

# World Meeting of Families 2018

The Parish Pastoral Council and Fr Joseph Gunn have formed a team of parishioners to update and bring forward different initiatives being offered during the lead up to the WMOF. We will be bringing these programmes over the coming months to the attention of the parishioners and families within the Parish of Bangor. Updated information in the Bulletin weekly.

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**PLEASE READ THE BELOW UPDATES!** – posted 21 August 2018

Welcome to our final posting on the Do's and Don'ts when preparing for the World Meeting of Families Final Mass in Phoenix Park. **New Time: 7.30am** pickup on Sunday 26th August outside St Comgall's Church, Brunswick Road. Please come 15 minutes early. We have prepared for you a PDF of the information you need to read before you make your journey plans. Click below on the link!

[Final Mass – Plan your Transport – Dos, don'ts](#)

**Croke Park – Festival of Families Update** – Please read the links below before you decide to travel there is important information for you to know!

[Newslink – Celebration of Families in Croke Park](#)

[Festival of Families Access and Safety Information](#)

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

Passengers travelling to Dublin on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August are strongly advised to book in advance, as we expect many services to be fully booked. We cannot guarantee that there will be availability to purchase tickets on the day of travel.

Tickets for travel on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> (including Special Return Train from Dublin at 2320 after Croke Park) can be pre-purchased online at <http://www.translink.co.uk/popeinireland/>

Tickets for Special Trains from Belfast Central, Lisburn, Lurgan, Portadown and Newry on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> can be pre-booked at <http://www.translink.co.uk/popeinireland/>

In addition, the 0900 Belfast to Dublin and 2110 Dublin to Belfast Enterprise Services on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> can be pre-purchased (including Smartpass holders) from ticket offices in Belfast Central, Lisburn, Lurgan, Portadown and Newry – There is no online booking available for either of these services.

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**World Meeting of Families Congress and Final Mass, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August** – As a parish, we are part of the Ards & North Down Pastoral Community. There will be 5 buses from our area going to this event. If you have pre-booked your ticket with the parish office please

make sure you are 15mins early so that we can avail of the comfort break at the Applegreen Service Station (Lusk)

**Bus One – Hollywood** pickup time: 7.30am – Spafield Carpark

**Bus Two – Bangor** pickup time: 7.30am – St Comgall’s Church, Brunswick Road

**Bus Three – Newtownards/Comber** pick up time: 7.30am – Parish Centre, Victoria Ave

**Bus Four – Kircubbin(Ardkeen) / Hollywood** pick up time: 7.15am Kircubbin, The Green & 7.45am Hollywood, Spafield Carpark

**Bus Five – Portaferry** pick up time: 7.00am The Square.

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[WMOF – Introduction & Programme](#) *[click on the link for full programme details]*

**The Pastoral Community (Ards & North Down)**, has provisionally booked five coaches to transport parishioners who have already registered for the Final Mass being celebrated by Pope Francis in Phoenix Park, Dublin. We have a small number of tickets for the Final Mass and the Bangor Bus still available. Cost £20, £10 for a child. Contact the Parish Office before Friday 27th July.

**Please note:** After the **Coach Drop-off Point** there will be a **2-3km walk** to get to the area where the Mass will take place. There will be no sitting at this Mass event but a folding chair can be brought for comfort. Those who need assistance will be offered a shuttle bus to bring them from the Coach to the area where the Mass will be celebrated.

### **BANGOR PARISH FAMILY OF SCHOOLS**

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The **FOUR** Bangor Schools are: St Columbanus’ College,

St Comgall’s PS, St Malachy’s PS and St Anne’s PS.

Children from the four schools have been writing family prayers for each of the Prayer Boxes which are in the schools. These prayers will be presented to Fr Gunn at the End of Year Schools Mass in June. After this Mass, they will be taken to the Adoration Sisters in Belfast, who will pray in intercession for all the intentions of these prayers over the summer months, in their private oratory, in front of the presence of Jesus in the Monstrance, in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

Then at the World Meeting of Families Final Mass, they will be presented to Pope Francis as an offering of prayer for the whole of Bangor Parish.

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The WMOF Icon has been written for the coming World Meeting of Families on 21-26



August 2018, in Dublin. It is said that icons are 'written' rather than 'painted' as they present to us a visual narrative they are not like a portrait they are an image which invites us to prayer. This Icon is depicting the Holy Family at the center with two gospel stories at either side – The Raising of Jairus' Daughter and the Wedding Feast of Cana.

[WMOF2018-Icon-of-the-Holy-Family](#)

Click on the above link to get the full explanation of the Icon.