



# March

## St Patrick's Day

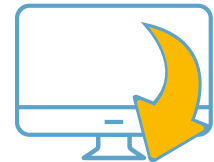


### WHAT IS THIS INITIATIVE?

The original meaning of the shamrock as a symbol of the Trinity is promoted through the distribution of window stickers, car bumper stickers and other materials. This initiative promotes the message 'God is family, so are we', highlighted by Pope Francis in *The Joy of Love*.

### WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AND WHERE?

- Window and bumper stickers with the theme 'God is family, so are we' will be distributed free of charge to every parish in the country.
- Colouring pages, banner designs and posters will be available for download from the WMOF website.
- Prayers of the faithful and reflections on what the theme 'God is family, so are we' means will be available to download from the WMOF website.



“Our God in his deepest mystery is not solitude, but a family”





## HOW DOES THIS WORK IN A PARISH?

- 1** Download the materials and plan in advance how to promote them.
- 2** At Masses distribute the 'God is family, so are we' stickers and ask people to put them on their car bumpers.
- 3** Look at the other materials on the website and decide how best to promote them.

### WHY TAKE THIS INITIATIVE?

- St Patrick's Day is a hugely popular celebration that has at its roots the deeper religious truth explored in *The Joy of Love*. This is an opportunity, in the midst of the festivities of the day, to promote the truth that the family is a living icon of the Trinity.

“ God is family, so are we ”

