



The Parish of Mungret ✠ Crecora ✠ Raheen

Fourth Sunday of Easter 22nd April, 2018

Re: W.M.O.F. August 2018.

Dear All,

I attended the information and volunteer meeting on the 18th of April at 10.30 am in the Redemptorists. Emer is the Diocesan delegate (for all enquiries). The Pope will be attending the Saturday and Sunday events (August 25th and 26th) both are free ticketed events. In other words, you have to register in order to attend.

W.M.O.F. Conference : it opens Tuesday the 21st and there will be opening ceremonies in each cathedral/diocese with a street party in St. John's Square and Mass that Tuesday evening in the Cathedral.

The Congress: It runs in the R.D.S. for the 22nd, 23rd and 24th with Mass each evening. It will run from 7 am to 7 pm daily. There is a fee attached to this i.e. approximately €38 for one day and approximately €70 to register for three days). The advantage is that if you register either for one day or the three days then you are then more or less guaranteed a ticket for the Saturday and Sunday events. Only adults pay for the R.D.S. under 18's go free. There are 14,000 registered to date for the Congress.

Saturday the 25th is the Festival of Families. This is a concert style event in Croke Park which will start between approximately 5pm and 7pm. There will be about 70,000 tickets available for this event. It will run for approximately two to three hours (e.g. e.g. at the Philadelphia W.M.O.F. Aretha Franklin and Andrea Bocelli sang).

Sunday the 26th is the Final Mass in the Phoenix Park, again time to be arranged, but Mass time will more than likely be 2 pm (with gates opening and volunteers on site from 4 am onwards). You cannot register for the Saturday or the Sunday events as of yet, because for logistical reasons i.e. traffic plans etc have to be put in place with the Gardai and Dublin City Council etc. There will be approximately half a million tickets available for the Sunday Mass in the Phoenix Park. There will be a lot of walking involved in the Sunday event and people are going to be corralled into different areas and zones depending on what part of the country they are coming from (e.g. the N.7 could be colour coded in red and accordingly people from that side, will be going into the Red Zone). Buses will more than likely be parked a few miles from the Park, so a lot of walking involved.

For people who don't want to do a lot of walking or standing the Saturday evening concert style event may be more suitable however, one would have to register within a day or two of those tickets becoming available in order to secure one. It should be much easier to register for the Phoenix Park with approximately half a million tickets being made available

I have signed up for a newsletter so that should alert us as to when the free registration for the Saturday and Sunday events become available online.

Finally "A Joy for All the Earth" is the official hymn launched for the W.M.O.F. 2018 and should be sung in parishes.

Kind regards
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MASS TIMES IN THE PARISH :

Raheen: Vigil 6pm Sun 11am & 12.30 pm Mon to Fri 10am. Eucharistic Adoration Friday 10.30am–10 pm

Crecora: Sunday 10 a.m. Tue, Wed, Thurs 9.15 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Thurs after 9.15 Mass to 12noon. 6p.m. - 10 pm

Mungret: Sunday 11.30 a.m. Wed 9.30a.m. . **Sat** 11.30 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Wed 10am–12 noon.

Sunday 29th Maeve Barry, Dental Student, will speak about her forthcoming trip to Nepal at all Masses.

Mass Times 22nd April 2018

Raheen:
6 p.m. Mulcahy family (Loughmore) (A's)
Margaret Walsh (A)

Sunday:
11a.m. Rose O'Brien (Months Mind)
Mary Ita Rochel A).

12.30 p.m. Seanie & Regina Glennon (A)
Theresa Eaton (A)
Ken Hanleu (A)

Crecora: Laim O'Riordan (Months Mind)

Mungret: Charlie McKeogh (A)
Bridget McKeogh (Months Mind)

Raheen Week ahead 23rd to 27th April

Mon: Pro Pop
Tue Mr. & Mrs. Crowley RIP
Wed: Breda O'Sullivan (Recent)
Thurs: Special Intention
Friday Special Intention.

29th April, 2018

Raheen:
St. Nessian National School First Communion.

Vigil 6 p.m. Bill Loftus (A)
Regina Long (A)

Sunday:
11 a.m. Tom Ryan (A)
12.30 p.m. Tom Quin (Months Mind)

Mungret:
Crecora: Lena Kirby (A).

Young at Heart Club Annual Outing to Knock – May 22nd. Anyone interested in travelling please contact Nora on 061-301184 or Marian on 086-3929367.

St. Pope John Paul 11 Memorial

Bishop Leahy is pleased to invite you to the Inauguration of a Memorial honouring Saint Pope John Paul II, Freeman of Limerick City on Monday, April 30th 2018 at 3.30 pm at Bishop's Quay, Limerick. The Memorial will be unveiled by Mayor Stephen Keary and blessed by His Excellency Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Papal Nuncio to Ireland. Saint John Paul II, a Pope who promoted culture and the family was canonised by Pope Francis in Rome on April 27th, 2014. Many people fondly remember his visit to Limerick in 1979. Please spread the word about this significant event.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Sept. There are still a few places available if you wish to travel.

Briefing on the Pastoral Area Meeting with Bishop Leahy and Fr. Eamonn Fitzgibbon in the South Court Hotel.

This was a meeting about Team Ministry (theme Six of the Synod). The shortage of priests is going to have a direct effect on parishes very shortly, most particularly the number of Masses. The Bishop realises that retaining parish identity is of vital importance as parish is personal to people. It's not a territory but a community. Pope Francis speaking on the subject says that parishes are capable of self-renewal and that we all need to be missionaries and become Evangelists.

The challenge is, what is our vision of team ministry and how does it find expression, and what practical steps can we take to support needs in our area?

Responses/proposals included:-

- 1) Pooling of resources between neighbouring parishes e.g. in the areas of bereavement groups, baptismal groups, pastoral council groups etc.
 - 2) Using technology to rediscover our faith and to spread faith through online platforms.
 - 3) Our faith is not just something that we practice by going to Mass on Sundays, it is a living every day thing and not just about going to Church.
 - 4) Parents cannot necessarily rely on schools any more for teaching of the faith, going forward.
 - 5) The Amoris Programme "Let's Talk Family, Lets Be Family" is a response to the Pope's request to support families in parishes on the journey to the preparation for the W.M.O.F.
 - 6) The possibility of lay people being trained in pastoral studies so lay guest preachers could be an option.
 - 7) Looking at new ways of evangelisation.
 - 8) Asking are our parishes meeting and serving social needs?
- The feedback from the nine pastoral areas will be collated and there will be Team Ministry meeting in the Racecourse on Tuesday the 1st of May at 7.30 p.m. where a draft proposal for the Diocese will be published.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Do you have some spare time and interest in volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul? We are looking for new members interested in volunteering their time and skills in the following areas: Assisting us with our technology and systems. Doing Home Visits. Advocating in the areas of social justice or the developing. Find out more – Recruitment & Information Evening - Wed April 25th 7.30 p.m. Savoy Hotel. Further information 061-317327.