

**Gathering at Tobar Na Molt....Wethers' Well,**  
Tubrid, near Ardfert, Co. Kerry  
1<sup>st</sup> National Holy Wells Day, 18 June 2017 at 7am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Laudato Si' *On Care for Our Common Home.*

**Meeting at the gate at 7am** so we can walk in together.

**At the gate:** Welcome and why we are gathered here: National Holy Wells Day.

**Walking in:** Quietly to oneself if you wish... *"Bless to me, O God the earth beneath my foot, bless to me, O God, the path whereon I go" and look... smell ...feel ...breathe... listen...*

**At the entrance:** Pause as we enter the sacred place of healing and peace and light and let us remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah 12:3

*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

**Inside:** The story of this well.

**Walking the round of the well:** Let each of us pray and reflect in our own way.

**Now gathered around the Well:** Prayer for the Protection of Water

*O God of All Creation,*  
Teach us how to protect Water  
On which all living things depend,  
plants, animals, fish, birds, humans.

*Help us* to ensure that Water may always flow freely and purely  
for all of your Creation.

*May Your Spirit* soften our hearts and enlighten us  
So that we may act responsibly to protect Water,  
the vital source of life in Our Common Home. AMEN

**Blessing with the water:** Three palmfuls.

The palmful of the God of Life....the palmful of the Christ of Love...The palmful of the Spirit of Peace.

**The Prayer of the Six Directions:** North, South, East, West, Up and Down.

**Walking out:** What does this moment leave with me? What do I carry from this time together? How can I help to protect water?

*"Praise to Thee my Lord for Sister Water. She is useful and humble, precious and pure."* St Francis of Assisi

Quoted by Pope Francis in Laudato Si' *On Care for Our Common Home*.