

# Glasnevin Grouping Ethiopian Project 2018 — July 2018 Update

This is an update from the Glasnevin Grouping of Parishes on the progress to date on its 2018 Project to bring two families and two priests to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families gathering in Dublin at the end of August 2018.

Thanks to the very generous support of the parishioners in our five parishes, tremendous progress has been made—a summary of which is included below.



## Fundraising

A number of events have been organised across the Glasnevin Grouping since December 2017 to fundraise for our WMOF 2018 Ethiopian Project. To date over €13,500 has been raised from the following events:

- ⇒ December Carol Service
- ⇒ Mad Hatters Afternoon Tea Party
- ⇒ Concert in Ballygall
- ⇒ OLD Family Fun Day
- ⇒ Cake Sales
- ⇒ St Mary's Secondary School Table Quiz
- ⇒ Church Gate Collections at:
  - ⇒ Corpus Christi      Iona
  - ⇒ OLV                      Ballygall



## Progress

Thanks to the funds raised we have booked flights for two families and two priests and supported them in their tourist visa applications for August 2018. Fr Sintayhu has worked with the diocese in Addis Ababa to progress the visitors in making their visa applications. The Addis Ababa Diocese is also sponsoring the visit to Ireland of a religious sister working with families to attend the events in Ireland in August.



We have also worked with our kind parishioners, who have kindly offered to host our Ethiopian visitors, to progress their Garda Vetting. Other parishioners have also offered to host and are working with the WMOF Organisation to potentially host other pilgrims in August 2018.

## Glasnevin Grouping Plans

The Glasnevin Grouping is now focusing on planning our own events. These events are currently being organised and will include the following:

- ⇒ A welcoming Mass for the Ethiopian Visitors on the 19<sup>th</sup> August
- ⇒ WMOF ceremonies in our parishes on the 21<sup>st</sup> August
- ⇒ A Traditional Ethiopian Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup> August
- ⇒ A grouping celebration on the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> August

We are also organising a schedule of additional activities for our Ethiopian visitors to ensure that they have the opportunity to experience a little bit of Ireland, Dublin and some Irish hospitality. If anyone has any suggestions or would like to get involved you can contact the following people:



We will provide you with more details in August. A number of parishioners have volunteered to assist us with these events and we will be contacting them in July.

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OLV	Kathleen	087 920 7118
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## WMOF 2018 Update



WMOF Events	Date	Location(s)	Time
Opening Ceremony	21 <sup>st</sup> August	All Dioceses in Ireland	Evening
Congress	22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> August	RDS	Full Day Event
Festival of Families	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Croke Park	Evening
Knock Shrine	26 <sup>th</sup> August	Knock Shrine	09.45
Final Mass	26 <sup>th</sup> August	Phoenix Park	15.00

All of the WMOF Events except the opening ceremonies in each parish are ticketed events. Each Parish in the Glasnevin Grouping has booked 50 tickets and a coach to bring parishioners to the Final Mass (Cost up to €10 per person for coach). There are still a small number of spaces available on some buses in the grouping – if interested please contact your parish office ASAP.