



St. Teresa's Church

WMOF18 Newsletter

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Tickets for the Phoenix Park have been released

The Closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families 2018 will take place at the Papal Cross in the heart of the Phoenix Park in Dublin on the afternoon of Sunday 26th August. The Mass will begin at 3.00pm.

The WMOF2018 have issued 500,000 tickets for the Mass in Phoenix Park which is one of the largest public city parks in Europe. Given the scale of this event and the strict Traffic Management plan that will be in operation, all routes into the park will be assigned to ticket holders in advance and will be colour coded. Each ticket will give you access via a single route and gate and ticket holders will not be permitted to change gate on the day. The gate used by a ticket holder to enter the Park will also be the one they use at the time of exiting the Phoenix Park at the end of the Mass. There are some tickets still available for the Phoenix Park Mass and they can be booked by individuals at www.wmof2018.ie

St. Teresa's have secured 70 adult tickets, 35 children's tickets (For those under 18, and must be used in conjunction with an adult ticket) and 6 disability tickets, which enables the person to bring one carer who will also be admitted on their ticket. These tickets will only become available from the end of July due to the diocese implementing a "Print at home" option on all tickets. Sam our Pastoral Assistant will be taking names and booking people for these tickets and will provide the printed ticket when they become available.

If you are interested in a ticket please give your name and contact details to Sam or any of the priests who will place your name on the list. If booking adult and child tickets please provide ages for children also. Please note that these tickets will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. We will retain a small reserve list in case others pull out but no guarantees can be made on the allocation of tickets. You will be informed of which list you are on when booking.

Who is Pope Francis?

Name:

Jorge Mario Bergoglio

Born:

17/12/1936

Place of Birth:

Buenos Aires, Argentina.



- Before he became a priest, he spent some time as a bouncer in a bar.
- He loves the tango.
- Pope Francis enjoys cooking and regularly cooks for himself.
- He is the first pope to choose the name Francis.
- He has a master's degree in chemistry & philosophy
- Pope Francis has had part of his lung removed when he was a teenager.
- He studied English in the Jesuit Centre in the Milltown Institute, Dublin 6 in 1980.
- He Tweets, but he stopped watching TV a long time ago.
- He loves football.
- He is fluent in Spanish, Latin, and Italian but also speaks very good English, German, Ukrainian, French and Portuguese.
- Reads the Bible – but also loves Lord of the Rings.
- Does not live in the grand apartments in Vatican like previous popes. Instead he lives in a small house in the Vatican.
- 2013 – elected Pope.
- 2013 – named Person of the Year by People Magazine.
- Number one on the Forbes the 'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' in 2014.
- Was given a gift of a Harley-Davidson – which he sold and gave the money to the homeless.

Preparing for a Long Day!

For your safety and welfare, you should plan your whole journey from the beginning of the day until you return home. You may have to walk for a long distance over the course of the day. You are likely to be standing for a long period of time. If you are unsure if you can make this journey or if you have any pre-existing medical conditions, talk to your doctor or other health professional.

The journey through the day for those attending will be long and will involve significant walks to and from the Mass depending on where you are coming from. Walking is unavoidable due to the size, scale and location of the event. For your awareness, you will be required to walk from 4km up to 7km to and from the Mass in Phoenix Park, depending where you are coming from. To help you with your journey there are a number of supports in place. Designated rest zones will be positioned at regular intervals at the transport hubs, along these walking routes and at the gates. Multiple food and drinks stations will also be available, as will medical facilities, toilets and baby changing facilities. There will be volunteers throughout the venue, at the gates and at the hubs who will be able to help you. This event is not seated so you may be standing for some time. However, portable seating will be allowed into the venue. More information on this and what else you can bring into the venue will be available soon. Facilities will be provided for people with accessibility issues and their careers. Make sure you have any medications you need. The image below shows what a journey on the day will involve and the time it might take you to get in and out of the Phoenix Park.

