

TRANSPORT



Irish Rail will provide a special train from

Waterford to Sydney Parade, (5 mins walk to RDS) on Tuesday 12th June [Ossory' Day] Return from Connolly. This train will go online from 20/2/2012 and be available for booking on www.irishrail.ie

Return fares as follows:

Waterford (A) Adult €25 (C) Child €12.50

Thomastown & Kilkenny (A) €23 (C) €11.50

Muine Bheag (A) €15 (C) €7.50

Carlow and Athy (A) €14 (C) €7

Kildare (A) 12 (C) 6

Times

Waterford dep 04.50 a.m. return 21.55 p.m.

Thomastown dep 05.13 a.m. return 21.30 p.m.

Kilkenny dep 05.30 a.m. return 21.13 p.m.

Muine Bheag dep 05.48 a.m. return 20.55 p.m.

Carlow dep 06.00 a.m. return 20.42 p.m.

Athy dep 06.13 a.m. return 20.29 p.m.

Kildare dep 06.31 a.m. return 20.09 p.m.

Sandymount Arrive 08.00 a.m.

Depart from Connolly 19.20 p.m.

A similar arrangement for Sunday 17th June, Croke Park Day is being organised by Irish Rail. Details

later when finalised.

What is a Eucharistic Congress?

The first Eucharistic Congress was held in France in 1881 and since then the tradition has developed of holding such an event every four years in a different country.

The purpose of a Congress includes:

1. Deepening our understanding of and devotion to the Eucharist.
2. Strengthening the relationship of solidarity between Catholics from all over the world who come together
3. Highlighting the link between the Eucharist (Christ's gift of himself) and a call to social justice, (the gifting of self for others) .

The Congress will take place in the RDS, Dublin, from 10th-16th June 2012, with the closing ceremonies in Croke Park on 17th June, 2012. This event provides us with an opportunity to re-focus on the Eucharist as the 'source and summit' of the Christian life: what the Eucharist is about, our celebration of the Eucharist and how it should impact on our daily lives.

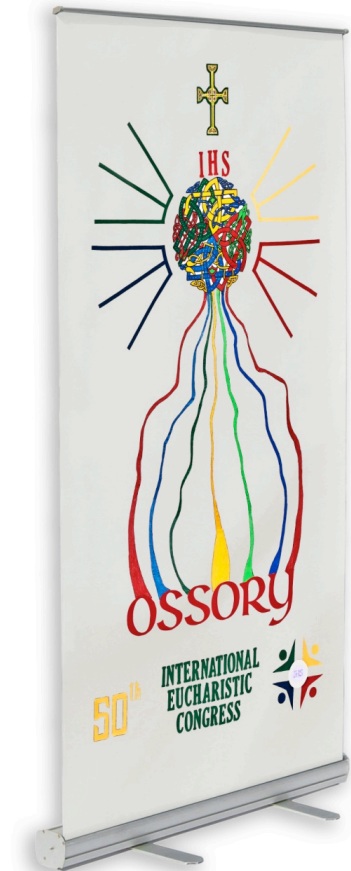
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Diocese of Ossory Eucharistic Congress 2012



How do I book for the Congress?

All bookings for the Eucharistic Congress have to be done **online**.

The website address is:
<http://www.iec2012.ie/registration>

What is the cost?

That will depend on how many days you wish to book for.
Accommodation is not included!

Costs are as follows:

7 days €95 10th – 16th June;
3 days €60 (any 3 consecutive days) 10th -16th June.

With either the 7 or 3 days you may also book a ticket for the closing ceremonies, in Croke Park, for an extra €10.

Single day tickets €30 Concession €28.

Family tickets for 2 adults and up to 4 children.

3 day family ticket €285, or single day €95.

Booking for the Congress is online only and the closing date to book online is May 9th. Any bookings made after that will have to be done on-site at the RDS, where the Congress headquarters are situated and will cost an additional €10 more for each 3 or 7 day tickets and €5 for single day tickets.

Parishes who have personnel with Computer skills (or parish office) might offer a service to help those who find online booking difficult.

OSSORY DAY

Tuesday 12th June

RDS

Theme: **Communion in Marriage & Family**
(family day)

Catechesis: Most Rev Barry Hickey (Archbishop of Perth)

Testimony: Dr Carl Anderson (Supreme Knight, Knights of Columbanus)

Eucharist: His Eminence Andre Cardinal Vingt-Trois (Archbishop of Paris)

Workshops/Addresses: Breda O'Brien;
Children's Play from KISI-KIDS; Archbishop Piero Marini; Catholic Grandparents Association and much more.....

Parishes/individuals must organise their own transport (see special train offer) and book their Congress ticket online

Volunteering for the Congress

Volunteers are needed for the period of Wednesday 6th June until Tuesday 19th June 2012 for a minimum of five days.

Closing date for applications: 17th March 2012

Every volunteer must complete induction training and a Garda vetting process. To ensure all applications for volunteering are processed in time for the Congress, you must make your volunteering application before 17th March 2012
See www.iec2012.ie

SUNDAY 17TH JUNE – CROKE PARK

The *Statio Orbis*, the celebration of the Eucharist with the Papal Legate will be in Croke Park, on Sunday 17th June, 2012.

The best way to ensure a ticket for Croke Park is to book now for 3 (consecutive) or 7 days between 10th & 16th June. Bookings can only be done online. Anybody who registers for 3 or 7 days at the RDS will be entitled to request a ticket for the *Statio Orbis* at Croke Park for an additional €10 at the time of booking (only).

- The Diocese of Ossory has been allocated a little over 500 places to be distributed directly through parishes.
- The tickets for these places will be issued through IEC 2012 headquarters office (only)
- Based on the Gospel principle of Matthew 20 (all received the same wage) we are offering **12** places per parish.
- To apply, each applicant must complete an "Expression of Interest" Form. [attached]
- It will be the responsibility of the parish to return 12 "Expression of Interest" forms, [completely filled in] and return with €10 [per form] to the Diocesan IEC Committee Secretary, **Sr. Ena Kennedy, Ossory Safeguarding Office, Waterford Road, Kilkenny, before Friday March 16th.**
- We recommend that you keep any excess "Expression of Interest" forms as places (locally or nationally) not claimed before 16th March will be redistributed immediately!