

Two Lucky Families Win Tickets To Attend The Pope's Celebrations In Croke Park

From the nominated families submitted to attend the Family Event in Croke Park on Saturday, 25th August, the winning families drawn by lottery to share the ten tickets allotted to every parish in the country are:

The Donnelly Family of Newpark Close, and **The Lavelle Family** of Richview. Well done to both of them and we hope this honour brings many blessings to their respective families.

Cobh Tyburn Convent

Days of Recollection with the Servant of God, Mother Marie Adele Garnier (1838-1924), Foundress of the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Montmartre will take place in St. Benedict's Priory, The Mount, Cobh, Co. Cork

Saturday 28th July – Mercy

Saturday 25th August – Faithfulness Saturday

29th September –Spiritual Combat

Begins at 9am with Holy Mass and Adoration.

1st talk at 11.00am. Day ends with tea at 3.30pm. Lunch provided. Donations welcome to cover costs To book your place or to arrange to stay in our retreat house at any time, please contact: Mother Prioress: 021 4811 354 or email - cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

Afternoon Garden Party and BBQ

in aid of Alzheimer Society- Kilkenny Branch.

Venue: Woodcock's in Farmley, Cuffesgrange (R96T934), entrance at Burn Church Castle. **Bank Holiday Sunday 5th August from 2pm-5pm.** Enjoy an evening of music, song and dance. Donations of cakes on the morning would be appreciated. BBQ kindly sponsored by Dick Dooley Family Butchers. For more information contact Robert 0876592977.

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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)

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22nd July 2018

Cast of thousands to lead celebrations in Croke Park

**WMOF2018 Festival of Families to feature The Riverdance Troupe,
Nathan Carter, Dana Masters, Daniel O'Donnell, Celine Byrne,
The Begley Family, Holy Family Deaf Choir & Deaftones, and Patrick Bergin.
Five families to share their stories with Pope Francis**

Families from 116 countries are set to be entertained at the WMOF2018 Festival of Families in the presence of Pope Francis. Details of the programme are released and some of the artists who will line out in Croke Park on Sat. 25 Aug.

The Festival is choreographed as a celebration of family life. It will be one of the highlights of the WMOF2018. The line-up includes a cast of thousands and features community-based artists as well as some well-known local and international artists, including Nathan Carter, The Riverdance Troupe, Dana Masters, Daniel O'Donnell, The Begley Family, The Priests, The Holy Family Deaf Choir and Deaftones, Celine Byrne, Paddy Moloney, Bridgie and Missy Collins and Moya Brennan.

As well as these artists the cast will also include an orchestra in excess of 50 musicians; over 700 Irish, Sean Nós and contemporary dancers, including 500 from Irish dance schools across the country; a 1,000 strong choir; 100 community groups, and 300 flag bearers. More acts will be announced later.

The selection of themes reflect many of the priorities in the ministry of Pope Francis including homelessness and those on the margins; migrants and refugees; care for our common home and the importance of the family.

Pope Francis will deliver an address to the families and will hear five family testimonies by families from Ireland, Canada, India, Iraq and Africa. The themes of the family testimonies will focus on: forgiveness in family; strength in family; hope in family life; the intergenerational nature of families today and the impact of technology on family life. Pope Francis will meet each of these families and hear their stories. Speaking at the launch in Croke Park, the President and Host of WMOF2018, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said, "One of the great attractions of Pope Francis is how he himself shows how the role of Pope can be unique in bringing the Christian message into our complex world. He shows us that he can live in a world where faith seems marginal and yet manages to touch hearts. He finds ways in which he can win hearts for what the teaching of Jesus involves, not through imposing and judging, but through winning and attracting. That is his real talent."

BEREAVEMENTS

Recently Deceased:

Mary Coyne, Old Callan Road.

Marie Henderson, Glendine Heights.

Stephen Kelly, Paulstown.

Mary White, 'Castle View', Dublin Road. *Funeral prayers in Johnston's at 6.15 pm Sun. Removal to St John's for funeral Mass Mon at 10.30 am. Interment in St Kieran's Cemetery.*

Month's Minds:

Anniversaries: The Bergin Family & Ed & Coleen Dionne (6.30pm); John Dowling (10.00am); Mary Carey (10.30am); Tom Brennan (11.00am); Liam & Patsy Davitt (12.00 noon); Thomas & Clare Drennan (7.30pm); Catherine Moriarty; Derek Shealy; Mary Fitzpatrick; Joe Byrne; Richard & Stephen Cassin; Elizabeth Brennan;

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Paula Rogers
12.00noon	John Joyce
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran

Eucharistic Ministers for Next Weekend – Panel 1

Weekly Envelope Collection

Last week's envelope collection: €730.

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and

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: Catherine Moriarty (10.30am).

Wednesday: Derek Shealy (8.00am).

Saturday:

Brid Maher (6.30pm).

Sunday: Kathleen Manning (10.00am).

Tom Watson (10.30am).

Mary Walsh (12.00noon).

Nicholas Purcell (7.30pm).

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.

Saint Mary's Cathedral Draw

The 5th Monthly Draws for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration is on **Wednesday next** in the Chapter Room.

Once Again Kilkenny wins an All-Ireland

The sixth annual Go for Life Games took place in DCU on Saturday 10th June. A total of 24 Teams participated from all over the country. Now in its sixth year, the Go for Life Games is one of the biggest social sports events for older people in Ireland and this year's event brought together 300 older players from all over Ireland to compete, to stay healthy and to have fun.

Each county had teams taking part in three games which are based on some of the activities played by Go for Life groups around the country - 'Lobbers' (a target game adapted from petanque and boules), 'Flisk' (adapted from boccia and horseshoe pitching), and 'Scidils' (an adaptation of ten pin bowling with one skittle).

Congratulations to our Kilkenny team and Parishioners: Mary Nolan, Seán McGuinness & Nuala Wood who are this year's All Ireland Champions.

Dates for Your Diary

BICENTENARIES OF DUNMORE & JOHN SWELL CHURCHES

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

YOUR NEXT BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

Blood Donations will gratefully received from next Sunday, 29th, in Newpark Hotel.

Sunday 29th: 12.00 pm - 3.30 pm.

Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st July, Wednesday 1st Aug: 5.00 pm - 8.30 pm.