



Limerick 'team' lands in Lisbon for World Youth Day, joining one million pilgrims at special celebration

Tuesday 1 August 2023: A Limerick team of a different kind has departed for Lisbon for an event described as similar to a



pilgrimage to All-Ireland Final day. A group of 15 young adults and five mentors jetted out for the Portuguese capital where up to 1 million young people from across the world will gather for the first post-pandemic World Youth Day celebrations. Pope Francis' theme for this year's event is all about challenging young people to become courageous missionaries, consistent with his very first World Youth Day as pontiff a decade ago when he urged young people to make a "mess", to shake things up by helping the church "get closer to the people".

While titled 'World Youth Day', the celebration began on Tuesday, August 1st, runs right through to Sunday and is attended by Pope Francis from Wednesday until its close.

The Limerick group of 15 delegates, who departed for Lisbon early on Monday, is led by Director of Youth Ministry and Lifelong Faith Development at Limerick Diocese James Connery and joined by Bishop Brendan Leahy and Fr. Chris O'Donnell of Limerick Youth Ministry, who likened each day of the pilgrimage to All-Ireland Sunday. "There's a sea of colour, flags are being waved proudly, there's singing and chanting and a tremendous atmosphere of joy and togetherness. On All-Ireland Sundays this joy revolves around the love of the game, the passion for your team and the shared sense of togetherness and excitement among the supporters. World Youth Day magnifies the joy as everyone is supporting the one team, the one faith, the one God," said Fr. Chris. "The joy is tangible and infectious, and it is incredible to see so many young people proud to show and share their passion for the faith, for Pope Francis and for the Church. After a successful Ireland final fans, both young and old, return

home and want to share the joy. It hopefully is the same for those who experience the joy of World Youth Day. Young people return home more alive and more secure in their faith. Buoyed by the experience of a living and loving faith, they are more willing to witness to it and share it in a country that badly needs to rediscover its soul and depth and meaning. Luimneach abú, Íosa abú." Said Bishop Leahy: "I've been to several World Youth Days and they are an amazing experience. I remember one young person saying they enjoyed the World Youth Day because while there they realised it could be 'cool' to be a Catholic! The energy and liveliness give everyone a real lift. As Pope Francis said somewhere – 'Christ is alive and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life'. That's certainly a conviction you come away with from a World Youth Day."

For more information on World Youth Day, see: <https://www.lisboa2023.org/en>

Travel, tourism and climate change are connected – and each individual traveller has to face up to this

Don't let the summer washout and the probable wettest July on record give you the wrong impression. Humid and damp weather, along with flash-flooding, are a symptom of climate change – so the erratic conditions are here to stay: roasting in June, pouring in July. It's all a consequence of global warming, not a sign we are immune from its effects. Sitting on the north-west of Europe, we have escaped the record-breaking heat and associated problems, from wildfires to heart attacks, being experienced in the southern end of the continent. Irish tourists being evacuated from Greece will testify to the difference in experience. These longer heatwaves are creating increasingly dry conditions, which makes the areas affected more susceptible to wildfires. The science is indisputable – human activity is causing global warming, resulting in severe weather conditions. The solutions are not achieving a consensus. The leaders of the wealthiest countries continue to squabble. The G20 bloc of wealthy economies failed to reach agreement on phasing down fossil fuels at the weekend. The foot-dragging by fuel-producing nations is frustrating campaigners who felt the visible effects of global warming should spark a rethink. These wealthy countries account for more than three-quarters of global emissions and GDP. Therefore, there is an onus to show leadership. The ostrich mentality doesn't work anymore. are becoming hotter, longer and more frequent because of climate change. The sopping summer doesn't absolve our country from its responsibilities. Covid-19 mostly ended foreign travel for a couple of years and Irish tourists are getting back into the swing of heading out to the

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Donoughmore		
Sat.5th Aug	7pm	Parish Intentions
Mon.7th Public Holiday	10m	No Mass
Tues 8th	10am	
Fri 11th		
Sat. 12th	7pm	T J Walsh (12th)
Knockea		
Sun 6th	11am	Fred & Una Fennessy Eileen O'Riordan
Wed.9th	10am	Michael Butler (17th)
Sun 13th	11am	Willie Dooley (1st)



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Limerick Swimming Star Roisin Ni Riain has won gold at the Para Swimming World Championships, the Drombanna athlete won the 100m backstroke title at the Manchester Aquatics Centre.

Our Sympathy to the family of Jimmy (Jim) Franklin Cahernorry Ballysimon Funeral Mass was Friday at Donoughmore church. May he rest in Peace.

DKR Comm. Café courthouse Ballyneety Fridays 10.30am call in for a free cup of tea/coffee any Friday morning
Weekly Lotto €5,700 no winner, winning No's 1,6,7,9 Lucky dips.
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Next Jackpot €5,800 Draw Tues 8th Aug. 9.30pm Four Elms. Many thanks.

sun. But global warming is not a pandemic that will merely burn itself out over time with the aid of a vaccine. The emissions generated by air travel mean it is not consequence-free, while mass tourism on ecologically vulnerable locations also has its environmental costs. Our model of low-cost frequent flying to balmy Mediterranean destinations cannot simply be passed off as inevitable in a population living in a country where bad weather is a national preoccupation. Carbon offsetting is a nice way to buy a conscience-free holiday. But down the line, the link between travel and climate change will have to be faced up to by the individual traveller.

Wedding Congrats to Elaine Hourigan & Seamus McKenna married on Friday at Knockea Church .

Annual Parish Knock Pilgrimage: Thursday 17th Aug Bus is fully booked up, Bus will depart Day Care Centre @10am Many thanks Bridget 061 351023.Naomi 086 6072593 Margaret 087 2775103 for arranging this day trip.to Knock

