

News on National Holy Wells Day 2017

On Sunday June 18th 2017 the first National Holy Wells Day (NHWD) was celebrated throughout the country. Many different groups gathered together at their local holy well to pray for the "*Protection and Fair Distribution of Water*". Having stood in these holy places some then undertook to implement changes in their own lives to play their part in caring for creation our "*Common Home*" as Pope Francis has named it.

The Columba Community in Derry put together a Novena as a prayerful lead up to NHWD in which many participated. The Novena started on the feast of St Columba 9th June and finished on the eve of NHWD. Its theme was praying for water and it had a strong scriptural focus while also reflecting on the lives of some of the Celtic Saints. It is planned to hold this Novena again this year and encourage many more to join in this prayer with us.

Since NHWD we have experienced some of the impact of global warming with the various storms we have had to endure bringing flooding to parts of the country and leaving a trail of destruction in their wake. We in Loving Sister Earth are very aware of the world we are leaving to the next generation in which it is forecast that these storms will hugely increase

On last year's NHWD many came as a family to pray and as Ireland is hosting the World Meeting of Families we hope that many more families will participate this year. The prayer of NHWD is for the protection and fair distribution of water. We are now seeing how serious this issue is with the current crises in Cape Town. We will continue to intercede for a Divine breakthrough to enlighten us as to how to tackle this situation.

The next National Holy Wells Day will be on Sunday 17th June 2018.

Below is a picture gallery of just some of the many wells that were visited on the first NHWD. There was many more but not all recorded the event pictorially. Some did a reflection by the sea or in their own homes however all prayed for the protection and fair distribution of water.