

Bus Éireann announce extra services for the visit of Pope Francis

Special pre-book Expressway services and increase in scheduled services

Dublin

Bus Éireann are pleased to announce a significantly enhanced service on Sunday 26th August next, to facilitate visitors to Dublin for the visit of Pope Francis.

Over 500,000 people are expected to visit Dublin City on Sunday 26th August where a Mass will be celebrated by Pope Francis. An Garda Síochána have urged motorists and the public to use public transport to travel there. In order to cater for anticipated demand, Bus Éireann will operate a greatly enhanced schedule which will see overall capacity increasing by over **100%** on the 26th August. Over **800 trips** on both commuter and Expressway services will provide for over **30,000** passenger journeys to and from Dublin on the day.

Sunday, August 26th

Commuter services TO Dublin

An enhanced Sunday timetable will operate in both the morning and evening peak to cater for anticipated demand.

Route 101	Drogheda – Balbriggan – Dublin
Route 103	Ratoath – Ashbourne - Dublin
Route 109	Cavan - Virginia - Kells – Navan – Dunshaughlin - Dublin
Route NX	Navan – Dublin City
Route 111	Cavan – Granard – Athboy – Trim - Dublin
Route 115	Mullingar - Enfield - Kilcock - Dublin
Route 120	Tullamore - Edenderry – Clane - Dublin
Route 126	Kildare - Newbridge - Naas – Kill - Dublin
Route 133	Wicklow – Ashford - Dublin City

Tickets for these services can be purchased in advance at www.buseireann.ie

Expressway intercity services TO Dublin

To facilitate additional demand, a number of **special intercity services** will operate **to and from Dublin City**. Customers booking these services are **guaranteed a seat** with a shortened journey time due to **limited stops**. Details on these special services are as follows:

Route 2	Wexford (0700), Enniscorthy (0720), Gorey (0745) & Arklow (0800)
Route 4	New Ross (0630), Waterford (0700) & Carlow (0800)
Route X8	Cork (0600), Fermoy (0630), Mitchelstown (0650), Cahir (0715) & Cashel (0730)
Route 12	Limerick (0630), Nenagh (0710), Roscrea (0740) Portlaoise (0810)
Route X20	Galway (0530), Loughrea (0600), Ballinasloe (0630) & Athlone (0700)
Route 22	Ballina (0630), Swinford (0730), Charlestown (0738) & Longford (0910)
Route 23	Sligo (0630), Boyle (0650) & Carrick-on-Shannon (0715)
Route 30	Donegal (0530), Ballyshannon (0550), Enniskillen (0630), Cavan (0720) & Virginia (0805)
Route 32	Letterkenny (0530), Strabane (0600), Omagh (0630) Monaghan (0715), Castleblayney (0750) & Carrickmacross (0805)
Route 100X	Dundalk (0730) & Drogheda (0800)

Tickets for these services must be **purchased in advance** on www.expressway.ie

All other Bus Éireann **Expressway** intercity services will run as normal and family return tickets represent real value.

All other services will run to a normal Sunday timetable

Diversions in Dublin City Centre

Due to the scale of events taking place in Dublin city centre, **a number of our routes will be diverted and may operate from alternative stops**.

For specific route information and timetables see www.buseireann.ie/popeinireland nearer the time.

Knock

Pope Francis will visit Knock Shrine on the morning of August 26th.

In order to cater for anticipated demand Bus Éireann will operate additional services on the following routes:

Route **440** (Westport to Knock, Athlone to Knock)

Route **421** (Ballina to Knock)

Route **64** (Galway – Knock – Sligo)

In addition to these extra services Bus Éireann will operate a bus shuttle between Claremorris train station and Knock. For those who have a ticket for the event, the bus shuttle service will be free.

Please log onto www.buseireann.ie/popeinireland for further information on all these services