

ACP to Host Public Meeting Ahead of Papal Visit “What do we need to say to Pope Francis about the Irish Church?”

The ACP will host four public regional meetings ahead of the Papal visit.

The theme of the meetings is:

“What do we need to say to Pope Francis about the Irish Church?”

These meetings are **open to everybody**, not just ACP members. They will afford an opportunity to everyone to make a submission.

The format will be a 10-minute introductory talk. Proceedings will then be open to the floor. People will be encouraged to speak openly and honestly.

A summary of each meeting will be prepared, and a press release issued after the four meetings with the main issues highlighted. The summary will be forwarded to Pope Francis.

The next meeting will take place in DCU St Patrick’s Campus, E Block, Drumcondra Rd Lower, Dublin 9 next Wednesday, 18 July: 7.00 to 9.30 p.m. Chair/Speaker: John Collins/Brendan Hoban. All Welcome.

No Stereotypes

‘I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way.

Our reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems.’
(Pope Francis)

- ◆ Jesus gave the disciples a share in his mission by sending them out ahead of him. It was a gesture of trust and confidence on his part, even though they did not fully understand his mission. Have you ever been surprised by the trust shown in you by others to speak or act on their behalf?
- ◆ The task of the disciples was to call people to repent (metanoia meaning conversion, changing the way we look at God and at other people). Who have been the disciples, the people in your life who have called you to be more trusting in God? To whom have you given this call?

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MASS TIMES

St John’s – Sundays & Holy Days: Vigil: 6.30 p.m.; Sunday: 8.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12 noon & 7.30 p.m.
Polish Mass: 2nd Sun. monthly, 2.00 p.m.; **Weekdays:** 8.00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. (Saturday 10.30 a.m. only)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th July 2018

PHOENIX PARK PAPAL MASS

We still have 10 seats on a bus to the Phoenix Park for the Papal Mass on Sunday, August 26th - but only for those who HAVE TICKETS already booked on line and who will have them printed and will take them with them on the day.

Those WITH TICKETS will travel on the JJ Kavanagh Bus leaving outside St John’s Church.

Those WITHOUT TICKETS will travel on the M&A Coaches Bus also leaving outside ST John’s Church. This is a shared bus with Conahy parish. Departure times and estimated return times will be announced later.

CROKE PARK - FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

SATURDAY AUGUST 25th

Each Parish in Ireland is asked to nominate a family to attend the Festival of Families in Croke Park with Pope Francis at 7.30 pm on Saturday August 25th. Every Parish in the country will be allocated 10 tickets for this event. In the interest of fairness, we ask all parishioners to please feel free to nominate ONE FAMILY whom you consider suitable for this family honour.

Nominations have been received and successful families will be notified early this week.

When successful families accept the offer of their required tickets, further families will be offered tickets until the allotment of 10 tickets is exhausted.

BICENTENARIES OF DUNMORE & JOHNSWELL CHURCHES

Dunmore - October 7th. Johnswell - October 21st.

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased: Michael Geoghegan, Lacken Drive.
Seán O'Shaughnessy, Upper Patrick Street.
Frank Fitzpatrick, Tommy Martin Place.
Margaret Dollard, Greenshill.
Michael Howe, Shellumsrath.
Richard Dunne, Kells Road.

Month's Minds:

Anniversaries: Larry Nolan (6.30pm); Ger Malone (8.00am); Martin Manning (10.00am); Paddy Bergin (10.30am); Richard Hennessy (11.00am); Mary Nolan (12.00 noon); May Tyrrell (7.30pm); Patrick Slattery; John Joe Dowling; Eamonn Reidy; Bridget & Pat Murray; Kathleen Phelan.

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Seán Colgan
Dunmore 11.00am	Tom Comerford & Maise Powell

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 2

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €1,105.

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order.

St John's Homes for the Elderly

A vacancy has arisen at the Homes for the Elderly, St John's Court, located on the grounds of St John's Church.

Application forms are available from the Parish Office during office hours 9.30 am - 2.00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 1st August.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday: Seán Brennan (10.30am).

Saturday:

Paddy & Maureen Grace (10.30am).
The Bergin Family, Ed & Coleen Dionne (6.30pm).

Sunday: Mary Carey (10.30am).

Tom Brennan (11.00am).
Liam & Patsy Davitt (12.00noon).
Thomas & Clare Drennan (7.30pm).

St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection for St Vincent de Paul Society will take place this weekend 14th & 15th July. Sincere thanks for your generous Support.

Race Night

A **Race Night** in aid of St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place in Kilkenny Greyhound Track on Friday 10th August with the 1st Race at 8.00pm. Admission/Supporter Tickets €10 available on the night or from Parish Office.

A Better World

Being a follower of Jesus means to be 'sent out'. Our spiritual lives ought to be visible on the outside through our actions and dealings with others. The disciples are sent in twos for companionship but also as a team; one person cannot have all the gifts and there is support in working with another.

We might interpret the many demons that they cast out as all those things in the world that are not of the Spirit, the injustices in our world. Jesus sends the disciples out to work for a better world, to bring more love, compassion and peace to those that they encounter. They go and urge people to repent, to turn around. This is one of the goals of their mission and Jesus' mission: to turn the world around.

Jesus' instructions to shake the dust from their feet when they feel unwelcome may seem harsh at first. We too may fear rejection and when we experience it, it can leave us feeling exhausted and upset. Perhaps the message here is to free ourselves and move on; to not let that disappointment and upset control our lives because if we do, we lose our freedom, it holds us back and it starts to define us. In the midst of that experience, our true mission can become lost.

As we prepare to welcome Pope Francis to Ireland, let us go out and bring joy and hope to those we encounter.

'You might be the only gospel which people read.'