



St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral NEWSLETTER

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Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 10.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m. Saturday: 10.30 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Confessions

Monday to Saturday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday to Friday after the 10.30 a.m. Mass to 12.30 p.m.

World Meeting of Families 21st to 26th August

22 to the 24 August

Meeting of Families in the RDS. Each day will reflect on the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World" chosen by the Holy Father and will include an enriching programme for adults of keynote speakers, workshops, talks, testimonies and discussions; MEETING of an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as fun activities for FAMILIES children. The Congress will also include daily celebration of the Eucharist, prayerful 21-26 AUGUST 2018 activities, exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances.

Saturday 25 August

Pro-Cathedral

Pope Francis will visit the Pro-Cathedral to meet with recently engaged and married couples from all over Ireland. Tickets will distributed regionally.

Festival of Families, Croke Park Stadium at 6.30 p.m. comprising a reflective concert style event within a prayerful and joyful atmosphere, in which personal stories of faith will be shared by families from all continents.

Sunday 26 August

At 3.00 p.m. Solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the Phoenix Park. Tickets are available from World Meeting of Families website www.WorldMeeting2018.ie

Important message from WMOF2018: "As of 10am [Monday 2 July] we have just 20,000 tickets left for the WMOF2018 Closing Mass in the Phoenix Park in Dublin on Sunday 26 August. Please book your tickets now to avoid disappointment!"

Thought for the day

Familiarity breeds...well, sometimes blindness. We do need familiarity—we couldn't be working things out for the first time all of the time. What is regular and known can help us get on with the day or the job or the relationship. But there are times—we all have -when sheer familiarity impedes understanding and prevents our encounter with the new, the different and the radical. Our case is, perhaps, the diametric opposite of that of the people of Nazareth. Our too comfortable faith familiarity with Jesus can hinder us from seeing the radical, the new, the disturbing. Sometimes a bit of defamiliarisation would be good for us!!

Prayer

Lord, take away dull familiarity and shake us up that we may ask ourselves honestly, "Who then is this?" Amen.



Pathways: Exploring Faith and **Ministry Programme**

The Pathways Programme is suitable for adults who wish to

explore issues and questions of faith, ministry, Church today and the nature of belief, in an environment appropriate to Adult Learning and Adult Faith Development. Pathways is a two-year, one evening a week course. It takes place on Thursday evenings in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road. September to May (7.00 p.m. - 9.30 p.m). Booking is now open. Early application is advised as places are limited. Contact: Pathways Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or pathways@dublindiocese.ie.

Web: www.evangelisation.ie

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