

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

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WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: ROME@HOME

Every three years since 1994, The Holy Father hosts a gathering in which the world is invited to come together to celebrate Family Life. Many of you may remember the last gathering took place in Dublin in 2018. This year, Pope Francis is hosting in Rome but has invited people to be part of this from their own parishes and homes, hence the slogan Rome@Home. It started on Wednesday 22nd June and continues up to the afternoon of Sunday 26th June. You can find out the events that are taking place and tune in live by clicking on this link:

<https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/>

or by visiting the website of Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark www.rcsouthwark.co.uk, going on to the 'Mission' tab and clicking on 'Marriage and Family Life' link. With the information and suggestions it provides, right at the bottom of the passage is the romefamily2022 link as mentioned above. A wide amount of options are made available including a list of events that are happening in Rome that you can tune in live to eg. talks, testimonies, adoration, but the highlights will be 6.30pm Mass Saturday 25th June (5.30pm our time) and the completion of the World Meeting of Families with the Angeles on Sunday 26th June 11.45am (10.45am our time). There is a beautiful new hymn written for this World Meeting entitled 'We Believe in Love' which can also be found.

One thing we can all do and very much encouraged to do this weekend is pray. This enables us to strengthen our unity with the events of Rome. We invite you to take a prayer card found on the table in the Church porch and pray as a family this Sunday. They have a prayer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph but especially to The Holy Family of Nazareth.