



MASS TIMES

Monday—Friday

7.30am—8.30am—

10.15am— & 4.00pm

Saturday —

8.30am—10.15am—3pm

(Mass for the Sick)

Sunday—

9.00am, 11.15 am

& 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday & Friday

10.45am—12.00 /

3.00pm-4pm

Saturday —

10.45am—12.00 /

2.30pm-4pm

St. Padre Pio Relics

Celebrating St. Padre Pio' anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood next Friday August 10th.

To mark this occasion after the 10.15am Mass the rosary will be recited and his relics will be available for veneration in this church.



St. Augustine's Church Limerick

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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5TH AUGUST 2018

Global Celebration of Families in Croke Park!

Cast of Thousands to lead Global Celebration of Families in Croke Park!

The Festival of Families will be one of the highlights of WMOF2018 and is choreographed as a celebration of family life. Details of the programme have just been released, which include national and international performers, hundreds of musicians, dancers, choirs and flag-bearers and features community-based groups and artists.

Pope Francis will deliver an address to the families in the stadium and will hear five family testimonies, shared 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.

The selection of themes and artists featured in the event 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.

The line-up includes a cast of thousands and features community based artists as well as some local and well known international artists including Nathan Carter, 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 for the Festival of Families will 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 closer to the event.

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."** Source: [/www.worldmeeting2018.ie/Media-Centre/Press-releases](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/Media-Centre/Press-releases)

National Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Knock - 14 -22 August

This year will be the 41st celebration of the Novena, and such an important year as we prepare the way for the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Shrine as part of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. The theme for this year's Novena is 'Faith & Family', and will draw from the key topics and themes related to family drawn from Pope Francis' teachings in *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*.

The original intention behind hosting the Novena was to recognise the unique role that Knock has to play in the life of the Irish Church and to honour Our Lady, the Mother of God. It has grown in recent years to include daily workshops which offer pilgrims the opportunity to discuss and reflects on the daily themes and also to engage with the speakers, many of whom are internationally renowned authors and religious figures.

Fr Richard Gibbons, Rector of the Shrine feels it is important to give pilgrims the chance to engage on and discuss issues that that are topical and relevant in the Church today;

"This year's Novena will end on high as we await the visit of His Holiness and look forward to what will be a splendid and historic day for the Shrine and the village."

Pilgrims from all over the world will have the opportunity to tune in as all of the Novena ceremonies will be streamed live on the [watch](#) page and also via the Shrine Facebook page @KnockShrine

There will be two Masses each day for the novena at 3pm and 8.30pm.

Source: knockshrine.ie/national-novena-programme (More details)

Limerick Celebrates World Meeting of Families

The launch of World Meeting of Families Limerick is taking place on Tuesday 21st August beginning with a street party on St. John's Square from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm followed by a celebration liturgy in the Cathedral at 7.00 pm. See flyer attached.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the faith family in Limerick to gather in celebration of the visit of Pope Francis especially for those who are unable to attend the events in Dublin.



The flyer features a large image of Pope Francis on the right, giving a thumbs up. On the left, the words 'STREET PARTY' are written in large, bold, white letters with a red outline. Below this, a red banner contains the text 'to welcome Pope Francis to Ireland & to launch World Meeting of Families'. At the bottom, there are four small images: a colorful cake, a child's face with face paint, a red sign that says 'food, facepainting, music & magic', and the logo of the Diocese of Limerick. The Diocese logo includes a green shield with a white cross and a white dove, with the text 'diocese of limerick our catholic community' below it. At the bottom left, the times '3:30-6:30pm' are written in large, bold, white letters. To the right of the times, the location 'ST. JOHN'S SQUARE, LIMERICK' is written in bold, white letters, followed by 'followed by 7pm celebration liturgy, St. John's Cathedral'. At the bottom right, the date 'TUESDAY 21 AUGUST' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. At the very bottom, there is a small line of text: 'All welcome. No admission fee. Under 18s must be accompanied by parent or guardian. More information at facebook.com/WMoF2018Limerick/