have time to read it	51. Do you follow The Irish Catholic Facebook page?
□ Not so well □ Not at all well 31. Below is a list of our regular columnists. Please select your preferred writer (can select more than one).	 □ I didn't enjoy the content □ I found another Catholic publication that suited me □ I preferred to visit the website □ Cost of publication 	 □ No 52. How do you feel about the frequency of posts on the IC Facebook page? □ It's just right
☐ Mary Kenny (Opinion) ☐ David Quinn (Opinion) ☐ Breda O'Brien (Opinion)	☐ I simply lost interest ☐ Purchase in Parish or local shop DIGITAL Q	 ☐ I would like to see more posts ☐ I would like to see fewer posts ☐ Does not apply
 □ Martin Mansergh (The View) □ Maria Steen (The View) □ Nuala O'Loan (The View) □ Peter Costello (Review) □ Aubrey Malone (Review) □ Brendan O'Regan (Review) □ Marie Byrne (Family & Lifestyle) 	41. Where would you be most likely to look for news stories? Online Mobile Newspaper Social Networking	53. If your parish were to provide you free access to an app that gives you church information and local news sourced from The Irish Catholic, would you be an active user? ☐ Yes ☐ No
□ Dr. Kevin McCarroll (Family & Lifestyle) □ Prof. William Reville (Family & Lifestyle) 32. Please select which special editions or supplements	42. What would most attract you to read an article on a newspaper website?	EVENTS Q 54. Have you attended any of the conferences or events
you may have purchased. Pope Francis' Study Guides Special Legacy Supplement Vocations Supplement Padre Pio Fatima Lourdes Reformation	 Images Interviews Videos Information Hyperlinks 43. If you prefer to read The Irish Catholic digitally, what device do you use? ☐ Smart phone 	organised by The Irish Catholic? ☐ Yes ☐ No 55. How do you prefer to book seats for these conferences or events? ☐ Online ☐ Over the phone ☐ By post
☐ 1916 33. Did you enjoy these special editions? ☐ Yes	□ iPad □ Tablet □ Computer □ Other (please specify)	□ On the spot 56. What kind of events and programming would you like to see from The Irish Catholic? Please check
□ No 34. Which of the following topics would you like to see The Irish Catholic do a special edition on? □ Papal visit to Ireland □ Pope Francis' five years □ Anniversary celebrations □ Saints □ Catholicism in Ireland	44. How frequently do you visit The Irish Catholic website? □ Once a day □ Once a week □ Couple of times a week □ Once a month □ Never	the activities you are most interested in. Conferences on Catholic education How the Church can reach young people Future of the Church in Ireland Current events Speaker series Roundtable discussions Other (please specify)
□ Politics of Faith in Ireland □ Other (please specify)	45. On average, how long do you spend surfing The Irish Catholic website?	END Q
35. Have you ever visited or made a purchase from a company that has advertised in The Irish Catholic? ☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Less than five minutes ☐ 20-30 minutes ☐ 10-20 minutes ☐ 5-10 minutes	57. Are there any issues, topics, or themes that you would like to see in upcoming issues of The Irish Catholic?
36. Are your buying decisions influenced by advertising or content you see in this publication?	46. What kind of content would you like to see added to The Irish Catholic website?□ Opinion and analysis pieces	
□ Yes □ No 37. What are your other preferred Catholic publications? If your preference is not in the options below, please select 'Other' and mention by name.	□ Political reporting □ One on one interviews □ International news □ Diocesan news □ Local parish pieces □ Other (please specify)	58. How likely are you to recommend The Irish Catholic to a friend or colleague? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Not Likely Very Likely
□ Intercom magazine □ The Sacred Heart Messenger □ Catholic Herald □ Alive □ Catholic Voice □ The Tablet □ The Universe □ Other	47. How much would you be willing to pay to access premium content on The Irish Catholic website? □ €1/week □ €20/6 months □ €60/annually □ Other €	59. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

Programme of the Pastoral **Congress in the RDS**

Wednesday, **August 22**

Theme: The Family and Faith

MORNING PROGRAMME: **SESSION 1**

10-11am

Major Panel 1

In Light of the Word: Celebrating Family in the Iudeo-Christian Tradition. (Hall 8C) – EN ES, IT, FR **Moderator:** H.E. Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna, Austria. Panellists:

- The Most Reverend Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough, Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan
- Archpriest Mikhail Nasonov, Rector of the Russian Orthodox Patriarchal Monastery of the Church of Holy Apostles Peter and Paul,
- Rabbi Zalman S. Lent, Chief Rabbi, Dublin Hebrew Congregation & Chabad-Lubavitch of Ireland

10-11am

Panel 1: Real Reading for Real Families; Lectio Divina in Home and Parish.

Description: An interactive workshop facilitated by the Faculty of Theology, May-

(Hall 8B) - EN

- Prof. Seamus O'Connell, Professor of Sacred Scripture, Maynooth, Ireland.
- Dr Jessie Rogers, Faculty of Theology, Maynooth
- Rev. Philip Carder, Faculty of Theology, Maynooth

10-11am

Panel: 2: Handing On the Faith in the Home Today. (Hall 2) - EN A ES, IT, FR **Moderator:** Bishop Brendan Leahy, Diocese of Limerick, Ireland

Panellists:

- Julie Kavanagh, Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland
- Paula and Joseph McKeown, Diocese of Down and Connor, Ireland (North)
- Rosalinda and lorge Carrillo, International Confederation of Christian Family Movements, Mexico
- Liliana Olivieri de Pérez Bicecci, Psychologist, Catholic University of La Plata, Argentina

10-11am

Panel 3: The Logic of Complementarity: Why Mothers and Fathers Matter in Amoris

(Hall 8D) – EN 🞜 ES

The congress of the World Meeting of Families is fast approaching, and as it kicks off in less than one week in the RDS, it is time to start planning.

With some events taking place at the same time and in different locations, becoming familiar with the map of the RDS and knowing where to go could make the experience much more satisfying.

The general themes (which are reflected in the talks) are:

- The role of technology in the Family.
- The impact of conflict on families and
- Building a more sustainable approach to the economy, work and the environment.
- Faith and family.
- Women's leadership roles, globally and locally.
- The role of education in raising families out of poverty.

Moderator: Archbishop Bernard Longley, Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Panellists:

- Claire and John Grabowski, USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family & Youth,
- Marie Gabrielle and Emmanuel Ménager, TOBEC, France
- Dr Antonio Crespo, ELDE, Meeting Point and the Plataforma San Calisto, Spain

10-11am

Panel 4: No Room at the Inn: a Christian Response to Homelessness. (Hall 3) – EN ≠ ES, IT

Moderator: Dr Maria Rossi, UN Representative, Giovanni XXIII Community (APG23). **Panellists:**

- Conor Hickey, CEO of Crosscare, Archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland
- Fr Seán Donohoe OFM, Co-Director of Capuchin Day Centre, Dublin, Ireland
- Rose Hickman, Community Partnerships Coordinator, The Passage, Archdiocese of Westminster, England

Panel 5: Nowhere to Lay his Head: a Christian Response to Migrants and Refugees. (Hall 8A) – EN & ES, IT, FR **Moderator:** Fr Michael Czerny, Under-Secretary,

Dicastery for Integral Human

Development.

- Panellists:

 Mena Doherty, EROC, Ballaghederreen, Co. Roscommon. Ireland
- Zaitoun Family, Syrian and EROC, Ballaghederreen, Co.

Roscommon

- Rev Mark Madden, Archdiocese of Liverpool, England
- Danielle McLaughlin, Crosscare, Dublin, Ireland

10-11am

Panel 6: Dignity and Safety in a Digital Age: Facing a New Challenge for Families. (Hall 7) – EN ⊅ ES, IT **Moderator:** Dr Mary Aiken,

Adjunct Associate Professor Geary Institute for Public Policy, UCD and Academic Advisor Europol European Cybercrime Centre, Ireland. **Panellists:**

- Teresa Kettlekamp, Pontifical Council for the Protection of Minors, USA
- Dr Thomas Lickona, Developmental Psychologist, State University of New York, Cortland, USA.
- Matthew Lickona, writer for San Diego Reader, California, USA

SESSION 2

11.30am-12.30pm Major Panel 2(a)

(Hall 8C) – EN & ES ≠ ES,

Looking to Jesus: Presenting Commitment to Marriage as a Path to Joy Today.

Moderator: H.E. Cardinal Gerald Cyprien Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec, Canada. Panellists:

- Mavis and Prof. Ron Pirola, Parish and Marriage Resource Centre, Australia
- Veronica and Jose Luis Villasnor. El camino de Emaús Retreats for Families, Mexico
- Rosa and Lauro Cueto. Couples for Christ, Philippines and Ireland (North).

11.30am-12.30pm

Major Panel 2(b) (Hall 8A) – IT ≠ EN, ES, FR And the Greatest is Love: Pope Francis on 1 Cor 13

Moderator: Linda Ghisoni. Under-Secretary, Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. **Panellists:**

- Anna and Alberto Friso, Focolare Movement, Italy
- Tommaso and Giulia Čioncolini, Bishop's Conference Office of Family, Italy
- Lidia Borzi and Andrea Alessi, ACLI, Italy

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 1: The Family: A Resource for Society. (Hall 8B) - EN Moderator: Breda O'Brien,

Journalist & Teacher, Ireland. Panellists: Prof. Luigino Bruni, Econo-

- mist and Academic, Rome
- Prof. Ray Kinsella, Economist. Ireland
- Prof. Stefano and Vera Zamagni, Professor of Economic History, University of Bologna, Italy

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 3: Families and Parish; Supporting Families with Special Needs. (Hall 3) – EN 🞜 ES, FR **Moderator:** Tim Kearney, L'Arche Community, Interna-

tional. **Panellists:**

- Christina Gangemi, The
- Kairos Forum, Scotland
 Marian and Vincent Bradley and family, Parents Testimony, Ireland (North)
- Michael Gannon, Marketing Team Member, World Meeting of Families, Ireland

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 4: Ministering to Families in the Diocese of Toledo in light of Amoris Laetitia. (Hall 8D) - ES EN

Facilitators:

- The Commission of Family and Life and the Women and Families of the Santa Teresa group, Archdiocese of Toledo, Spain. .
- Archbishop Braulio Rodríguez Plaza
- Miguel Ángel Lara Villanueva & María José Aroco Illán • Eduardo de la Paz
- González & Mónica González Soriano Lorenzo Alonso Parra &
- María de los Ángeles Escobar Tizón Miguel Garrigós
- Domínguez.

11.30am-12.30pm Presentation 1

Choose Life: Pope Francis on

the 'throw-away' Culture. (Hall 2) – EN ≠ ES, IT, FR **Presenter:** H.E. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, Philippines.

11.30am-12.30pm

Presentation 2

Domestic Devotion: A History of Visual Piety and Religious Practice in the Family Home.

(Merrion Room) – EN **Presenter:** Prof. Salvador Rvan. Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Faculty of Theology, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

12-1pm

Panel: 2: The Importance of Belonging: Exploring Contemporary Interest in Genealogy. (Hall 7) – EN ♬ FR

Moderator: Adrian Chiles, Journalist and Broadcaster with BBC, England. Panellists:

- Pádraigín Clancy, Folklorist and Expert on Irish Spirituality, Ireland
- Dr Michael Egan, Irish Family History Foundation, Ireland
- Rev. Dr Jeremy Corley, Lecturer in Sacred Scripture, Pontifical College, Maynooth, Ireland

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME (FAMILY **ARENA**)

(All participants - adults, children and families come together in the Family Arena.)

2.30pm

MAIN ARENA **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

EN 🎜 ES, IT, FR H.E. Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington,

Theme: The Welfare of the Family is Decisive for the Future of the World.

3.30pm

TESTIMONIES:

EN S ES, IT, FR

Theme: Testimonies Young People on their Hopes and Dreams for Marriage and the Family in the Third Millennium.

Family Arena MC: Anna Maloney, Ireland **Testimonies:**

- Meg and Mark Neville, Ireland
- Isaac Withers, Wales
- Meabh Carlin and Christopher Gallen, Ireland
- Ameera Ahmed, Ireland
- Pauline and Damien Devaney, Ireland.

CELEBRATION OF MASS IN MAIN ARENA EN & ES, IT, FR

Celebrant and Homilist:

H.E. Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, India. Theme: The Church as a Family of Families.

EVENING PROGRAMME 7-8pm

Major Panel 3

The Vocation of the Business Leader: A Family Business Perspective.

(Hall 8C) – EN ≠ ES, IT, FR **Moderator:** H.E. Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development.

- **Panellists:** Valentine Fievet, Vice-Chairperson of the Supervisory Board at Unibel, S.A.
- Dr Gordian Gudenus, Partner and Director of Bank Gutmann Ag. Vienna. Austria Santiago Peralta and Carla Barboto, Co-founders of Pacari Chocolate, Ecuador

7-8pm

Panel 1: Why Get Married in Church? Presenting Sacramental Marriage as a Path to Joy.

(Hall 2) – EN ≠ ES, IT, FR **Moderator:** Fr Michael Mc Ginnity, Family Ministry Director, Diocese of Down & Connor, Ireland (North) Panellists:

- Susan Gately, Journalist, Focolare New Families, Ireland
- Fr Jose Granados, Vice-President of the Pontifical Council of St. John Paul II,
- Vivian and Douglas Moser, The Apostolic Movement of Schoenstatt, Spain • Prof. Dr Mounir Farag,
- Founder and Director of Saint Ioseph Institute in Egypt and Middle East

7-8pm

Panel 2: Supporting Families Coping with Addiction. (Hall 8A) EN ≠ES, IT, FR Moderator: Darren Butler, Co-ordinator of the Irish Bishop's Drugs Initiative. **Description:** An interactive seminar which will include personal testimonies from families, drama, and inputs from experts working with families and individuals affected by addiction: Jennifer Bannon, Joan Douglas, Alison Blair, Tracey Doyle, Ciara Blair, June Poland.

Panel 3: The Family of Families: The Experience of



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Catholic Families in Russia. (Hall 3) – EN ≠ ES, IT **Facilitators:** Representatives of the Aid to the Church in Need programme with Catholic families from Russia. **Description:** Pope Francis in Amoris Laetitia describes the Church as the 'Family of Families'. In this interactive workshop we listen to the stories of Faith and family from Catholics in Russia, through the initiatives supported by the Pontifical Foundation, Aid to

- tional. Sergei Kanev & Zhanna Kaneva
- Eduard & Veronika Darsht

the Church in Need Interna-

- Fr Alex Uminskiy
- Fr Zbigniew Krol

Panel 4: Keeping your W.I.T.S in Marriage and Family Life Today.

(Merrion) – EN 🞜

Speakers:

 Fr Philip Bradley, ACCORD, Ireland

Terry Kelly, ACCORD, Ireland Conflict happens in every relationship. The important thing is how you deal with it.

This workshop will explore good and bad conflict styles and will demonstrate how a positive and structured approach to conflict resolution can strengthen a relationship.

7-8pm

Presentation 1

Theme: Le Chéile, Le Críost: The Missionary Family of Irish Saints. (Hall 8D) – EN ₽ES

Presenter: Pádraigín Clancy, Folklorist and Expert on Irish Spirituality, Ireland

Description: Celebrating the lives of Holy women and men of Ireland through the lens of Faith, hope and love.

7-8pm

Presentation 2

Domestic Devotion: A History of Visual Piety and Religious Practice in the Family Home.

(Hall 8B) – EN

Presenter: Prof. Salvador Ryan, Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Faculty of Theology, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

7-8pm

Presentation

Plateing Grace for the Human Family. (Hall 7) - EN SES, IT

Presenter: Fr Leo Patalinghug. US Priest, Chef & Author.

Description: Fr Leo cooks up a dish that will bring families to the table, which is the Domestic Church's 'altar'. Statistics show how a regular family meal can help strengthen family life while also helping them to cope and manage all of the struggles a modern family experience.

This interactive, entertaining and very educational conversation will also be presented with a savoury recipe 'penne dish' which a few special guests will have a chance to sample!

Thursday, **August 23**

Theme: The Family and Love

MORNING PROGRAMME: SESSION 1

10-11am

Major Panel 1

When Plates Fly: Pope Francis on the Reality of Love in Family Life.

(Hall 8C) – EN IT, ES, FR Moderator: H. E. Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark, USA.

Panellists:

- Maruska and Eugene
- Smith, CANA, Ireland
 Leigh and Steve Baumann, Retrouvaille International, **USA** and Canada
- Leon Botolo Magoza and Marie Valentine Kisanga Sosawe, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Daniel and Shelley Ee, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Singapore

10-11am

Panel 1: Love made Fruitful: Amoris Laetitia on Cherishing the Gift of New

(Hall 8A) – EN 🎜 FR **Moderator:** Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.

Panellists:

- Dr Helen Watt, Anscombe Bioethics Centre, Oxford, England
- Julia Dezelski, Assistant Director for Marriage and Family, Laity at USCCB, USA
- Brett Lockhart QC, Barrister, Ireland (North).

10-11am

Panel 2: Handing on the Faith between the Generations: The Role of Grandparents. (Hall 3) – EN ≠ES, IT

Moderator: Anna May

McHugh, Managing Director, National Ploughing Championships, Ireland.

Panellists:

- Catherine Wiley, Catholic Grandparents Association, International
- Sarah and Declan O'Brien, Focolare Movement, Ireland
- Caterina and Angelo Russo, Pastoral Care Team, Diocese of Naples, Italy

Panel 3: Supporting Newly-Married Couples in the Parish.

(Dodder B) – EN

Description: A workshop facilitated by ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service, Ireland who provide marriage preparation courses for couples choosing to get married in the Catholic Church in Ireland. The parish community, life by sharing their own married experiences, can be a major source of support to young couples adjusting to marriage and family. In helping couples to recognise the challenges and sharing in their joys and blessings, parish community members can enrich their own lives and that of newly married couples.

Speakers:

- Denis Bradley, ACCORD, Ireland.
- Aileen Hicks, ACCORD, Ireland.

10-11am

Panel 4: The Joys and Challenges of Parenting (Hall 8B) EN 🎜 IT, ES

Moderator: Kate Liffey, National Director for Catechetics, Irish Bishops Conference.

Panellists:

- Julieann Moran, World Missions, Ireland
- José Luis Mendoza Peréz, President of San Antonio
- Catholic University, Spain
 Lisa and Brian Harmon, Cana, Ireland
- Prof. Maria and Giovanni Salerno, New Families Movement, Focolare Movement, Italy

10-11am

Presentation 1: Pope Francis on the Revolution of Tenderness. (Hall 2) – EN

IT, ES, FR Presenter: H. E. Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of

Honduras. 10-11am

Presentation 2: A Hidden Treasure: The Theology of the Body of St John Paul II. (Hall 8D) - EN IT Speaker: Rocco Buttiglione,

John Paul II Professor of Philosophy and History of European Institutions, Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, Italy.

10.30-11.30am

Panel 5: Human Trafficking: "An Open Wound on the body of Contemporary Society" (Pope Francis). (Hall 7) – EN ♬ ES, IT Headline Speaker: Kevin Hyland OBE, Santa Marta initiative and former head of the Metropolitan Police Service's Human Trafficking

Description: A look at how human trafficking pervades contemporary society: global and family responses required for healing. Please Note: Due to the sensitive nature of the topics covered in this session, only over 18s are permitted to attend this panel discussion.

Panellists: • Ann Mara, **MECPATHS**

- Sr Mary Ryan, APT
- Mia DeFaoite, LLM
- JP O'Sullivan, MECPATHS
- Anne Kelleher, APT • Máirin McDonagh, APT
- Mia DeFaoite, LLM
- Sarah Benson, Ruhama

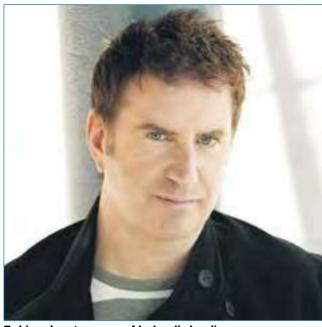
SESSION 2 11.30am-12.30pm

Major Panel 2: The Dignity and Beauty of Sexual Love: Finding New Language for Ancient Truths. (Hall 8C) – EN. ≠ IT, ES FR **Moderator:** H.E. Cardinal

Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, USA.

Panellists:

- Dr Lynette and Bosco McShane, Síolta, Ireland
- Jose De Jesús Magana Martinez and Pilar Arango, VIVE, Columbia



Fr Liam Lawton, one of Ireland's leading composers of contemporary sacred music, speaks on the issue of 'Christian Families from Troubled Parts of our World' on Friday, August 24 (3.30pm) in the Family Arena at the

 Barbara Duff, ACCORD, Ireland

11.30am-12.30pm:

Panel: Personal Formation for Marriage Counselling and Facilitation: Lay Leadership in the post-Millennial Age. Merrion Room – EN

Panellists: • Bishop Lionel Gendron, Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, Canada

- Dr Elizabeth Davies, Marriage Care, England
- Fran Watson, Marriage Care, England

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 1: Celebrating Family and Sport. (Hall 2) – EN ≠ ES, IT, FR Moderator: Fr. Philip Mulryne OP, Dominican Priest and Former Manchester United Player, Ireland.

Panellists:

- Ronan O'Gara, Former Lions and IRFU Player, Ireland and NZ
- Olive Foley, Widow of Anthony Foley, Munster Rugby, Ireland
- Aidan O'Mahoney, Kerry GAA, Ireland
- Bishop Paul Tighe, Secretary for the Pontifical Council for Culture

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 4: Pope Francis on the Vocation of Fatherhood. (Hall 8B) - EN

Moderator: Bishop Alan McGuckian, Diocese of Raphoe, Ireland

Panellists:

- Mickey Harte, Manager of Tyrone Gaelic Football Team, Ireland (North)
- Patrick E Kelly, Deputy Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, USA
- Peter O'Brien, Parent of Special Olympics Athlete, Ireland

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 5: Faith, Family and Development: The Witness of Women in Leadership. (Hall 3) – EN 🞜 IT, ES

Moderator: Dr Carolyn Woo, (Retired) CEO and President, Catholic Relief Services

Description: Panel of experts and partners of Trócaire (Caritas Ireland) will speak to the theme of how women are the key to unlocking the potential of developing countries around the world.

Trócaire's Women's Empowerment programme strives to ensure that the women and girls they work with around the world have a voice in decisions that affect their lives, within their homes, communities, and beyond, and that they are free from violence.

Panellists:

- Jestina Mukoko, Zimbabwe Peace Project, Zimbabwe
- Finola Finnan, Deputy Executive Director, Trócaire, Ireland
- Yvonne Aki-Sawyer OBE, Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone
- Sr Bridget Tighe, Executive Director, Caritas Jerusalem
- Sally O'Neill, Human Rights Defender, Honduras

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 6: Marriage Preparation and the Parish in the Light of Amoris Laetitia. (Hall 8D) - EN s ES

Presenters: Caroline Dollard, Marriage & Life Advisor, Catholics Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Bishop Peter Doyle, Bishop of Northampton

Description: An interactive workshop facilitated by the Marriage and Family Life Office, Bishops Conference of England & Wales, UK.

11.30am-12.30pm

Presentation 3: Showing Welcome and Respect in our Parishes for 'LGBT' People and their Families. (Hall 8A) – EN 🎜 IT, ES, FR Fr James Martin S.J., Editorat-large, Jesuit Magazine America

12-1pm

Panel 3: Vocational Discernment and the Family: Preparing for the Youth Synod, 2018.

(Hall 7). EN 🎜 IT, ES, FR **Moderator:** Mons. Paolo Giulietti, Auxiliary Bishop of Perugia-Città della Pieve,

Description: A facilitated discussion on youth ministry amongst individuals who took part in the pre-synod consultation. A particular focus on how the family plays a central role in supporting vocations of all varieties amongst youth and enabling young people to live their lives to the fullest of their potential.

Panellists:

- Teresa Carvalho, Home Mission Development Officer, Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, UK
- Paul Metzlaff, National Office for Youth Pastoral Care, Germany
- Gerard Gallagher, Pastoral Co-Ordinator, Archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland
- Isaac Withers, Representative of Bishop's Conference of England and Wales at Synod 2018
- Rev. Dr Michel Remery, Author of 'Tweeting with God', Diocese of Rotterdam,
- The Netherlands Sr Nathalie Becquart, National Service for Youth Evangelization and Vocations, Bishop's Conference, France

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME (FAMILY ARENA)

(All participants – adults, children and families come together in the Family Arena.)

2.30pm

MAIN ARENA KEYNOTE SPEAKER

EN 🎜 IT, ES, FR H.E. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, England. **Theme**: Support and Preparation for Marriage in the Light of Amoris Laetitia.

3.30pm

TESTIMONIES

EN J IT, ES, FR Theme: Couples celebrating 25, 50, 60+ years of Marriage. Family Arena.

MC: Paula Sweeney, Ireland Testimonies:

- Cathal and Aveen Reilly
- Gerry Flaherty
- Piers and Sue Segrave-Daly, Ireland
- Ita and John Madden, Ireland

4.30pm CELEBRATION OF MASS IN MAIN ARENA

EN 🎜 IT, ES, FR H.E. Cardinal João Braz de Aviz, Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Theme: Love Endures

All Things: Why Strong Marriages make Stronger Societies.

EVENING PROGRAMME 7-8pm

Care for our Common Home:

Major Panel 3

Why the Family Matters to the Future of our Planet. (Hall 8C) - EN & ES. IT. FR **Moderator:** H.E. Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, SDB, Archbishop of Yangon,

Myanmar. **Description:** An interactive seminar based upon the themes in Laudato Si' hosted by Trócaire (CARITAS Ireland).

This seminar will comprise of stories, music, national and international speakers acknowledging the urgency of our environmental challenges and joining Pope Francis in calling for a new dialogue and vision for the environment and the future of our planet.

Panellists:

- Deirdre Duff
- Dr Lorna Gold, Trócaire, Ireland
- Éamonn Meehan, Executive Director, Trócaire, Ireland
- Monique Barbut,
- Representative from the UN Prof John Sweeney, Climatologist, Maynooth
- University Carsterns Mulume, Director of Social Development, Episcopal
- Conference of Malawi Iuan Carlos Mendoza. **UN Convention to Combat** Dessertification, Colombia

19:00 - 20:00

Panel: Who is Doing the Dishes? Pope Francis on the Little Things that Matter in Family Life

(Hall 8D) – EN ♬ ES Moderator: Bairbre Cahill, Freelance writer and speaker on spirituality and sacramentality, Ireland Panellists:

Dr Ingeborg and Richard Sickinger, The Apostolic

- Movement of Schoenstatt, Austria Monika Kowalczyk and Szymon Szylko, Polish **Encounter of Married**
- Couples, Ireland Máire and Bill O'Brien, Worldwide Marriage Encounter

7-8pm

Panel 1: Coping with Crises and Hurt in Marriage. (Hall 8A) – EN. 🞜 ES, IT, FR Moderator: Deirdre O' Rawe, Director of ACCORD Ireland (North).

Panellists:

- Sallyann and Torbjorn Huss. Retrouvaille. Ireland
- Stephen Conway,
- Retrouvaille, South Africa Carlos Compoy Osset, Diocese of Toledo, Spain
- Mary Johnson, ACCORD, Ireland

7-8pm Panel 2: The Lifeblood of any Relationship is Communication. (Merrion Room) – EN **Presenters:** Paddy Doherty and Margaret Norman, ACCORD, Ireland **Description:** Effective communication skills are fundamental to success in a happy and healthy marriage. Good communication is a key interpersonal skill and involves trust and acceptance. Exploring how to better communicate with each other, how our individual and family backgrounds influence the

7-8pm Panel 3:

develop.

Insights into Adolescents. (Hall 3) - EN 🞜 ES, IT **Presenter:** Anita Conlan, ACCORD, Ireland.

way we communicate allows

relationships to grow and

Description: An interactive workshop on supporting teenagers in their journey through relationships and sexuality in a digital age.

This workshop is based upon an RSE programme run in schools by ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care. It mirrors a talk for parents which allows them to have a "fly on the wall" view of what their teenagers really want to talk about.

Aims to get a clearer insight into what teenagers' views are on subjects such as drug/alcohol use, attitudes to sex, unplanned pregnancy, sexuality and lots more.

7-8pm

Panel 4:

The Family of Families: The Experience of Catholic Families in Africa. (Hall 8B) - EN Facilitators: Representatives

of the Aid to the Church in Need programme with Catholic families from Africa. **Description:** Pope Francis, in Amoris Laetitia, describes the Church as the 'Family of

Families'. In this interactive workshop we listen to the stories of Faith and family from Catholics in Africa, through the initiatives supported by the Pontifical Foundation, Aid to the Church in Need International. Frederick & Salome Olweny, Gabriel Kissala, Longine Dienda Mupuelengi, David & Catherine Livingstone.

Panellists:

Frederick and Salome Olweny, Kenya

Democratic Republic of Congo Longine Dienda

Mupuelengi, Democratic

Gabriel Kissala,

- Republic of Congo David & Catherine
- Livingston, Uganda

ACCORD, Ireland

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 5: Homecoming Reading; Unlocking the

7-8pm

Presentation 1

Turning Technology to the Greater Good: Faith, Family & Technology. (Hall 2) – EN. 🞜 ES, IT, FR

Presenter: Dr Mary Aiken, Adjunct Associate Professor Geary Institute for Public Policy, UCD and Academic Advisor for Europol European Cybercrime Centre, Ireland.

Description: An interactive presentation on turning technology to the good in our world and in our homes.

7-8pm

Presentation 2

Grace Before Meals: Recipes to Strengthen Family Life. (Hall 7) EN 🞜 ES Presenter: Fr Leo

Patalinghug, Priest, Chef and Author, USA.

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7-8pm

Presentation 3

The Journey from Addiction: What Families can Learn from the Life of Venerable. Matt Talbot (Dodder B) EN

Presenter: Fr Brian Lawless

Friday, **August 24**

Theme: The Family and Hope

MORNING PROGRAMME: SESSION 1

10-11am

Major Panel 1

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults. (Hall 8C) – EN 🞜 ES, IT, FR **Moderator:** H.E. Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Boston, USA **Panellists:**

- Marie Collins, Survivor of Abuse. Former member of the Pontifical Commission for Protection of Minors and Patron of 'The Marie Collins Foundation', Ireland
- Barbara Thorp, Social Worker, Former Head of The Office for Pastoral Support and Child Protection, Archdiocese of Boston, USA
- Baroness Prof. Sheila Hollins, former member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, England
- Prof. Gabriel Dy-Liacco, Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, Philippines

10-11am

Panel 1: Celebrating the Lord's Day as Family. (Dodder B) – EN Moderator: Colette Furlong, Diocese of Elphin, Ireland **Panellists:**

- Gemma Mulligan, Diocese of Ossory, Ireland
- Rosemary Lavelle and Colin Thomson, Archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland
- Salvatore Martinez, President, Vatican Foundation International Center Family of Nazareth,

10-11am

Panel 2: Relationship and Sexuality Education in the Light of Amoris Laetitia. (Hall 8D) – EN 🞜 FR

Moderator: Bishop Denis Nulty, Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland

Panellists:

- Valérie and Privat Ternynck, Mother of Misercordia Association, France
- Anita Conlan, ACCORD, Ireland

10-11am

Presentation 3:

Pope Francis on the Gospel of the Family: What is Jesus Calling our Families to be? (Hall 2) – EN ≠ ES, IT, FR **Presenter:** Bishop Robert E. Barron, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Los Angeles,

10-11am

Panel 3: The Impact of Imprisonment on Families. (Hall 8B) – EN

Description: While visiting a prison in Philadelphia Pope Francis urged people in prison, their family and the correctional officers to believe in the possibility of rehabilitation because Christ saves us from the lie that says that nobody can change.

This panel discusses the difficulties experienced by families with members currently serving time in prison and suggests ways in which families can receive sufficient pastoral support.

Panellists:

- Breda Coman
- Sr Imelda Wickham Ruth Comerford
- Mary Hanrahan
- Christine Hoctor Joe O'Rourke
- Sinead McNeela
- Larry de Cleir
- Cathal Duddy Ester Murphy
- Mary Mullins
- Brian Hanly
- John O'Sullivan • Ciaran Dallat
- Oonah Hanrahan
- Sean Duggan

10-11am

Panel 4: Breaking the Silence: Dealing with Domestic Violence. (Hall 3) – EN 🞜 ES, IT

Moderator: Norah Casey, Irish businesswoman, magazine mogul, television personality and broadcaster from Dublin, Ireland.

Panellists:

- Ignacio Socias, Director General of The International Institute for Family Research, Spain
- Dr Mary Goss, ACCORD, Ireland
- Dr Carol Baumann, COPE Galway Domestic Violence Refuge & Outreach Service, Galway, Ireland
- Dr Monica McWilliams, Academic and Former Politician, Ireland (North)

Panel 5: Supporting Families | Companies

Through the Heartbreak of Divorce: A Diocese Accompanying Families Through Difficult Times. (Merrion Room) – ES

Facilitators: Representatives of the Santa Teresa project of the Archdiocese of Toledo, Spain

Description: This interactive workshop will share the experiences of those involved in the Santa Teresa project of the Archdiocese of Toledo which offers accompaniment to families experiencing the upheaval of separation and divorce.

Pope Francis recently met with representatives of the project and families who have been involved.

Panellists:

- Archbishop Braulio Rodríguez Plaza
- Fr Miguel Garrigós Domínguez
- Jesús Manuel Díaz-Rincón Díaz & Mercedes Muelas
- Isabel Campoy Osset and
- her daughter Teresa Cabezas Campov
- María Esperanza Gómez-Menor Palacios Cristina Gómez Iglesias
- María del Valle Lugo
- Relanzón Ana María Moreno Méndez
- María Concepción Gómez-Caro Velasco
- María Luisa Castañeda Pedrero
- Luis Alfonso Corcuera Alonso
- Pilar Iniesto López

10-11am

Presentation 1:

Accompanying, Discerning and Integrating: Human Fragility and Amoris Laetitia. (Hall 8A) – IT ≠ ES, EN, FR **Presenter:** H. E. Cardinal Gualtiero Bassetti, Archbishop of Perugia-Citta della Pieve, President of the Italian Bishops' Conference.

10.30-11.30am

Presentation 2: How to Get your Family to Heaven! (Hall 7) – EN. 🞜 ES, IT **Speaker:** Fr Leo Patalinghug, Priest, Chef and Author, USA **Description:** This practical, theological, sociological and inspiring talk will help answer the questions parents ask most: What's my most important job in life? Answer: To get your family to heaven? Question: How? Well, you'll have to attend this lecture to hear how you can do it! Cooking demonstration and talk with Faith and Family theme.

SESSION 2 11.30am-12.30pm

Major Panel 2 (a)

Glued to our Phones: Can Technology become more Family Friendly? (Hall 8C) – EN ♬ ES, IT, FR

Moderator: Eileen Dunne, journalist and presenter, RTÉ **Panellists:** Representatives of Major Technology

11.30am-12.30pm

Major Panel 2 (b): Dancing to the Future with Hope: Strengthening Marriage & the Family Today. (Hall 8A) – EN 🗸 ES, IT, FR **Moderator:** Gabriella Gambino, Under-Secretary,

and Life. **Panellists:**

• Geraldine Hallahan O'Brien, ACCORD, Ireland

Dicastery for Laity, Family

- Breda O'Brien & Brendan Conroy, Couples Testimony, Ireland
- Gerry Mangan, Teams of Our Lady, Ireland
- Fr. Bernardino Giordano,

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel: 1: The Family that Prays Together: Finding Time for Prayer in a Digital Age. (Hall 3) – EN & ES, IT **Moderator:** Wendy Grace, Managing Director at Compass Communications, Ireland.

Panellists:

- Dr Marco Brusati, Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life
- Cristina Lopez Schlichting, COPE, Spain
- Francis Monahan, ACCORD, Ireland
- Br Richard Hendrick OFM, Cap, Ards Friary and Retreat Centre, Donegal, Ireland

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 2: Promoting the Gospel of the Family: The Role of Family Associations Today.

(Hall 8B) – IT 🞜 EN, FR **Moderator:** Msgr. Carlos Simon, Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life

Panellists:

- Antoine Renard, European Federation of Catholic Family Associations, France
- Prof. Francesco Belletti, International Centre for Family Studies, Italy

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 3: The Family as an Agent of Peace in a Turbulent World. (Hall 2) – EN ♬ ES, IT

Moderator: Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, USA.

Panellists:

- Dr Monica Williams, Academic and Former Politician, Ireland (North)
- Dr Michael Kinsella, Aid to the Church in Need, Ireland
- David Livingstone, Testimony of Child Solider, Salt & Light, Uganda

11.30am-12.30pm

Panel 4: Marriage, the Family and the Search for Christian Unity. (Hall 8D) – EN 🞜 IT **Moderator:** Bishop Brian Farrell, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Panellists:

- Francesca and Filippio De Carlo, Mistero Grande, Italy
- Nadia and Tony Fraga, Truro Anglican Church, USA Deacon Mr Jim Adams,

Hope and Healing of the Scriptures. (Merrion Room) - EN Facilitators: Prof. Seamus O'

Connell, Dr Jessie Rogers and Rev. Philip Carder. **Description:** An interactive workshop on using the

Scriptures, through Lectio Divina, to support hope and healing in our lives, particularly in our families.

12-1pm

Presentation 4:

Theme: Spicing Up Our Married Life: Satisfying Couples Hunger for True Love.

(Hall 7) - EN 5 ES

Speaker: Fr Leo Patalinghug. US Priest, Chef & Author. **Description:** Spicing Up Married Life, teaches couples how to celebrate their anniversaries - not just once

per year, but each month! With a background in marriage counselling and with his culinary background, Fr Leo brings couples to the tables, addresses what each is hungering for, and provides a "recipe" and a "strategy" to fulfil what couples hunger for the most – God's love through their spouse!

Cooking demonstration and talk with Faith & Family theme.

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

(All participants together in the Family Arena.)

MAIN ARENA KEYNOTE **SPEAKER**

EN 🎜 ES, IT, FR H.E. Cardinal Mario Zenari, Apostolic Nuncio to Syria. **Theme:** The Family as a Key to Peace in a Turbulent

3.30pm

World.

TESTIMONIES: EN ♬ ES, IT,

Family Arena MC: Noirín Lynch Theme: Christian Families

- from Troubled Parts of Our World. • Fr Liam Lawton, Ireland
- Zaitoun Family, Syria
- Fr Michael Shields, Aid to the Church in Need, USA

MASS IN MAIN ARENA

EN 🎜 ES, IT, FR H.E. Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life. Theme: The Family: Hope for the Church and for the World.

EVENING PROGRAMME

6.30-8pm: Bró Boru -Traditional Irish Music by Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann (Hall 2) EN.

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First digital animations on *Amoris*Laetitia and a new six-part TV series

new series of digital animations and a six-part television series has been launched as part of ongoing preparations for the World Meeting of Families 2018 and the visit of Pope Francis. Both of these new resources focus on *Amoris Laetitia*, the document written by Pope Francis on love in the family.

Amoris Animations

The Amoris Animations, the first created using Amoris Laetitia as a guiding theme, provide an accessible insight and reflection on the message in 'The Joy of Love' in short, engaging and shareable cartoons. There are six animations in the series that focus on the following themes:

- How families can transform the world: How love in our families can transform our own lives and the lives of others.
- Love and mercy: Our call to be a sign of mercy. How we can be a reflection of Jesus mercy with the ideal he sets out while never failing to show compassion to the frailty of others.
- Families living as a reflection of the Trinity: God is a communion of love and the family can be its living reflection
- Love and imperfection: How love can overcome weaknesses, faults and imperfections.
- Families and consumerism: The impact of consumerism on family life. Rejoice and celebrate what we have rather than always wanting more material things.
- Families living in a digital age: The importance of switching off phones to give each other the time and space that love needs to flourish.

The animations have been created by Kieran O'Brien who is the director of the digital storytelling agency Ministory, based in Cardiff, Wales. His previous work includes a series of digital animations on Pope Francis' encyclical letter on care for our common home, Laudato Si'.

As part of this animation series there are also four additional animations that have been specifically created for children. These animations will be launched at the World Meeting of Families Pastoral Congress in the RDS next week.

- The themes are as follows:

 Love never gives up: How we love one another and the importance of saying please, thank you and I'm sorry.
- Love needs time to grow: The importance of







spending time together and not being distracted.

- Love what we have: The true joy of love is found in the little things not in having things.
- Love reaches out: Keep the flow of love going, love forgiveness and how best we can show love.

The Amoris Animations are available in Italian, Spanish and French and can be accessed on www.amoris. ie/animations and on www. worldmeeting2018.ie

A Journey through Amoris Laetitia - TV series

This new six-part series A Journey through Amoris Laetitia 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 Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, President of Caritas International; Jeff Cavins, author and speaker; Archbishop Eamon Martin,

Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland; Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles; John and Clare Gabrowski, Pontifical Council for the Family; Sr Consilio, Cuan Mhuire; and Pat and Susan Keenan of Retrouvaille Ireland.

Through the six episodes, the participants reflect on what Amoris Laetitia has to say to families as they experience the ups and downs of family life and how Pope Francis addresses key themes like love, mercy and the wider society while also offering an uplifting vision for the family. The episodes focus on the following themes:

- **Reality:** The reality and challenges of family life today
- Vision: God's dream for love in our families
- **Love is:** A reflection on St Paul's letter as a foundation for marriage
- **Social:** Love reaching out in solidarity
- Mercy: Accompanying families who are struggling

• **Go forth:** How families can go forth in their families and in the world

in the world

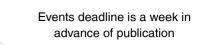
A Journey through Amoris Laetitia is available on www.amoris.ie/tv which hosts many of the practical resources that were made available to help people prepare for the World Meeting of Families. The series is also being broadcast internationally through a range of broadcast partners including Salt and Light TV, Catholic TV, EWTN and Shalom TV.

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Out&About

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Eucharistic Adoration in St Malachy's Church, Armagh daily from 6am to midnight, and all night on Wednesdays.

CLARE

Ennis Parish, led by Fr Tom Hogan, will make a pilgrimage to Italy on October 15-22. Details: Mary 087 124 7669.

CORK

Medjugorje prayer meeting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday night at 8pm in Holy Trinity Church, Fr Matthew Quay. Prayers for healing are on the first Wednesday of every month.

The Alliance of the Two Hearts
- Vigil of Reparation and
Adoration at Ss John and
Paul Church Shannon each
first Friday-Saturday of the
month from 7pm to 2am. First
Friday Mass at 7pm and first
Saturday Mass at 12.05am.

DERRY

Dungiven Parish: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Monday to Friday, 8am-noon and 3-9pm.

Talk on the 'Challenge of Pope Francis to the Church in Ireland' in St Mary's College on August 17 from 7.30-9pm.

DOWN

Service for the Sick, Blessing of Nurses and Carers with Anointing of Sick and Benediction in St Malachy's Church, Castlewellan at 3pm Tuesday August 19.

DUBLIN

Mass in Celebration of St Pio

– 50 Years since his death,
100 years since receiving the
Stigmata – Friday, September
21 at 7.30pm at St John the
Evangelist Church, Ballinteer,
Dublin 16. Celebrant Fr Martin
Bennett OFM Cap. Blessing
with Padre Pio glove.

Agape Charismatic prayer meeting in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, Tuesdays, 8pm (Mass last Tuesday of the month), Disciples of the Divine Master Oratory, Junction of Newtownpark Ave./Stillorgan Road. Bus: 46A/C/D or 58C. Tel: 087-6509465.

Our Lady of Knock prayer meetings take place on the last Thursday of every month in St Gabriel's Nursing Home. Glenayle Road, Raheny, Dublin 5, from 8pm-9pm.

A special Mass for the anointing of the sick will be held on Sunday September 2 at 3pm in St Patrick's Church Ringsend.

FERMANAGH

A Mass to St Peregrine for all the sick is prayed each Wednesday evening in St Patrick's Church, Derrygonnelly at 7.30pm. ww.churchservices. tv/derrygonnelly

KERRY

The Alliance of the Two Hearts First Friday and First Saturday Vigil of Adoration and Reparation in Caherciveen parish church at 3pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet, Adoration, rosaries. Ends with Mass at 7.30pm.

Breda Joy, journalist, author and

Killarney woman explores her involvement with Church and her writing on August 19 on Horizons at 9pm, Radio Kerry.

KILKENNY

First Saturday Devotions, Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy and Prayer for Healing from 7-9pm in St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy.

LIMERICK

Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Friday in Raheen church following 10am Mass until 10pm, Crecora on Thursdays, following morning Mass until 12noon and from 6-10pm, and in Mungret Church on Wednesdays, from 10am to 12noon.

Young adults ages 18-35 are invited on a pilgrimage with the Dominicans to Bracciano and Rome from October 25-29. Please email limerick@op-tn. org for more information or to request an application. Spaces are limited so please apply soon.

Night prayer with the Dominican Sisters every Tuesday at 5.30pm in St Saviour's Church, Dominic St.

LOUTH

A Centre Prayer Meeting is held at Mount Oliver (near Ballymascanlon, Dundalk) every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Contact 00 353 86 362 3361 from NI or 086-3623361 from Rol.

Mass in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place at 10am every first Saturday of the month in St Malachy's Church, Anne Street, Dundalk. Organised by the Legion of Mary, Presidium of Our Lady of the Listening Heart. Spiritual Director Fr Bede McGregor OP.

MAYO

The national traditional Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday September 1, commencing with a Missa Cantata at 2pm, followed by the Stations of the Cross and concluding with Benediction. All events in the parish church.

OFFALY

Clonmacnois Prayer Vigil in Cluain Chiarain Prayer Centre on Friday August 17 and every third Friday. Mass at 9pm. Adoration and prayers follow until 2.10am. Enquiries Dave: 085-7746763.

ROSCOMMON

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Croan's Church, Ballymoe, every Monday, 10-11am and Thursday, 8-10pm. Also at St Bride's Church, Ballintubber, every Wednesday, 7.30-8.30pm

WICKLOW

The Glencree Parish Group hold a special Mass for healing in St Kevin's Church, Glencree on the first Saturday of every month.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting on Tuesday evenings at 8pm in the Scout Hall, South Quay, Wicklow.



LONDON: At the closing Mass of the Sisters of Nazareth General Chapter, eight priests concelebrated the Mass. Back row: Fr Patrick Gethins, Fr Paul O'Grady, Fr John Cullen, Fr Christopher McGuinness. Front row: Fr John Martin, Sr Brenda, New Leader, Sr Mary Anne – who led the Nazareth Sisters for 12 years – Fr Bobby Hammill, Fr Terence Bateman and Fr Ray Burke. All the priests have origins from Nazareth Houses in Sligo, Derry, Birkenhead, Nottingham, Swansea and Johannesburg. Missing from the photo is Fr Bill Middleton from Melbourne.



DUBLIN: Anne Griffin, General Manager of the WMOF 2018, Cardinal Kevin Farrell and Secretary General of the WMOF in Dublin, Fr Timothy Bartlett, visit the Papal Cross in the Phoenix Park where Pope Francis will celebrate Mass on August 26.



MAYO: Pictured at the front of the group, Fr Hildebrand M. Houser (36), a native of St Louis, Missouri, pronounced his first vows as a Benedictine monk at Silverstream Priory in Stamullen on the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord last week.



ENGLAND: Nineyear-old Laura McDowell (front right) from Dalkey, Dublin, stands with her parents Greg and Aoife and her brother Stephen and sister Catherine at the British Transplant Games. Laura enjoyed competing in the Ball Throw, Long Jump and 50m race.



FRANCE: The Clogher don Óige pilgrims enjoy Taizé.

World Report

Edited by Chai Brady chai@irishcatholic.ie

Ex-archbishop sentenced to house arrest for abuse cover up

Former archbishop Philip Wilson will serve a maximum 12-month sentence in home detention for concealing child sexual abuse, an Australian court has ruled.

This decision means Wilson (67) will avoid jail. He resigned as archbishop of Adelaide after his conviction and has become the world's most senior cleric to be convicted of the crime. His lawyers said they would lodge an appeal on Tuesday.

A magistrate said Wilson would commence his sentence immediately at a relative's home, where he would be monitored by a tracking device. He will be eligible for parole after six months.

As he left court on Tuesday, Wilson did not respond to an abuse survivor who confronted him to demand an apology.

During his trial, Wilson denied knowing that paedophile priest James Patrick Fletcher had abused altar boys in the 1970s.

However, the court ruled in May that Wilson had been



Former archbishop Philip Wilson leaving court.

alerted to the abuse by victims, and failed to report it.

Fletcher was convicted of nine child sexual abuse charges in 2004, and died in jail in 2006.

Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Archbishop Philip Wilson on July 30 following calls for the prelate's removal as head of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. Wilson was convicted in May of failing to report allegations of child sexual abuse disclosed

to him in the 1970s.

The announcement from the Vatican stated that Archbishop Wilson had submitted his "resignation of the pastoral government of the archdiocese" and that it had been accepted by Pope Francis.

The resignation followed cries from political and Church leaders in Australia for Wilson to either resign or to be removed by Pope Francis, including from Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. Who

asked the Pope to dismiss the archbishop on July 19.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane, president of the Australian bishops' conference, also said that "a number of survivors, prominent Australians and other members of the community have publicly called on Archbishop Wilson to resign."

In a statement on his resignation released on July 30, Wilson said he submitted his resignation letter to Pope Francis on July 20.

He was not requested to do so by the Vatican, he said, but he made the decision because he had become "increasingly worried at the growing level of hurt" his conviction may have caused.

Wilson also noted his previous intention to defer the decision of whether to step down until after the completion of his appeal process, but said: "There is just too much pain and distress being caused by my maintaining the office of Archbishop of Adelaide, especially to the victims of Fr Eletcher"

IN BRIEF

Bishops in Philippines warn media against 'fake news'

• Filipinos working in the Church's social communication ministry need a lot of prayer and a "sense of mission" to be able "to combat fake news" and work for peace, a gathering in Davao City was told the Philippin to the company of the Philippin to the particular of the Philippin to the period of the p

The head of the Philippine bishops' Commission on Social Communications urged the gathering of Catholic media groups to be "journalists of peace".

"As Catholic media practitioners...we must be men and women of prayer," said Bishop Mylo Hubert Vergara of Pasig commission chairman.

"Being exposed to Jesus...we clearly realise the font and source of what we proclaim," he told delegates at the annual National Catholic Media Convention.

Catholics call US to repent for use of A-bombs in WWII

• About 30 people from various Catholic organisations came together outside the White House for a prayer service of repentance for the use of nuclear weapons on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.

At the rally, which lasted about an hour, they called for the US to apologise and repent for its use of nuclear weapons in the Second World War and for total nuclear disarmament.

The atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, 1945, and three days before that Hiroshima was bombed.

Priests in China removed for holding summer camp

• Two underground parish priests in China's Gansu province have been removed after being accused of holding a summer camp for a youth group at their church.

Fr Wang Yiqin of Hui county and Father Li Shidong of Leling in Shandong province were serving Maijiqu Ganquan Church in Tianshui Diocese.

The Tianshui Municipal Ethnic and Religious Affairs Committee sent a letter asking the local branch of the state-controlled Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association to send personnel to replace the priests, who were accused of holding the camp for the Bosco Youth Group at the church and sent back to their hometowns.

On July 21, the committee issued a letter stating that no association personnel were involved with the church, which had become a base for underground clergy.

Senate in Argentina vote down abortion decriminalisation bill

The Argentine senate has voted against a bill that would have decriminalised abortion during the first 14 weeks of pregnancy. Senators voted 38-31 against the measure last week following a 15-hour debate. The measure had been approved in June by the lower house of Congress.

The Argentine bishops' conference hailed the vote, saying the debate in the country opened an opportunity for dialogue and a chance to focus more on social ministry.

The senate debate revealed deep divisions in Argentina, where support for decriminalising abortion drew stronger support in Buenos Aires, the capital, than in the more conservative provinces.

Observers attributed that difference to the bill being voted down in the senate, which includes more representation from outlying areas.

The vote came as a movement of women and supporters of the measure – wearing green handkerchiefs – filled the streets outside the congress as voting occurred. Catholics, meanwhile, celebrated the Eucharist.

Viewpoints

"Everyone had time to express their viewpoints and be heard by legislators in a healthy democratic exercise. But the only ones that didn't have an opportunity to make themselves heard are the human beings that struggled to be born," Cardinal Mario Poli, Pope Francis' successor in Buenos Aires, said on August 8 in his homily at what organisers called a 'Mass for Life'.

In an acknowledgment that the Church could be doing more to work with women, Cardinal Poli said: "We have done little to accompany the women when they find themselves in tough situations, particularly when the (pregnancy) is the result of rape or situations of extreme poverty."

In a statement after the vote, the bishops' conference said it was time to address the "new divisions developing between us...through a renewed exercise of dialogue.

Caritas project aims to end hunger in South Asia

Church agency Caritas has launched a project that aims to end hunger across South Asia by 2030.

Caritas India introduced the programme in collaboration with its international partners to help farmers adapt methods to cope with erratic climate conditions.

"Climate change is a global challenge and affects agricultural production and human well-being. It hits hardest where people directly depend on agriculture for food and livelihoods," said Sunil Simon, project director in India.

The Smallholder Adaptive Farming and Biodiversity Network was launched in June during Caritas Asia's regional conference in Bangkok.

"The unique programme aims to address our common goal of ending hunger by 2030," said Christoph Schweifer, secretary general of Caritas Austria, a partner in the project.

Caritas organisations in Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan will implement the programme with the support of Caritas Austria and Caritas Switzerland.

The effort aims to fight hunger and malnutrition by promoting local food through

small-scale farming in selected areas of South Asia in response to climate change, Simon said.

The programme will contribute to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture in South Asia.

Two schools in England subject to damning abuse report

• Children as young as seven at Ampleforth and 11 at Downside were subjected to appalling sexual abuse, the latest report from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse has said. The inquiry found that the two leading British Benedictine schools "prioritised the monks and their own reputations over the protection of children" amid a "culture of acceptance of abusive behaviour".

"For decades Ampleforth and Downside tried to avoid giving any information about child sexual abuse to police and social services," inquiry chair Professor Alexis Jay said.

"Instead, monks in both institutions were very often secretive, evasive and suspicious of anyone outside the English Benedictine Congregation."

Don't neglect 'silent war' in Ukraine – archbishop

• Four years of fighting in eastern Ukraine have led to "the biggest humanitarian crisis on the European continent since the end of the Second World War," according to the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv called on the international community and the Church not to neglect the crisis in Ukraine. He made the plea during a keynote address at a Knights of Columbus convention.

Since Russia annexed Crimea in 2014, the Ukrainian conflict has taken the lives of more than 10,000 people and has left 1.6 million people displaced, according to the United Nations.

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Letters

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Letter of the week

Death penalty has always been wrong

Dear Editor, Breda O'Brien and Greg Daly's articles on Pope Francis' ruling that henceforth Catholics should regard the death penalty as 'inadmissible' (IC 9/8/2018) show just how natural a development this is in Catholic teaching, and show too how absurd it is that a handful of vociferous Catholics are complaining about this.

Absurd? What other word is there for people who have been crying the last few years that the Pope is 'confusing' and who should react to the word 'inadmissible' by wailing "what does this mean?". It means, as any dictionary would tell them, that it is not allowed, that the Church will not permit it. Does this mean that it was inadmissible in the past? No, of course

not: perhaps the Church should not have permitted – or even encouraged – it in days gone by, but it certainly did permit it. It no longer does so.

Isn't this a breach with Church teaching? Hardly: the Church's teaching on the death penalty has always been an application of other teachings, rather than something that stood on its own two feet, and what's happened in recent decades is that the Church has recognised that the logic of its constant teaching on the sanctity of human life entails recognising that made as we are in God's image, it's for God and God alone to choose when our lives should end.

It's not as if the Church's understanding of how to honour the

sanctity and dignity of human life hasn't developed before, after all.

There have been saints back in the day who thought with the society they lived in that torture could sometimes be acceptable, and there was once a time when slavery, now recognised as an infamy that poisons society, was not merely permitted, but could even be required.

The Third Lateran Council, after all, ruled that Christians who assisted or served with Saracen raiding ships should be enslaved if captured.

Sometimes our eyes open slowly. *Yours etc.*,

Gabriel Kelly, Drogheda, Co. Louth.

Trump benefits from good timing, not good leadership

Dear Editor, Mary Kenny (IC 02/08/18) is way off the mark with regard to Donald Trump. First, she makes the mistake of assuming that because of an upturn in the US economy during Trump's time at the White House, it is his actions that have brought this about. There are plenty of people more expert than Ms Kenny and I who would comprehensively demolish that simplistic hypothesis.

At the time that Trump came to office, many economies were coming out of recession. It is no more than good timing.

In terms of the economy, it is a well-established economic fact that protectionist policies create a lot of harm. Perhaps he has limited the amount of Chinese steel coming into America and this might be good for American

steelworkers. However, turn the corner and ask his own soya bean farmers what they think of Trump's actions. They risk being wiped out. Where will those families now earn their living?

Let's be clear. Trump's hate-filled, misogynistic and xenophobic rhetoric is a blight on the world. Yes, maybe he will have a second term but all that will do is continue the huge

damage. In the meantime, the fact that steel workers in Pennsylvania have more money will be of little comfort to the children sitting in warehouse jails, without their parents, because of the actions of Trump.

> Yours etc., **T. Gerard Bennett,** Kilpatrick, Co. Westmeath.



Convivial way to celebrate Pope's visit!

Dear Editor, Pope Francis' visit in a few weeks will mean a lot to Catholics across the island, but given the difficulties in getting to the Phoenix Park, I suspect many elderly people won't be attending the event. Given that, I would encourage anyone who owns a local pub or townhall to publicise an event for bringing people together who can watch the Pope on TV, interact with fellow believers, all while enjoying some food and drink!

Yours etc., **James McMahon,** Armagh City,

Accord must reconsider its Gospel attitude

Dear Editor, I was appalled at the heading 'State forces Accord to counsel same sex couples' (IC 2/8/18).

That the hierarchical leadership of Accord, a Catholic organisation, feel obliged to ditch Catholic teaching on marriage in order to facilitate a secular approach to a sacred covenant relationship for the sake of a few pieces of silver leaves one in no doubt that we are now in the great apostasy.

The idea that helping people in same-sex marriages who have relationship problems is "in keeping with the Gospel" is a misconstrued

understanding of the obligation to practise charity and of the sacred covenant of marriage.

Many years ago in Garabandal Our Lady said: "Many cardinals, bishops and priests are on the road to perdition and are taking a large number of of the faithful with them." Garabandal has not been approved by the Church – I wonder why? Is it because those who were aware of the scandals in the Church felt the heat?

By relinquishing Catholic teaching in order to fund itself Accord is publically saying that same sex marriage is the same as Christian/Catholic marriage which it is not.

One would imagine that those in charge of Accord had never read the Scriptures nor the Ten Commandments. Our shepherds need to be aware that of those to whom much is given much is to be expected.

Is it any wonder that people are leaving the church when such confusion reigns? If the final schism is not already upon us it is not far off.

Yours etc., **Loretto Browne,** Ashbourne, Co. Meath.

Tusla needs to broaden its outlook

Dear Editor, I note that Tusla are allegedly thinking of withdrawing funding from Accord. As I understand the position, the organisation now known as Accord was set up by the Irish Catholic bishops in 1962 to give advice on marriage preparation. Marriage and its synonym matrimony are both concerned with the fact that the woman is likely to become a mother, a state that is an absolute impossibility for a samesex couple.

While I would be surprised if a homosexual couple wished to learn about Catholic marriage from going to Accord, surely there is no reason why they should not be instructed in the Catholic and evolutionary view as to what marriage is about.

Gerald Murphy, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16.

Bishops must stick to Catholic ethos

Dear Editor, I read with dismay, frustration and a certain amount of anger your news report (IC 02/08/18) that Accord is now opening its counselling services to same-sex couples, in order to obtain funding from our anti-Catholic government, (the vast portion of that funding is collected from Catholic taxpayers). The bishops of Ireland have once again let down the faithful Catholics. Their duty is to be true to the Catholic ethos and the teachings of God as expressed in the Old and the New Testament.

They had the option of refusing to accept the money, restructuring Accord to run on a lower budget, and giving marriage counselling that reflects the teachings of Christ and His Church

Yours etc., **Eilis McNamara,** Killeaney, Co. Limerick.

Homeless isn't Pope's fault

Dear Editor, We are all painfully aware that the homeless situation in Ireland is horrendous. It is particularily bad in Dublin and needs to be resolved as soon as possible. Pope Francis is visiting Ireland for 36 hours. To see newspaper headlines this week stating that his visit will worsen the situation for our capital's homeless is a lame excuse for the root core of the problem that has been affecting our country for the last several years. It is a lazy attack yet again on the Catholic Church.

For those of us, and there are thousands of us of all ages, that have a genuine interest in welcoming Pope Francis, I feel it is unfair, misguided and misleading to attribute the blame on his visit to our ever worsening homeless situation. Yes it certainly demands an expedited solution, however the Pope's brief visit will not impact on the crisis that needs to be remedied and it shouldn't be disguised as such.

Yours etc., **Aisling Bastible,** Clontarf, Dublin 3.

Letters to the Editor

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VATICAN: Pope Francis greets people during his general audience in Paul VI hall at the Vatican on August 8. Photos:



FRANCE: A clergyman looks at cyclists during Stage 19 of the Tour de France cycling race in Lourdes



USA: Bishop Carl Kemme of Wichita, Kansas, centre, leads Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita. More than 200 young people attended the service.





INDIA: A girl washes utensils outside a temporary shelter near Kashmir. The Church agency Caritas has launched a project that aims to end hunger across South Asia by 2030.

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suggested that it's a sin to not give a compliment to someone when it's deserved because by withholding our praise we're depriving that person of the food that he or she needs to live on. He's right. Perhaps it's not a sin to withhold a compliment but it's a sad impoverishment, both for the person deserving the compliment and for the one withholding it.

We don't live on bread alone. Jesus told us that. Our soul too needs to be fed and its food is affirmation, recognition and blessing. Every one of us needs to be healthily affirmed when we do something well so as to have resources within us with which to affirm others. We can't give what we haven't got! That's self-evident

And so for us to love and affirm others we must first be loved, first be blessed and first be praised. Praise, recognition and blessing build up the soul.

But complimenting others isn't just important for the person receiving the compliment, it's equally important for the person giving it. In praising someone we give him or her some needed food for their soul; but, in doing this, we also feed our own soul.

Philanthropy

There's a truth about philanthropy that holds true too for the soul: we need to give to others not just because they need it but because we cannot

be healthy unless we are giving ourselves away. Healthy admiration is a philanthropy of the soul.

Moreover, admiring and praising others is a religious act. Benoit Standaert submits that "giving praise comes out of the roots our existence". What does he mean by that?

In complimenting and praising others we are tapping into what's deepest inside us, namely, the image and likeness of God. When we praise someone else then, like God creating, we are breathing life into a person, breathing spirit into them. People need to be praised. We don't live on bread alone, and we don't live on oxygen alone either.

The image and likeness of God inside us is not an icon, but an energy, the energy that's most real inside us. Beyond our ego, wounds, pride, sin and the pettiness of our hearts and minds on any given day, what's most real within us is a magnanimity and graciousness which, like God, looks at the world and wants to say: "It is good! It is

very good!"

Fr Rolheiser

When we're at our best, our truest, speaking and acting out of our maturity, we can admire. Indeed our willingness to praise others is a sign of maturity, and vice versa. We become more mature by being generous in our praise.

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But praise is not something we give out easily. Mostly we are so

Refusing to admire when someone or something merits praise is, as Thomas Aquinas submits, a negligence, a fault, a selfishness, a pettiness and a lack of maturity"

blocked by the disappointments and frustrations within our lives that we give in to cynicism and jealousy and operate out of these rather than out of our virtues.

We rationalise this of course in different ways, either by claiming that what we're supposed to admire is juvenile (and we're too bright and sophisticated to be impressed) or that the admirable act was done for someone's self-aggrandisement and we're not going to feed another person's ego.

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However, more often than not, our real reason for withholding praise is that fact that we ourselves have been insufficiently praised and, because of that, harbour jealousies and lack the strength to praise others. I say this sympathetically: all of us are wounded.

Then too in some of us there's a hesitation to praise others because we believe that praise might spoil the person and inflate his or her ego. Spare the rod and spoil the child! If we offer praise it will go to that person's head.

Again, more often than not, that's a rationalisation. Legitimate praise never spoils a person.

Praise that's honest and proper works more at humbling its recipient than spoiling him or her. We can't be loved too much, only loved wrongly.

But, you might ask, what about children who end up self-centered because they're only praised and never disciplined? Real love and real maturity distinguish between praising those areas of another's life that are praiseworthy and challenging those areas of another's life that need correction.

Praise should never be undeserved flattery, but challenge and correction are only effective if the recipient first knows that he or she is loved and properly recognised.

Genuine praise is never wrong. It simply acknowledges the truth that's there. That's a moral imperative. Love requires it. Refusing to admire when someone or something merits praise is, as Thomas Aquinas submits, a negligence, a fault, a selfishness, a pettiness and a lack of maturity. Conversely, paying a compliment when one is due is a virtue and a sign of maturity.

Generosity is as much about giving praise as about giving money. We may not be stingy in our praise. The 14th-Century, Flemish mystic, John of Ruusbroec, taught that "those who do not give praise here on earth shall be mute for all eternity".

TVRadio

Brendan O'Regan

Amazing Jesuits feature on the small screen

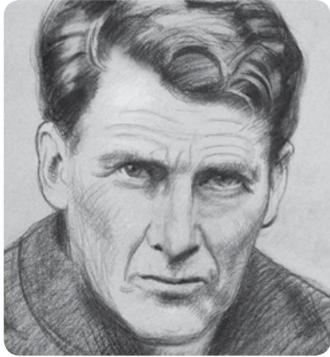
ith the most prominent Jesuit of all coming to town next week it was apt that other key Jesuits figured in the media last week.

On Wednesday of last week, **Nationwide** (RTÉ1) explored some of the more essential aspects of the life and work of Blessed Fr John Sullivan. That familiar black and white drawing of Fr John used in the beatification ceremony acted as a unifying image throughout.

He came from a privileged background, the child of a mixed marriage. It being the practice of the time he was brought up in the Church of Ireland as that was the religion of his father (the girls followed the religion of the

I couldn't quite get a handle on what brought him to the Catholic Church and the priesthood - there was mention of him engaging with the monks of Mount Athos when on his travels in Greece, and references to the devastating effect of the death of his

Fr Donal Neary SJ spoke of him going from best-dressed bachelor to worst-dressed priest as he concerned himself with the poor and sick, e.g. spending hours with the patients in the Harold's Cross hospice. We learned how he preached and practiced real compassion and how he was



The drawing of Blessed Fr John Sullivan which was used in his beatification ceremony - he featured on Nationwide

also hugely popular with the students in Clongowes Wood College where he taught.

There were reports of healings and miracles before and after his death and he was described as being "still like a magnet", drawing people to God. There was an ecumenical aspect as well because of his original connection to the Church of Ireland - there was a contribution from Rev. Michael Jackson, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin.

Last Sunday on EWTN

there was a tribute to another famous Jesuit, Fr William J Doyle, an army chaplain who died in the First World War. Bravery Under Fire was a docudrama that told the fascinating story of this brave, cheerful and gentle Jesuit and I was surprised by the similarities with the Fr Sullivan story.

The two priests knew each other, were ordained together and both taught at Clongowes. Fr Doyle was also from a well-off background, a home where religious faith was important and central.
The film concentrated

mostly on his service during the war and how he took so many brave risks to be with his men, giving them the sacraments, especially the last rites, and even dragging them to safety under fire. As chaplain he could have had a more comfortable experience but was uneasy when away from the men in his regiment.

While the film barely dealt with the political issues and the moral status of the war, it was stressed that Fr Doyle wasn't there to support the war effort per se but to support the men during the conflict, in what was often their final moments.

Examples

There were examples also of his helping soldiers who weren't Catholic and also German soldiers, who didn't always get much sympathy



Fr William J. Dovle.

PICK OF THE WEEK

IDIR DHÁ CHUAIRT

TG4, Wednesday, August 22, 9.30pm

Cathal Mac Coille examines the changes in Ireland since Pope John Paul II's visit. Guests include Bishop Fiontán Ó Monacháin.

THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS TG4, Wednesday, August 22, 10pm

A critical but affectionate glance on the cultural impact of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Ireland in 1979.

LIVING WITH THE POPE

RTÉ1, Thursday, August 23, 10.35pm

Mick Peelo challenges a diverse group of Irish people to read, respond to and possibly live by Pope Francis' teachings.

when captured. I'm not a great fan of docudramas, but the short dramatic segments did at least offer a variety of approach, the horrors of that war were more than hinted at, and there were some touching scenes, e.g. Fr Doyle ministering to a woman in an English jail the day before she was to be executed, and his father receiving the awful news of his death tending to the wounded on the battle-

Brian Milligan did a good job in the lead role, while Patrick Kenny (editor of a book about Fr Doyle, To Raise the Fallen) and others did well at outlining various aspects of his life. I'd like to have seen more exploration of his desire for sanctity and even martyrdom, and the role of physical mortifications and how that can be understood in the context of today's sensibilities.

Finally, on last Sunday's Songs of Praise it was good to hear about a Catholic retreat centre at Alton Castle in England, where young people engage in sports activities along with reflection and worship. One young woman, part of the course staff, spoke of a special experience she had on a school retreat, which brought her from atheism back to her religious Faith and a relationship with God.

The music last Sunday was particularly good, especially a rousing version of Our God Reigns from St Patrick's Church in Dungannon, and the beautiful Underneath the Stars by Voces8.

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Pat O'Kelly

Wonderful opportunity to hear Jennifer Davis at the NCH

Enthusiastic reviews greeted Co. Tipperary soprano Jennifer Davis following her recent Covent Garden debut as Elsa of Brabant in Wagner's Lohengrin. Latvian diva Kristine Opolais was the scheduled Elsa in this new production that opened in June, but she withdrew from the staging relatively close to opening night.

Jennifer Davis, who is a member of the Royal Opera company, stepped into the breach with *The Guardian* critic commenting: "Davis is a lyric soprano with a bit of extra steel and [is] more than a plausible actor.'

Interestingly, Jennifer Davis graduated in English literature from UCD but tak-



Jennifer Davis.

ing the part of Yum-Yum in The Mikado in Clonmel turned her considered career in another direction. Guided by Colette McGahon at the DIT Conservatory, she graduated with first honours in her Masters of Vocal Performance degree.

A multiple Feis Ceoil winner in 2012, Jennifer received the National Concert Hall's Bernadette Greevy Bursary and Wexford Festival's Gerard Arnhold Prize for the most promising young singer in 2013. Further study in London led her into Opera Theatre Company's Associate Artists' programme and in 2015 to Covent Garden's Jette Parker Young Artists' Project.

Since then, Jennifer Davis has appeared in smaller roles at the Royal Opera House as well as making her debut with San Francisco Opera, English and Welsh National Operas and at the Théâtre du Capitole de Toulouse.

Back home Jennifer Davis has been heard at Wexford, where she returns later this year, and has sung the Countess in Lyric Opera's The Marriage of Figaro at the NCH.

There is a chance to hear Jennifer Davis again at the NCH on Tuesday, August 28 as part of the RTÉCO's lunchtime concert. In arias by Mozart, Massenet, Delibes and Wagner, impressive young Dublin conductor Killian Farrell is joining her on the platform.

With an increasing number of our singers working abroad, it is marvellous to find two of them - mezzo Paula Murrihy and bass-baritone Padraic Rowan - engaged by this year's prestigious Salzburg Festival.

Rostered for Mozart's Die Zauberflöte, Co. Kerry-born Paula Murrihy studied with Anne Marie O'Sullivan at the DIT Conservatory before moving to the New England Conservatory. She was also an apprentice at Santa Fe and part of San Francisco Opera's Merola Project.

While taking part in Frankfurt Opera's Young Voices Competition, Paula was immediately invited to join the ensemble, with which she has undertaken an extensive number of roles. Paula has also returned to the US with opera appearances at Boston, San Francisco, St Louis and Los

She made her Met debut as Stephano in Gounod's Roméo et Juliette and Tebaldo in Verdi's *Don Carlo* brought her Covent Garden debut.

Dubliner Padraic Rowan has been a member of Stuttgart Opera for some time. He studied with Mary Brennan and Brenda Hurley at the RIAM and took various Feis Ceoil awards, including the Dramatic Cup/Tony Quigley

Padraic made his Glyndebourne Opera debut in 2013 and, following Jennifer Davis' footsteps, received the NCH Bernadette Greevy Bursary in 2016. In Salzburg he is being heard in Monteverdi's L'Incoronazione di Poppea.

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BookReviews



Life and love, the mingled fabric of creation

To Love and to be Loved by Desmond O'Donnell (Dominican Publications, €15.00)

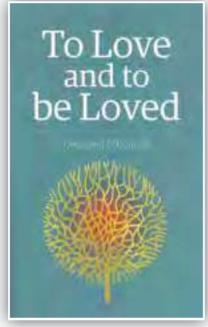
Peter Costello

The many people coming to Dublin next week will all have in mind two themes which the Pope Francis has identified as important not just for all Catholics, but for every human being, indeed for all life on earth. These are the themes of the joy of love and our task of caring for the planet we live on, of expressing in fact our love and understanding of all living things.

The publication of Desmond O'Donnell's latest book is to be welcomed in this context, but it also a book which would be equally welcome

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In a sense this book is meditation on the Gospel passage found in Luke 10:29 and the question "And who is my neighbour?" This was posed by a certain lawyer: that sort of legalistic person we have all met, who is alive to the letter of the law rather than the spirit. In the words of the old school catechism, that is so often held before our casual modern minds, as the standard by which all Catholics should live (rather than the Gospel). The school book answer added: "My neighbour is all mankind".



Today we know just what all mankind is like, yet there are those earnest catechism users who find it very hard to grasp that this means what it says: all those of other races, of other faiths, of other identities, of all kinds. It is a call to leave hate aside, to "love and be loved" as Desmond O'Donnell sug-

At the very start of this book he alludes to several writers who have remarked on how our over-crowded world is full of lonely people. This often comes about because people are actively excluded or discriminated against. "The aim of this book is to show," the author says, "that the solution to both these problems is within

In other words to change the way of the world we have to change our

own ways. We have to embrace - in the very fullest meaning of that word the world and its life.

Desmond O'Donnell is both an Oblate priest and a registered psychologist.

He is well versed in the ways of both the soul and the mind. In his 22 chapters he progressively deals with all the problems that surround hatred, dislike, tolerance, acceptance, friendship, affection, love and disinterested

And I mean 'disinterested' and not 'uninterested'. One of our problems to-day is that we are often too quick to think we understand when in fact our confusion of language prevents us

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The book rests on its own solid bedrock of experience and insight, and the actively interpreted writings of others. Those others include Jesus, if we can say that of a man who never set pen to paper, but who taught through his immediate interaction with individu-

It was not Jesus who said "Quod scripsi, scripsi". In our struggle to do the best we can it is always possible to change our opinions, our beliefs, our wrongful judgements.

For the months which follow after next week's events, many people will find their ideas enlarged by a continuing encounter with Desmond O'Donnell's thoughts in reflecting on those themes of the week.



'Silence in the bus shelter': what will become of us if we don't take care

Notes on a Nervous Planet by Matt Haig (Canongate, £12.99)

Peter Hegarty

The author of *Reasons to Stay* Alive describes himself as having once been a 'terrified young man 'who was 'suicidally ill'. His struggles with depression and anxiety inform his writing and iournalism: 'The fact that I have had mental illness, though a nightmare in reality, has educated me on the various triggers and torments of the modern world.'

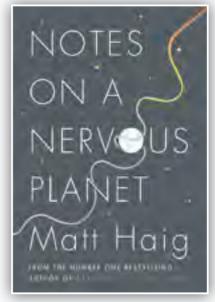
We like to think of ourselves as adaptable, but we're not: biologically we have barely changed in the last 50,000 years. Our bodies and brains are those of the people who left the African savannah to wander the world. Our organs evolve slowly while the world around us changes rapidly.

More information is available to us than ever before. Our brains are taking in more than they can process, and are 'overloaded' and 'overstimulated'.

Since our bodies and brains cannot adapt at the same pace as technology, Haig suggests that we adapt technology to suit us. He considers sleep. We are a sleep-deprived species. Since the invention of the electric light bulb in 1878 we have been sitting up longer in the evenings and not sleeping as much as we need to.

Why not turn the lights out early? An extra hour in bed would leave us better able to cope with the stresses of modern life, and even save us a few quid: sleep "is an enemy of consumerism".

Putting our phones to one side for extended periods would do us no harm either. If you are continually jabbing at a device,



you are not concentrating on the iob at hand. We are not natural multi-taskers: our brains function best when they concentrate on one thing at a time.

When we're poking needlessly at a device we're often missing out on something else. Once we killed time waiting for a bus looking at the people around us, wondering who they were, where they were going, how they could walk out the door dressed like that. Nowadays it's not uncommon to see everyone at a crowded bus stop gazing into their phones.

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Haig doesn't warn us off social media completely, but he does urge us to use it in a more focused

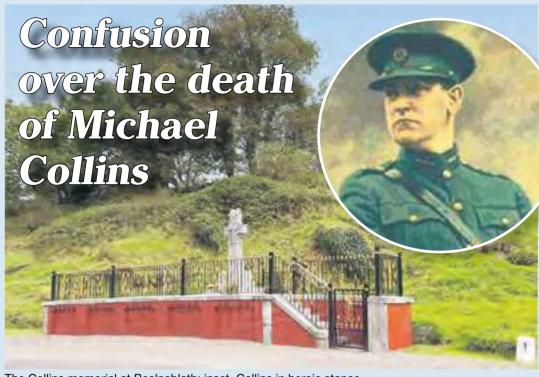
Social media – indeed the modern world in general - are eroding our innate ability to accept what we are and have, to be content with our lives. The more we learn about how other people live and look, the deeper our senses of inadequacy and dissatisfaction become and the more willing we are to shell out money to transcend our miserable situation: 'happiness is not good for the economy'.

One of the great paradoxes of modern life is that we are becoming less connected to other people as we become more connected to them. We are a social species, we value and need the society of others, and yet millions of us now text more than we converse.

That silent group of people poking at their phones at the bus shelter is a possible future society in microcosm.

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The Collins memorial at Bealnablath; inset, Collins in heroic stance.

The Great Cover-Up: The Truth About the Death of Michael Collins

by Murphy (The Collins Press, €19.99)

J. Anthony Gaughan

The death of Michael Collins at Bealnablath, Co. Cork, on August 22, 1922 has prompted much comment and writing. No fewer than five books have been published on the subject, as well as numerous articles and countless columns and letters in journals and newspapers.

Access to the witness statements in the Bureau of Military History and the records of the Military Pensions Board has added a large tranche of extra information concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of Collins. Hence this attempt to provide an updated perspective on that tragic event.

Based on eye-witness accounts, the accepted version of the events that led to the death of Collins are that he was seen by a member of the Anti-Treatyite IRA passing through Bealnablath in the early morning of August 22, 1922.

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Hoping that his convoy would be returning that way after the inspection of Irish Free Army posts in West Cork, some thirty members of the Anti-Treaty 3rd West Cork Brigade waited in position for most of that day to ambush it. About 6pm they were stood down.

However, six were left to

clear obstructions on the road. While this was in progress the convoy carrying Collins came into sight. The Anti-Treatyites opened fire to cover their comrades scrambling to get up from the road.

General Emmet Dalton, who was in charge of the convoy, commanded it to speed through the ambush location, but this was countermanded by Collins. There followed an exchange of fire between members of the convoy and the retreating Anti-Treatyites. In one of the last volleys a bullet ricocheted from the turret of the convoy's armoured-car and fatally wounded Collins.

It seems that Collins was partially responsible for his own death. While Dalton and the other members of the convoy fell to the ground or were in a crouching position, Collins was striding forward firing his rifle in the direction of the retreating ambush party.

In retrospect it is tempting to see a reason for this extraordinary conduct (as has been pointed out to me by a friend who has looked into the point). During the tension-filled Treaty debates Cathal Brugha, in a fiery exchange, derided Collin's reputation and claimed that he had never been in a real fight. Worse: Brugha suggested his legend had been created by American journalists.

Using the newly-released information Murphy narrates his version of the events leading to the death of Collins. For him Collins was assassinated by a group put in place for that purpose and was killed by a sniper's shot rather than a ricochet bullet.

Collins was drawn into the trap at Bealnablath by the promise of peace talks with his Anti-Treaty opponents.

And Florrie O'Donoghue was a primary figure in all of this: meeting Collins on the morning of the ambush and on the previous day, thereby pulling Collins into the trap with the promise of further meetings that evening.
However, Murphy does

acknowledge that O'Donoghue and Seán O'Hegarty, whom he also 'fingers' for the death of Collins, remained neutral during the civil war and were actively attempting at that time to broker an agreement between the opposing sides. He also admits he has no conclusive proof for his allegation about their active involvement in the death of Collins.

Cover-up

Murphy accuses O'Donoghue of later being the master mind of a great cover-up of the truth about the death of Collins. He points to his prolific writing on the subject, but fails to emphasise that he was writing when most veterans of the revolutionary period were still alive and in a position to challenge his assertions.

Nor does the author, it seems, have any knowledge of the character of O'Donoghue who was known and highly regarded by his contemporaries and peers for being meticulous with regard to accuracy and historical truth.

Thus, his allegation that O'Donoghue was involved in a conspiracy to have Collins killed and spent much of the rest of his life covering-up the truth about the death of Collins, is much more than an impertinence.

This book provides a little fresh information on a muchworked topic, but for the most part it is an exercise in confused and confusing polemics.

The World of Books By the books editor

The travels of Popes ancient and modern

hese days papal visits, such as Pope Francis will make to Ireland next week, are taken for granted. They have become commonplace, but in the perspective of the two thousand years of history they are a very recent development. Indeed, there is a great need for an historical study of the actualities and significance of papal travel over the centuries.

Jesus himself was content to stay in Palestine; but the Apostles and St Paul were very great travellers. As a matter of history we know little that modern historians would accept about the early Popes, though tradition has always spoken of Rome as the place of St Peter's martyrdom, though quite how long he lived there is unknown.

But the long series of Councils between the First Council of Nicea in 325AD down to the Council of Trent (1545-1563), all imply that the Pope travelled to these, albeit that some were held in Near Eastern and Northern cities.

The centralising tendency of the Vatican was confirmed in 1441 when the Pope alone was declared superior to the universal council.

No Council was held again after Trent until 1870, and that was in the Vatican itself. The political revolutions in Europe, but more especially in Italy with the abolition of the papal estates meant that the Pope travelled nowhere (aside from the summer residence which all the nobility had in those days to escape to the hills from the heat of the cities).

But the confinement of the Popes to the Vatican from 1870 to 1929 did not affect the centralising tendency of the Church.

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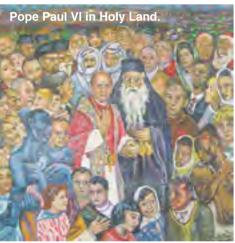
What made this new sense of power a reality was nothing to do with the Church, but with the emergence of the electric telegraphs and later the telephone, radio and other means of immediate communication.

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With the Curia at the end of the line, the apostolic authority of individual bishops around the world, which had been such an important element in the Church's growth since the first centuries, was diluted. But the style of the authoritarian of the 17th Century, which persisted in the Vatican, was not really working in the 20th Century, let alone the 21st Century. As more and more people benefited by travel to enlarge their ideas of the world, the Popes remained confined.

Modern Papal travel began with Paul VI, inaugurated with a visit to the Holy Land in 1964, followed by an even more historic mission to the United Nations in 1965, though the travels of John Paul II to 129 countries were unrivalled in any age. Since then the travels of both Pope Benedict and now Pope Francis have been significant.

Almost inevitably these visits have become grand events, occasions of mass celebrations and receptions to



meet a country's "great and good" (or what has to pass for them in many

They are greatly enjoyed. The visit in 1979 of Pope John Paul to Ireland was certainly seen and an historic event, especially by the generations that by then had drifted away from the Church (not all those seats in the Park were by no means occupied by the devout)

He pleaded passionately for the men of violence to desist. But his call did not bear full fruit until 1998.

The trouble with papal visits is that they become such mass events. All too often the chances of ordinary people encountering the Pope in any meaningful way, as is possible in Rome and elsewhere on other occasions, of meeting the pastor in his pastoral role, the teacher in teaching mode, are small, indeed impossible.

Perhaps in the future papal travels will develop to allow something more pastoral to emerge, which is why the present visit by Pope Francis may herald the start of something less grand, something more down to earth, and so in keeping with his own style, as priest, pastor and person.

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- 1 Use this tool to turn a nut (7) 7 Coming from the Emerald
- Isle (5)
- 8 Controlling a car (7)
- 9 Noticed a sound (5)
- 10 Country where you'll find the pyramids (5)
- 13 "Don't go near the ____ of the cliff!" (4)
- 15 'Don't tell anyone it's a !' (6)
- 17 In this position, you may win a silver medal (6)
- 18 Tug or drag (4)
- 19 Little Bo ___ (4)
- 20 Adam and Eve ate this fruit

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DOWN

- 1 Seats you'll find on bicycles or put on horses (7)
- 2 There's a book about her adventures in Wonderland (5)
- 3 Loud (5)
- 4 Correct (5)
- 5 A magician, like Harry Potter
- 6 Small building in the back garden (4)
- 11 King Kong was one (7)
- 12 Here, you may buy a creature to mind at home (3.4)
- 13 Get away from being
- captured (7) 14 Male goose (6)
- 16 Exactly the same (5)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

GORDIUS No.363

Across - 1 Tug 3 Persistence 8 Island 9 Disagree 10 Bumps 11 Heard 13 Theta 15 The milk of human kindness 20 Small 21 Regal 23 Tot up 25 Mirror 26 Maginot Line 27 Day

Down - 1 Twin brother 2 Goldmine 3 Pants 4 Sedated 5 Teach 6 Norway 7 Ewe 12 Dinner party 13 Tales 14 Awful 17 Mustered 18 Parasol 19 Eggnog 22 Linen 23 Twice 24 Kim

CHILDREN'S No.244

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Down - 1 Gooseberry 2 Excellent 3 Trap 4 Hides 5 Tower 6 Kennel 11 Eagles 12 Visit 13 Wraps 15 End

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ACROSS

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1 Insect or eavesdropping equipment (3)

Crossword

- 3 & 8 Might a balanced blend look like symbols of excommunication? (4,4,3,6)
- 9 The Greek god of the sea (8) 10 Car that takes a vestment around the bend (5)
- 11 & 13 One might add it to spirits taken from one's
- winter coat (5,5) 15 Fine glassware (7)
- 16 Tailless feline (4,3)
- 20 Article I placed in the fry for Tinker Bell (5)
- 21 Freshwater fish, or where a bird might sit (5) 23 Discoloration spoils satin
- 24 One travelling to and from
- his/her place of work (8) 25 A frog I dissected for the
- musical barber (6) 26 Drink with the Pope
- Emeritus in the East (11)
- 27 What do you dip your pen in? In potassium (3)

DOWN

1 Piece of film about twowheelers one puts around one's ankle when cycling? (7,4)

- 2 Popular card game (3,5)
- 3 Liquid in the hull of the ship
- 4 Scene of a historic naval battle - over polenta? (7)
- 5 Obvious (5)
- 6 Passionate (6)
- 7 Professor? It's all put on! (3)
- 12 Did this explorer both command the ship and work
- in its galley? (7,4)
- 13 Quay (5) 14 Prepared to peruse a letter
- (5) 17 Dish of squid (8)
- 18 A clown makes the 13 down decompose (7)
- 19 This German city has some sombre menfolk (6)
- 22 Hunting dog (5)
- 23 Grin (5)
- 24 The young of a wolf (3)

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Fr Vincent Sherlock

Notebook

I MET HIM in a hotel in Rome. "What do you think of Rome?" I asked him. "I don't like it," he replied, "it's too hot and I find it hard to get used to the food".w He told me he was there because his daughter was getting married and when I asked if all the family had come to the wedding he told me: 'No, the youngest girl didn't come. She is afraid to fly".

Then the bit I brought home with me and remember most: "To be honest with you," he said, "I'm afraid of flying too and had never flown before. The main reason I came was so that I could go home and tell my daughter that she has nothing to be afraid of." It was an amazing witness to a father's love. He put himself through something he didn't really want to do, so that he could reassure his daughter she didn't need to be afraid.

In a matter of days now, thousands of people from Ireland and beyond will gather in Dublin and Knock to celebrate the World Meeting of Families. Pope Francis, the Spiritual Father of our Catholic family, will sit at table with us for some of that time. There will be presentations around the meaning of family. A Festival of Families will take place - there will be Mass in the Phoenix Park, recently and soon-to-be married couples will

Normal things...that's what families do!



be met, a gathering for prayer in Knock, a homeless shelter offering food and dignity will be visited and much more. It is truly good to celebrate and recognise family life in this way.

Family life is at something of a remove now from The Waltons, where each episode closed with lights being turned off as family member after family member wished each other "goodnight". In many cases it's not that neat or tidy and our problems aren't

gather during this visit.

then need somehow to reassure people that they are in the right place and doing the best they can. There needs to be some

solved as the credits roll. Yet

family continues and is central to

who and what we are. These days

room, some space allowed to acknowledge that generosity that takes place in family. Generosity that sees parents do everything humanly possible for their children, especially and most sadly, those who may have an illness or condition.

Memories

Generosity of the aged couple sitting with and for each other when memories are all they have, or maybe don't through dementia. Generosity of daughters and sons putting their lives on hold to care

● THE VISIT TO KNOCK: I'm glad that Pope Francis' visit to Knock is happening and glad that built into that visit is a time of silence at the 'gable wall'. There is something very significant in this and I have no doubt it will not be lost on Pope Francis. Following wedding rehearsals, I conclude with a prayer and always sing the first verse of Dana's Lady of Knock speaking of "people of all ages" gathering at the Gable Wall. So too, they'll

The second verse speaks of the message being "unspoken" and the "truth in silence lies". There must be a message here – that it may be heard. A message for "all ages", delivered through silence and seeking a

for an ageing parent. Generosity of care, generosity of love, generosity of patience – fidelity, all these too must be celebrated – yes, during the World Meeting of Families but long after the last delegate has left, the last banner taken down and the last word spoken.

Difficulties too, where families are at odds with one another, cannot be ignored. Those rows that sunder what should be so central to our existence need to be recognised, and encouragement offered to pick up again the pieces, to lovingly gather them, so that the tapestry of life and relationship may be re-threaded, and its true story told.

We acknowledge the many who are struggling with or have abandoned the practice of their Faith and we leave the door ajar and the light on that there be no doubt in their minds but that a welcome awaits and a conversation will be

That man who flew, despite his deep and real fears, so that he could open up the skies to his daughter is one of the many unsung heroes of family life. I'd like to believe that he and countless more like him will be central to the upcoming celebrations. This could be very good!

Any talk, once it's talk!

I was walking past three young girls; one of them was clearly telling the others some recent development in her life's drama. They screamed, hugged. and then one said: "I'm so liking this update" and the other, who had heard the same news item said: "I'm so NOT liking this update".

I have no idea what the update was but smiled at how social media speak has entered the spoken word too! There's nothing really to beat, good old-style conversation! Families, praying together, staying together, listening to and talking with each other. "I'm so encouraging this update"!



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