



[Website: www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

www.facebook.com/wmof2018

www.twitter.com/wmof2018

Raphoe Diocesan Delegate:

Fr Cathal Ó Fearraí, Ballyshannon

07198-51295 087-2358222

ofearrai@gmail.com

Raphoe Newsletter July 2018

Tuesday 21st August - Official Opening

In **St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, at 7.30pm** on Tuesday 21st August, Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will lead the Opening Ceremony for the World Meeting of Families 2018, simultaneous with all Cathedral Churches in Ireland.

- All Church Bells will ring at that time.
- Every Parish in the Diocese will be represented by a few families.
- The representative Families will carry their Parish Banner which they will receive at Mass in their Parish on the previous Sunday.
- A Parish may also bring any unique Reliquary they have for presentation at the ceremony.

CROKE PARK TICKETS

- ◆ Every Parish in the Country will be allocated **10 tickets per parish for the Festival of Families in Croke Park on the Saturday evening, 25th August.** - to each of the 33 parishes in the Diocese.
- ◆ The Parish tickets will be allocated through the Diocese in about two weeks time - each parish getting their own **unique code** to print out their tickets.
- ◆ It is up to each parish to decide who gets the tickets and what combination of family will represent them.
- ◆ No extra tickets will be available; should a parish have tickets left over, they should inform the Diocesan Office.

PHOENIX PARK TICKETS

It is estimated that all the tickets for the Papal Mass in the Phoenix Park will be sold out in a week or two.

Parishes are to encourage parishioners to travel by bus or coaches. You can make a block booking of tickets for your parish if travelling by coach. See www.worldmeeting2018.ie/booking.

ENGAGED / NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES

Pope Francis has requested to meet with Engaged or Newly Married Couples. This meeting will be in the **Pro Cathedral in Dublin at 3.30pm on Saturday 25th August.**

Every Diocese is invited to nominate **five couples** and to send their names to the Central Office **by 13th July**. If you would like to nominate a couple from your parish, please send their name and contact details to the Diocesan Office immediately.

The **information required in respect of each couple:** names, contact address, email and mobile numbers, date of marriage and the church in which the marriage will take place / has taken place; confirmation that they are available to attend on the 25th August.

MINSITERS OF THE EUCHARIST

4,000 Eucharistic Ministers needed for the Phoenix Park. Do you have any Ministers in your Parish who would like to volunteer? They will have to be garda vetted, and training will be done on line. They apply as Volunteers on the WMOF Website.

More Volunteers Needed

The closing date was 30th June but you can still apply on line as **2,000 more volunteers** needed, especially for the Phoenix Park. You can also volunteer for one day only.