

... THAT'S HOW THE LIGHT GETS IN ...

Focolare Summer Gathering • Dungarvan • 5-9 July 2017

### WHAT HAPPENS AT THE SUMMER GATHERING?

It's a fun place to be!

Content rich mornings feature talks and stories from life on this year's theme. This year's speakers include Rev. Ken Newell and Bishop Brendan Leahy, and there will be a special focus on the World Meeting of Families. There are parallel programmes for teenagers and children during the morning sessions.

Afternoons are about fun and diversity alternating outings to local beauty spots with a variety of workshops for all the family - from dance to ecumenical dialogue.

Evenings are for relaxation and craic! - a table quiz? an open mike? an entertainment night? a simple drink in the bar? It's all on offer. If you play a musical instrument, please bring it along. Singers are welcome to join the choir or to perform musical interludes during the morning programmes.

Beyond the programme and activities, the Focolare summer gathering is a true experience of family - a coming together of people of all ages, backgrounds and religions to form a unique temporary society based on mutual respect and love.

### ABOUT FOCOLARE

Focolare is an international movement which seeks to build a united world, taking its inspiration from Jesus' prayer: "May they all be one." (Jn 17.21). Founded by Chiara Lubich, it began during the Second world war and since then has spread to over a hundred countries. It involves people of all creeds and none and has been in Ireland since 1973. Focolare, an Italian word meaning 'Fireside' / 'Tinteán' is recognised as an ecclesial movement in the Catholic Church.

More information on [www.focolare.org/en](http://www.focolare.org/en) or on the Irish site: [www.focolare.org/ireland](http://www.focolare.org/ireland).



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Our lives are a patchwork of highs and lows, joys and sorrows, pleasures and pain. We spend huge amounts of time and money hatching clever plans to avoid suffering but happiness often yields to sadness as easily as night follows day. No matter who we are or what we do, ultimately, we cannot avoid life's harsh challenges - our own limitations, fears, broken relationships, illnesses, bereavement.

Living a full and meaningful life means facing these challenges. It means learning to transform our shortcomings, failures, worries and pains - the gaps - into something positive

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The Focolare's summer gathering explores how the light gets in through a rich tapestry of experiences from people who are living out this approach to suffering: in the family, work and unemployment situations, in the dialogue between churches, and the social issues of our times - the refugee crisis and climate justice. Their stories illustrate that by saying 'yes' to the 'why?' of suffering, we become people who through love are capable of healing and giving life in the most varied situations.

Will you join us?

**WHEN?** Arrival from 4:00pm on Wednesday 5th July 2017.

Program from Thursday 6th July to 1.00pm on Sunday 9th July 2017

**WHERE?** Accommodation and Registration: The Gold Coast Golf Resort, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

Daily programme - Fusion Hall (beside the Sports Centre), Dungarvan.

Parallel programmes - children & teens - St Mary's School, 4 mins walk from Fusion.

## ACCOMMODATION

### SELF CATERING LODGES

Each lodge has 4 rooms (3 with a double bed and 1 with a double and a single bed). The cost for the lodge is €600 or £520

Lodges can be shared by families at a cost of €150 or £135 per room.

### SELF CATERING VILLAS (located on the golf course)

Each villa has 3 rooms with a double and a single bed. The cost for the villa is €495 or £435.

Villas can be shared by families or by individuals at a cost of €165 or £145 per room.

### SELF CATERING COTTAGES

Each cottage has 3 rooms (2 with a double and single bed and 1 with a double bed). The cost for the cottage is €495 or £435.

Cottages can be shared by families or by individuals at a cost of €165 or £145 per room.

### HOTEL

(limited number of rooms) B&B per night per person sharing €45 or £42 ; B&B for single room €55 or £52.

### CAMPSITE

Caravans €30 or £26 per day for 2 adults (extra people €4 or £3.50 per day).

### FAMILY INFORMATION AND RATES

Contact Cathy and Eugene at [newfamiliesireland@gmail.com](mailto:newfamiliesireland@gmail.com)

### FOR OTHER ACCOMMODATION QUERIES

Contact Bernadette Dunne at 087 665 3231

### REGISTRATION FEE

Adult €55 or £50 ; Concession €40 or £35; Family (with children under 18) €120 or £105.

Daily Registration fees, one third of above.

## LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS

**Gold Coast Golf Resort**, Dungarvan, County Waterford, Ireland.

Take the N25 (Waterford - Cork Road) to Dungarvan.

From Dungarvan: You catch the R675 from the small roundabout within Abbesside, which is the eastern side of Dungarvan across the stone bridge which spans the Colligan River.

If you're on the N25, take the first Dungarvan roundabout on the east (Waterford) side of the town. About 100 metres from the N25 exit you'll come upon the R675 roundabout.

**Latitude:** 52.0855548 **Longitude:** -7.570012200000065 **GPS** 52° 5' 7.997" N 7° 34' 12.044" W

## PAYMENTS

Please return Booking Form with 40% deposit (or full payment) no later than June 6th 2017 to:

**Paola Santostefano, "Solas", Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare.**

For further information contact [focolaireireland.events@gmail.com](mailto:focolaireireland.events@gmail.com)

Cheques payable to **Focolare Trust**

or Bank Transfer to **Focolare Trust, AIB Clane, Co Kildare. IBAN IE59 AIBK 9332 3665 9795 18 BIC AIBKIE2D**



## BOOKING FORM

Title	Name & Surname	Gender	Age (if under 30)	Accommodation type

<b>Booking for Dinner at the Gold Coast Hotel</b> (Adults €16 - £ 14.5/ Children €8 - £7.25)						Address & city					
Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Mobile			Email		
Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Adult	Child	Arrival			Departure		
						I would like to share accommodation with					
						I enclose my <b>Registration Payment</b> of			€		£
						I enclose my <b>Accommodation Fee</b> of			€		£
						I enclose my <b>Payment for Meals</b> of			€		£

I would like to help someone else to come to the Focolare Gathering, I enclose €/£ \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the Focolare Movement to keep my data for other notices (please sign) \_\_\_\_\_