

9TH WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

DUBLIN, IRELAND



THE GOSPEL
OF THE FAMILY
Joy for the World



11 DAYS | 18 AUGUST 2018

Dublin (11 Nights) • Glendalough • Kildare

THE GENUINE
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THE GOSPEL OF THE FAMILY: JOY FOR THE WORLD



ST KEVIN'S CHURCH



ST BRIGID'S CATHEDRAL, KILDARE

MEAL CODE:

B: Breakfast **L:** Lunch **D:** Dinner

**DAY 1: Saturday 18th August –
Depart Australia for Ireland**

**DAY 2: Sunday 19th August –
Arrive Dublin**

**Cead Mile Failte – Welcome
to Ireland!**

Upon arrival in Dublin we embark on a panoramic city tour of Dublin, before checking in to our hotel accommodation. We will celebrate mass this evening before dinner.

Dublin overnight (D)

**DAY 3: Monday 20th August –
Glendalough & Kildare Day Tour**

Today we journey south by coach to County Wicklow and the holy town of **Glendalough** – ‘Valley of the two lakes’. This renowned place of pilgrimage is the site of the monastic settlement founded in the 6th century by **St Kevin** – a man of noble stock. Coming here to be alone as an ascetic contemplative monk, his prayerful inspiration ironically attracted many others and thus the community of Glendalough springs from a hermitage.

Our visit here is focused on the remains at both the upper and the

lower lakes in the valley. The upper site is simpler and more in fitting with his life as a hermit, whereas the lower one has the more famous monastic monuments – one of Ireland's best preserved **Round Towers**, a roofless **Cathedral**, **St Kevin's kitchen** and the diminutive **Priest House** over the **Saint's tomb-shrine**.

We then travel on to the picturesque medieval town of **Kildare** to visit **St Brigid's Cathedral** – a multi-media exhibition telling the story of Kildare past and present. Your host Cogitosus a 7th century monk will take you on a fascinating journey through time - an audio visual presentation of the town from when St Brigid established her church in 480ad, to later centuries when Kildare was raided by Vikings and later ruled by Normans.

Dublin overnight (BD)

**DAY 4: Tuesday 21st August – Dublin
Tour & World Meeting of Families**

**Official Registrations for The World
Meeting of Families**

Our morning sightseeing tour of

Dublin will include statue-lined **O'Connell Street** as we drive around and view some of the city's elegant **Georgian Squares**. Visit the Trinity **College Library**, home of the famous 8th Century **Book of Kells** and onwards to **St Patrick's Cathedral**, Ireland's largest Cathedral made famous by its former dean Jonathan Swift, author of 'Gulliver's Travels'. We continue to **Dublin Post Office** and on to **St Mary's Pro Cathedral**. The original, partially completed facade was replaced by the present imposing neo-Romanesque structure by Sir Thomas Dean in 1868.

In the afternoon we will complete our registration process and be welcomed to the World Meeting of Families.

The 9th World Meeting of Families Dublin 2018 will include a national program of pre-catechesis themed around the importance of families. All events in the main program will be hosted in Dublin city centre venues, however, there will be many side events hosted in local parishes and venues within the Dublin Diocese.

Each day's program will include a celebration of the Eucharist, a Keynote Speaker session, breakout workshops and presentations for Families, Children, Youth & Adults. Those attending will be able to move around the venue each day to participate in the different elements available. There will be dedicated Children & Youth based activities each day as well as a full adult program. Lunch options will also be available within the congress venue.

Dublin overnight (BD)



DAYS 5-7: Wednesday 22nd – Friday 24th August – World Meeting of Families

World Meeting of Families Three Day Theological & Pastoral Congress

Daily celebration of the Eucharist, prayerful activities, keynote speakers, workshops and exhibitions. Each day will reflect on the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World"

chosen by the Holy Father.

Dublin 3 nights (BD)



DAY 8: Saturday 25th August – World Meeting of Families

Festival of Families Concert

A festive time, where we gather to celebrate the gift of family from the perspective of the specific theme of the World Meeting. This will be a cultural celebration of music, dance, song, within a prayerful and joyful setting, and with the aid of stories given by families representing the five continents.

Dublin overnight (BD)



DAY 9: Sunday 26th August – World Meeting of Families

Solemn Eucharist Celebration

The World Meeting of the Family 2018 will conclude with a Solemn Mass in thanksgiving to God, the Holy Trinity for the gift of family and for its sanctification.

In the evening we will regroup to enjoy a final celebratory meal together at a traditional Irish restaurant.

Dublin overnight (BD)

DAY 10: Monday 27th August – Depart Ireland

This morning, with heartfelt farewells, we transfer to Dublin Airport for our return flights home or ongoing flights.

Dublin overnight (B)

DAY 11: Arrive Australia (PM)

PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

PILGRIMAGE COST (8PV13)

Departs Australia: 18 August 2018

Indicative Cost Per Person Twin Share: \$5,990.00 AUD

Single Room Supplement: \$1690.00

Prepaid Tipping: \$90.00 per person

* Costs have been based on prices as at May 2017 and must remain subject to possible change in the unlikely event of significant exchange rate variations, airfare increases and minimum group size (40) contingencies. Prices must remain indicative until the airlines release their fares.

SIMPLE BOOKING PROCEDURES

- Send an \$800 AUD deposit per person with completed pilgrims booking form to Harvest Journeys in Sydney. Cheques to be made payable to Harvest Journeys or nominate Credit Card details where shown.
- Await Harvest's letter of confirmation containing receipt, visa(s) information (if applicable) and travel insurance detail along with any other specific travel detail. Make balance of payment seven weeks prior to departure.
- Collect or await the delivery of final tour documentation including Harvest Travel Pack, pilgrims journal and ticket wallet approximately two weeks prior to departure date.

INCLUSIONS

Airfares: Return Economy class Emirates airfare to Dublin ex Sydney. (N.B. Airlines taxes are included on standard itinerary and subject to fluctuations).

Accommodation & Meals: Based on moderate standard hotel accommodation throughout with breakfast and dinner daily

Miscellaneous Inclusions: Deluxe Air-Conditioned Motor coach with driver • Local tour escort/guide • Sightseeing and entrance fees throughout itinerary • Registration for World Meeting of Families Congress

Not Included: Passport and Visa Costs (if applicable) • Other meals not stated • Items of a personal nature including phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc. • Travel insurance

All Bookings to:

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“The family ... is the place where one learns to love; it is the natural centre of human life. It is made up of faces, of people who love dialogue, who make self-sacrifices for one another and defend life, especially of the most vulnerable and the weakest.

One could say, without exaggeration, that the family is the driving force of the world and of history.”

– Pope Francis