



MARIAPOLIS

Annual gathering of Focolare
Dungarvan 6th - 10th July 2016

MERCY MATTERS!

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Moments of reflection

Outings

Activities

Workshops

Talks

Fun

Discussion

DUNGARVAN

Dungarvan (Irish: Dún Garbhán, meaning "Garbhann's Fort") is a bustling seaside town and the administrative centre for Co. Waterford.

Its harbour lies on the River Colligan where it widens and enters the sea. It is an excellent holiday centre with good amenities, ideally placed for touring West Waterford.

The town's origins can be traced back to the 3rd century A.D. when a tribe called the Deise settled in the area, the surrounding region still bears this name.

Dungarvan derives its name from St. Garvan, who founded a monastery here in the 7th century.



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WELCOME TO MARIAPOLIS 2016

Thank you for joining us at Mariapolis 2016 in Dungarvan, Waterford.

A very warm welcome !

Whatever your background, nationality or belief, this year's theme *Mercy Matters* invites us to put into practice mutual respect and love.

We want to create together connections and build foundations for a society where each one of us feels part of the one family.

ABOUT FOCOLARE

The Mariapolis is organised by *Focolare*, an international movement which seeks to build a more united world, taking its inspiration from Jesus' prayer "may they all be one" (Jn 17:21).

For more information see:

www.focolare.org/en

www.focolare.org/ireland

<https://www.facebook.com/mariapolis.ireland/>



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ABOUT MARIAPOLIS

Every summer, in the difficult post-war period when European countries were trying to heal the wounds caused by the Second World War, a growing number of young people, families, workers, professionals and politicians joined the newly-formed group of the Focolare Movement for a holiday in the mountains of Trent in northern Italy.

That is how the Mariapolis began, a model of what society could be when renewed by evangelical love. It brought different nationalities together - Italians from the

North and the South, French and Germans - and soon antipathies and antagonisms disappeared. In the words of a song that was very popular in the early Mariapolises: 'Tramdrivers, students and doctors, pharmacists and members of parliament, arriving at the Mariapolis are on an equal footing. It doesn't matter what job you do - we are all here to learn!' This expresses very clearly the sense of fraternity which was felt and which can still be felt today in the many parts of the world where this quite innovative experience is repeated.



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ABOUT MARIAPOLIS

The international dimension developed quickly as the Movement spread first throughout Italy and then the rest of Europe and the other continents. In 1959 more than 10,000 people went to Fiera di Primiero, in Trent. There were representatives of 27 different countries from different continents. Chiara Lubich, speaking to groups from different countries about the unity of peoples at that Mariapolis, and later in 1960 in Friburg, suggested extending the law of evangelical love to the relationship between nations and launched the challenge of loving the other person's country as much as one's own. Mariapolises are held today in all continents throughout the world.

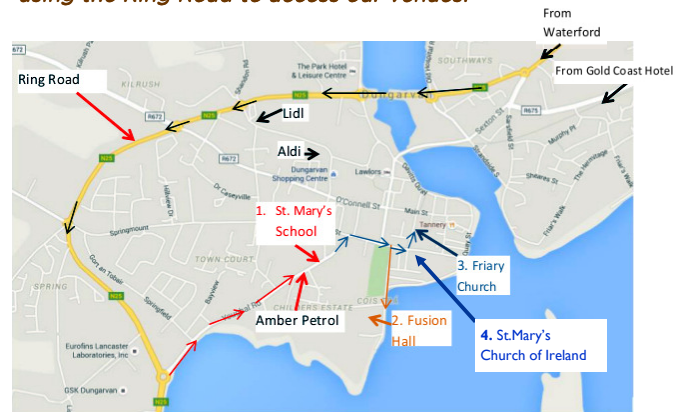
Following on from that experience the idea of having a permanent Mariapolis developed. There are now twenty Focolare 'cittadelle' or small towns, at different stages of development, throughout the world.



The first began at Loppiano in Italy in 1964.

MARIAPOLIS' VENUES

Due to road works in the town centre we recommend using the Ring Road to access our venues.



From Hotel (Accommodation and evening programme)

- ⇒ Leave Hotel turning right.
- ⇒ At cross roads turn left towards Dungarvan
- ⇒ At roundabout take 1st exit towards Dungarvan
- ⇒ At 2nd (small) Roundabout take 3rd exit.
- ⇒ Take 1st exit at Coolagh Roundabout entering Ring Road
- ⇒ At the 6th (last) roundabout take 1st exit onto the Youghal Road
- ⇒ Follow 1, 2 or 3 (on next page) depending on your destination

MARIAPOLIS' VENUES

1. St. Mary's School (Programme for children and Toddlers/ Babies Room - Fun Fair)

Continue along the Youghal Road towards town. After the Amber Petrol Station (on the right) St. Mary's Primary School is on the LEFT after the pedestrian crossing

2. Fusion Hall (Morning Programme)

Continue along the Youghal Road towards town. After the Garda Station follow the road to the right. At the next (small) roundabout continue straight. Take the next right after Drohan's Funeral Home. Continue straight down the hill and the Fusion Hall car park is on your right. Enjoy the sea view on the left.

3. Friary Church

Continue along Youghal Road towards town. After the Garda Station follow the road to the right. At the next (small) roundabout continue straight. Take the next left after Drohan's Funeral Home. Car park is on the left. 90 minutes free but you must take and display a ticket. Friary Church is just beyond the entrance to the car park.

4. St. Mary's Church of Ireland

Continue along Youghal Road towards town. After the Garda Station follow the road to the right. At the next (small) roundabout continue straight. The church is on your right on Convent Row.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 6th July

18:00 to 22:00	Registration Meet & Greet		Gold Coast Hotel
22:00 to 24:00	Youth Hub		Gold Coast Hotel

Thursday 7th July: Mercy Matters in the Family

10:00	R.C. Mass celebrated by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of Waterford and Lismore		Augustinian Friary, Dungarvan
10:45	Welcome		Fusion Hall
10:55	Who We Are & What is a Mariapolis		Fusion Hall
11:10	<i>Children under 13 leave hall for their programme in St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>		
	Tea & Coffee		Fusion Hall
11:40	Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of Waterford & Lismore	Conversation	Fusion Hall
12:10	<i>Young people (13-15 yrs) with their leaders leave hall for their programme in St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>		
	"Commercial Break"		
12:20	Mercy in the Family Personal stories	Conversation	Fusion Hall
13:00	Lunch Break		
13:10	<i>Parents collect children from St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>		

PROGRAMME



Thursday 7 th July (continue)			
15:00	Outings		See p. 19
18:00	Dinner		
20:30	Table Quiz		Gold Coast Hotel
22:00 to 24:00	Youth Hub		Gold Coast Hotel

Friday 8 th July: Mercy Matters for the Planet & People			
10:00	R.C. Mass		Augustinian Friary, Dungarvan
10:40	<i>Parents bring all children under 16 directly to St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>		
10:50	Tea & Cofee		Fusion Hall
11:10	Welcome		Fusion Hall
11:20	Laudato Si – On Care for Our Common Home (Dr. Lorna Gold) Personal stories	Conversation	Fusion Hall
13:00	Lunch Break		
13:10	<i>Parents collect children from St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>		
15:00	Workshops		See p.16
18:00	Dinner		
20:30	Prayer Vigil		Ballinroad Parish Church
21:30	Bingo		Gold Coast Hotel
22:00 to 24:00	Youth Hub:		Gold Coast Hotel

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Saturday 9 th July: Mercy Matters in Society			
10:00	<i>Parents bring all children under 16 directly to St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>		
	Tea & Cofee		Fusion Hall
10:30	Welcome		Fusion Hall
10:40	"Truth is Pure Mercy" thoughts from Chiara Lubich (David Hickey)	Reflection	Fusion Hall
11:00	Baroness Nuala O'Loan Personal stories	Conversation	Fusion Hall
12:20	<i>Parents collect children from St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>		
12:30	R.C. Mass celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown of Derry		Fusion Hall
13:00	Lunch		
15:00	Fun Fair		St. Mary's School
17:30	Dinner		
20:30	Variety Show		Gold Coast Hotel
22:00	Open Mic		Gold Coast Hotel
23:00 to 0:30	Youth Hub		Gold Coast Hotel

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KEY NOTE SPEAKERS

Sunday 10 th July: Unity Matters			
9:00	Anglican Eucharist		St. Mary's Church of Ireland, Emmet St, Dungarvan
10:00	<i>Parents bring all children under 16 directly to St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>		
	Tea & Cofee		Fusion Hall
10:30	Welcome		Fusion Hall
10:40	Dreaming big: Rediscovering the Mission of the Family Today Bishop Breandán Leahy of Limerick Catherine Burke joins the conversation Personal stories	Conversation	Fusion Hall
11:20	"Commercial Break"		
11:30	Upcoming events	Conversation	Fusion Hall
11:50	<i>Parents collect children from St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>		
12:00	Vox Pop		
12:30	R.C. Mass celebrated by Bishop Breandán Leahy of Limerick		Fusion Hall

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Baroness Nuala O'Loan DBE.

Member of the House of Lords, Baroness O'Loan previously served as Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland (1999 to 2007) and is a renowned speaker on the issues of justice, human rights, reconciliation and peace with particular skills in negotiating ways of resolving conflict.



Most Rev Alphonsus Cullinan DD, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore.

Native of Lahinch, Co Clare and a priest of the Diocese of Limerick. Chairman of the Council for Vocations of the Irish Bishops' Conference and member of the Council for Communications.



Lorna Gold PhD, Head of Policy and Advocacy in Trócaire.

Born in Scotland, Lorna works on a broad range of policy issues in Ireland and internationally. Writes extensively on climate justice and global economic and social development.



Most Rev Breandán Leahy DD, Bishop of Limerick.

Chairman of the Episcopal Commission for Catholic Education and Formation and of the Council for Ecumenism and Dialogue. He is also a member of the Focolare Movement's International Study Centre, the Abba School.



David Hickey M.Ed., Focolarino.

Secondary School teacher and Co-Director Focolare Ireland.

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

PROGRAMME (9-15 YEARS OLD)

While the morning sessions are taking place in the Fusion Hall there will be a separate programme for children in **St. Mary's School**, Dungarvan.

The programme for 9-15 years old is on p. 14

There will be a separate programme for 4-8 years old with games and activities, songs and dances, linked to the theme of the Mariapolis.

Parents are requested to complete and sign **Consent Forms** for these programmes at time of registration and also to sign their child in at the start of each session and sign them out again at the end of each session. Please remember that at all other times children are the responsibility of their parents or carers.

There is a **Parents & Toddlers/Babies Room in St. Mary's School** during the morning sessions for any parent and child to gather with other parents who have babies/children under 4 years old.

For information regarding these programmes please contact the information desk, or the following people:

- ⇒ **0-4 years old** - Louise Noonan 087-6529635
- ⇒ **4-8 years old** - Lia Sala 087-7582193
Barry Redmond 085-2060741
- ⇒ **9-15 years old** - Maria Siddi 085-2297148
Richard Leuterio 083-8317416
- ⇒ **16-17 years old** - Kiara Van Maele 085-2439387
Marcos Cesar 085-1524584

CHILD PROTECTION

Focolare implements policies which conform to public standards to protect children and young people for whom they have a duty of care. This means that all reasonable steps are taken to keep children and young people from harm and to ensure that those who come into contact with them are appropriately selected, trained and supported.

If you have a concern or suspicion or wish to make an allegation of abuse which has occurred against a child, young person or vulnerable adult please contact our Designated Child Protection Liaison Officers: Margaret McLoughlin (086-0605409) and Declan O'Brien (087-9192287)

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Thursday 7th July

	9-12 years old	13-15 years old
10:45	<i>In Fusion Hall</i>	<i>In Fusion Hall</i>
11:20	Ice breaker games	
11:30	What is Mercy ?	
12:00	Break	
12:15	Games	Ice breaker games
13:10	<i>Parents collect children from St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>	
<i>Afternoon with the parents</i>		
19.30	Film in the Youth Hub - Gold Coast Hotel	
20:30	Table quiz	Board games after the movie

Friday 8th July

	9-12 years old	13-15 years old
10:30	Games and sign up	
11:05	Welcome	
11:20	Conversation with Brendan Gallagher on the Homeless and Prisoners	Conversation with Tony Buckley on his work with Unemployed
11:50	Break and Games	
12:05	Learning and teaching a dance to the 4-8 years old children	Conversation with Brendan Gallagher on the Homeless and Prisoners
12:30		Games
13:10	Parents collect children from St. Mary's School, Dungarvan	
Afternoon and evening with the parents		

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PROGRAMME (9-15 YEARS OLD)

WORKSHOPS

Saturday 9th July

	9-12 years old	13-15 years old
10:00	Games and sign up	
10:30	Welcome	
10:45	Conversation on Climate Change with Dr. Lorna Gold	Conversation with Paul Connolly about the Burkina Faso Project
11:10	Activities on Climate Change	Conversation on Climate Change with Dr. Lorna Gold
11:40	Break and Games	
12:20	Parents collect children from St. Mary's School, Dungarvan	
Afternoon and evening with the parents		

Sunday 10th July

	9-12 years old	13-15 years old
10:00	Games and sign up	
10:30	Welcome	
10:40	Conversation with Anna McHugh on her work with Refugees	Conversation with Anna McHugh on her work with Refugees
11:00	Break and games	
11:15	Break and games	
11:50	<i>Parents collect children from St. Mary's School, Dungarvan</i>	

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Get to know Focolare - led by Irene Jovaras

An opportunity to engage in a deeper exploration of aspects of the focolare spirituality of unity.

Concrete Love - led by Donal Lawlor:

We hope to explore the role of mercy in the workplace. "Every sector has the obligation of looking out for the good of all," - writes Pope Francis to CEOs and workers - "We are all in the same boat. We have to struggle to make sure that work is a humanizing moment...a space for building up society and each person's participation in it"



Just Don't Block - led by Maire O'Byrne

Do you ever wonder why God permits so much suffering? What is your usual reaction when suffering enters your life?

This workshop is based on a personal experience and offers a safe space to explore these important questions.

MMM (Movements to Maintain Mobility) - led by Gay Blake

"if you don't use it, you lose it" aiming to minimise the loss with MMM. We invite people of all ages to this workshop.



Ripples of Mercy - led by Sofia Noguera

How to tune into our inherent goodness when we feel stuck in judgement or self-criticism. Through gentle practices we will experience the loving presence of God at the centre of our being. From that source of inner wisdom we can then relate to ourselves, others and the world around us with a merciful mind and heart.

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Dealing with conflicts on the road to unity - led by Pádraic Gilligan

Conflict is inevitable in relationships. Where two or more are gathered... there will often be disagreement! While conflict can be deeply painful, if properly confronted it can be the basis for higher levels of connection, more interpersonal harmony, deeper unity. Join this workshop to learn how we can deal more effectively with our daily encounters with conflict and build better, more transparent, more open relationships.

Access All Areas: Everyone is Creative!- led by Mary Delaney

"Logic will get you from A to B... Imagination will take you everywhere" Albert Einstein

We'll investigate, through the medium of games and play, observation and exploration, doodling and simple paper and paint activities, the reality that we ARE ALL ARTISTS!

This workshop will be a fun focused, creative activity session that everyone will enjoy. (Suggested age profile: 12 years to 112)



Mercy that becomes Social Action - led by Brendan Gallagher

The face of poverty and social exclusion can be seen everywhere. At home and abroad there are great challenges, such as homelessness, refugees, and third-world poverty. Come to share and to hear experiences of how "mercy makes the world less cold and more Just." (Pope Francis)

Together for Europe - led by Joan Back

Over 300 different Christian movements in Europe met from 30th June to 2nd July in Munich (Germany) to offer their contribution towards the reconciliation of Christians and of Churches. This workshop will share the highlights of this important event.

www.together4europe.org



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Care for Our Common Home - led by Dr. Lorna Gold

In recent years, we've seen a dramatic increase in extreme weather events across the world, with lots of consequences. Is there anything we can do together to invert that trend?



Hair braiding and nail workshop - led by Maire O'Brien

Dreaming to find the time to get your hair done in a nice plait...or even better learning how to do it on your own? This is the workshop that you are looking for!...but not only hair...as special treatment you can get your nails painted and also learning how to do it. So don't wait a minute, come and join us. Families are welcome!

Sand Castles on the strand by Martina O'Byrne

Buckets, spades, sun, sand, sea gulls, shells, surf... this workshop has it all! Weather permitting we will find all of this and more, as we build together beautiful sand castles on Dungarvan strand.



'Out Together' video workshop - led by Fintan O'Byrne

With all the options for outings on Thursday, it's hard to pick! Each one will be fantastic and full of little moments it would be great to share. We invite people aged 12 or older to capture those moments on smartphones and then to come together in a film making workshop to dice and splice these clips together into a single video. Think of it as 'crowd sourced film making'!

Modern dance - led by Richard Leuterio

We will be dancing the most recent song of Justin Timberlake "Can't stop the feeling". This song is very lively and has an amazing up beat that makes your body move with much enjoyment and pleasure. Diverse and simple choreography will be taught to the participants: an unforgettable dance experience!



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OUTINGS



FOLLOW UP DATES

⇒ Hike in the **Nire Valley**, Co. Waterford (serious walkers)



⇒ **Mount Congreve** - Kilmeaden (family walk)

Beautiful gardens, 20 mins drive from Dungarvan

⇒ **Suir Valley Railway**, Kilmeaden (family)

40 minutes family friendly railway along the banks of the River Suir



⇒ **Lismore Castle**, Gardens and Heritage centre

beautiful heritage town, 20 km from Dungarvan

⇒ **Clonea beach**

Blue flag beach, 5 mins from Gold Coast.

More information, also about other nice places to visit in the area, are available at reception

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⇒ **Wed. 17th August at 8pm**

Foculare of Belfast, 10 Harberton Drive, Belfast BT9 6PE

Tea Talk and Timeout TTT- young adults.

⇒ **Tue. 6th September at 8pm**

Foculare of Belfast, 10 Harberton Drive, Belfast BT9 6PE

Belfast Regional Meeting.

⇒ **Wed. 7th September at 8pm**

Foculare of Dublin, 8, Clareville Rd, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6WAn evening for all those interested in getting involved in any way in the care and support of people who access the services provided by the **Merchants Quay Ireland (MQI) Project.**

⇒ **Sat. 10th September 3pm - 5pm**

Foculare of Dublin, 20 Ramleh Close, Milltown, Dublin 6, **Dublin Regional Meeting.**

⇒ **Wed. 14th September at 8pm**

Foculare of Belfast, 10 Harberton Drive, Belfast BT9 6PE **Tea Talk and Timeout TTT- young adults.**

⇒ **Sat. 17th September at 3pm.**

Mariapolis Centre, Curryhills, Co. Kildare
An **intercultural party** to welcome the refugees resident in the Hazel Centre, Kildare.
We are looking for volunteers to help in the organisation of this event.

⇒ **Sun. 25th September**

Mariapolis Centre, Curryhills, Co. Kildare **National Family meeting.**

⇒ **Tue. 4th October 3pm - 5pm**

Foculare of Belfast, 10 Harberton Drive, Belfast BT9,, **Belfast Regional Meeting.**

⇒ **Sat. 8th October at 3pm.**

Mariapolis Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare
Caring for People and Planet - the challenge of developing a culture of sustainable consumption.

⇒ **Wed. 19th October at 8pm**

Foculare of Belfast, 10 Harberton Drive, Belfast BT9 6PE **Tea Talk and Timeout TTT- young adults**

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FOLLOW UP DATES

- ⇒ **Sat. 22nd - Sun 23rd October.**
Mariapolis Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare
Youth weekend
- ⇒ **Sun. 20th November**
Belfast Regional Meeting
venue to be confirmed
- ⇒ **Sun. 27th November**
Mariapolis Centre, Curryhills, Co. Kildare
National Family meeting
- ⇒ **Sat. 3rd December 3pm - 5pm**
Focolare of Dublin, 20 Ramleh Close, Milltown, Dublin 6,
Dublin Regional Meeting

Updated information to be found on our website:

www.focolare.org/ireland



POPE FRANCIS TO THE MARIAPOLIS IN ROME 24 APRIL 2016



In April Pope Francis paid a surprise visit to the Mariapolis in Rome which was being held as part of a 'Village of the Earth' event promoted by the Focolare Movement and Earth Day Italy. The spontaneous words he spoke, we feel, could be directed to all the Mariapolis events which are happening around the world this year.

'You transform deserts into forests' said Pope Francis putting aside his prepared speech for the occasion, after listening to a number of experiences of the participants at the Mariapolis.

'You go to where the desert is, to where there is no hope, and do things that make the desert turn into a forest.'

There are so many deserts in the cities, so many deserts in the lives of people who have no future, because there's always - and I underscore a word that you spoke about here - there is always prejudice and fear.'

'Don't be afraid of conflict that contains within it both risk and opportunity,' Francis said. 'To get close is a risk for me and for the person I draw near to. But never, never turn away so that you won't have to see. **Draw near** to others, take their hand, go to dry their many tears... this is how a smile can be born in the desert.'... 'I'll give you an assignment to do at home,' the Pope concluded. "When you go down the street, you see that tenderness is missing. Each person is enclosed in him and herself. Friendship is lacking. Money is at the centre of today's world, but '**gratuity**' is the keyword for this desert to become a forest. How do you do that? Always from within have an awareness of our own need **to be forgiven**... working together, respecting each other - this is how the miracle happens in the desert that becomes a forest. Thank you for all that you do.'

To read the full text of the Pope's talk see:

www.focolare.org/en



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Belfast

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Prosperous

Curryhills, Prosperous, Co Kildare	045-840410
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You are always welcome for a cup of tea!

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