

Pope Francis visits Ireland



In August Pope Francis paid a visit to Ireland as part of the World Meeting of Families. Although nothing like the 1.2 million people who turned out to greet Pope John Paul in 1979,

large numbers attended the 3 events at Knock Shrine, the mass in Phoenix Park and the concert in Croke Park where many national and international singers performed. Pope Francis visited President Higgins in Áras an Uachtaráin. He visited the Capuchin Day Centre for the homeless in Dublin and met with Brother Crowley, founder of the centre as well as a number of homeless people.

He met with members of the government in Dublin Castle where the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar welcomed the Pope to Ireland. In his speech the Taoiseach said the Church were the first to provide services such as education, health care and welfare of the poor here in Ireland before the Irish state was set up. However, he spoke about the abuse that many thousands received at the hands of those in positions of power in the Catholic Church in schools, mother and baby homes, orphanages, churches and hospitals. He reminded the Pope that there is still much to be done to give healing to survivors of abuse and asked the Pope to ensure that truth and justice be brought out in the open. Later the pope had a private meeting with 8 survivors of clerical abuse here in Ireland and in his speech in the Phoenix Park spoke about the abuse and asked forgiveness.

Trump Visit Cancelled



It was announced that the president of the United States, Donald Trump was to visit Ireland in November.

However, it was later cancelled without any reason being given. Mr. Trump who owns a luxury hotel and golf Course in Doonbeg in Co. Clare was expected to pay a visit to the resort.

Presidential Election

The election of our new president will be held on Friday 26 October. Outgoing president Michael D. Higgins is seeking another term and so far, there are several other candidates who have put their names forward, among them business men, Gavin Duffy, Peter Casey and Seán Gallagher who ran in the last election, Joan Freeman founder of the organisation Pieta House, debt campaigner David Hall, artist Kevin Sharkey and Roscommon farmer John Groarke.

Limerick and Dublin Celebrate

After a wait of 45 years Limerick won the 2018 All Ireland Hurling Final in a nail-biting finish which saw them beat Galway by just a single point. Thousands of supporters turned out to welcome home the All-Ireland winning team when they returned to Limerick with the Liam McCarthy Cup.

The Dubs celebrated their 4 in a row All Ireland football win defeating Tyrone. This is their 6th All Ireland win in 8 years, 5 under the management of Jim Gavin.

Lisdoonvarna Match making festival

Forget about online dating websites, Ireland's oldest match making festival takes place every September in Lisdoonvarna in County Clare. The festival which has been running for 150 years was once regarded as the holiday resort for farmers after their busy summer period. However, in recent times it draws thousands of visitors from all over the world who come to enjoy the music and dancing, many of them hoping to find a partner.

Local matchmaker, Willie Daly who owns The Match Maker Bar is on hand to help you find a match. Willie, whose father and grandfather were also matchmakers claims to be very successful in bringing couples together and has set up more than 3,000 marriages over the years. He believes the best way to bring couples together is the old-fashioned way by getting them talking around the table face to face and dancing!

Music sessions and dancing takes place in all the pubs and hotels in the town from early morning until late every day for the entire month of September.

age	stage	courage	image	marriage	sausage
page	bandage	damage	luggage	message	shortage
wage	cottage	garage	manage	package	village

Words ending in **age**

Fill in blanks using words from the list

- The nurse put a _____ on the cut.
- Bacon, egg and _____ for breakfast.
- I read the first _____ of the book.
- There was a lot of _____ after the storm.
- She is from a small _____ in the country.
- I received a _____ in the post.
- Leave a _____ on my phone.
- My car is in the _____.
- The singer stood up on the _____.
- He is 80 years of _____.

Maths

Q1 Pat is decorating his sitting room.

He will need the following:

- 4 litres of paint @ €10 a litre.
- 15 square metres of carpet @ €55 per square metre.
- 3 rolls of wallpaper @€25 per roll.
- 3 brushes @€2.50 each.
- A paint roller @€8.

What will be the total cost of decorating?

Q2 Mary travels a journey of 120km. Her car can travel 15km per litre of petrol used.

Petrol costs €1.30 per litre.

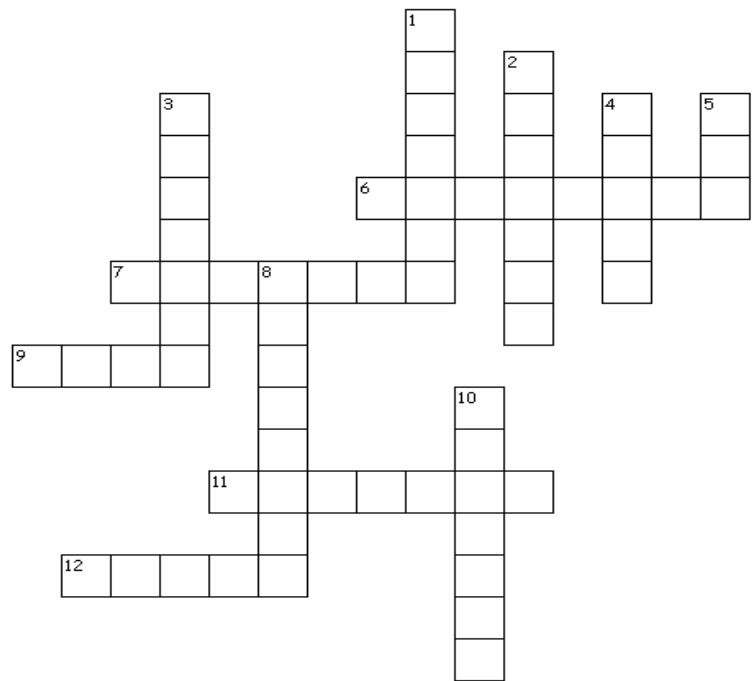
- How many litres of petrol are needed?
- What is the total cost of the petrol?

Q3 The Smith family get 4 litres of milk delivered every morning. A litre of milk costs €1.10.

- How many litres were delivered to them in the month of August?
- What was their total milk bill in August?

Answers across the page

Crossword Answers to the clues are all from the list



Across

- A wedding (8)
- Eaten for breakfast (7)
- Your weekly pay (4)
- A parcel (7)
- A picture (5)

Down

- A small house (7)
- A person who is brave has this (7)
- A small town (7)
- The actor performs on this (5)
- How old you are (3)
- When there is not enough of something (8)
- Suitcases (7)

Maths answers

Q1	€955.50	a) 8	b) 10.40
Q2	8	a) €136.40	b) €124
Q3	16	a) €136.40	b) €124