



**YOUTH SECTION 2020**  
**£625.00**



# Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

**31st July—8th August 2020**

**Travel by Express Coach to Lourdes departing on  
Thursday 30th July 2020 from St Robert's School, Washington**

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**Leaving Lourdes on Friday 7th August and returning on Saturday 8th August 2020**

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**Price Includes Seven Nights Full Board Accommodation in 4\* Hotel  
En-suite facilities / Travel Insurance / Channel Ferry Crossing / Return Coach Journey**

**\* PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION SHEET IN A SAFE PLACE \***

## Who is the Youth Section For?

The Youth Section of the Diocesan Pilgrimage is for any young person age 16 (must be 16 by 31st August 2020) up to 25 years of age. If you are outside that age range, you no longer qualify for Youth Status. If you are not included in this, then you need to complete an ordinary Pilgrimage Booking Form available from Tangney Tours or Fr Stott.

## Pilgrimage Costs and Booking Form

The cost of this year's Pilgrimage for those travelling with our Youth Section is **£625.00**. Travel to and from Lourdes is by **Express Coach**. Accommodation will be provided in a 4\* Hotel, sharing a room with up to 3 other young people. *Please state clearly who you would be willing to share with.*

Once you have completed the Booking Form, send it straightaway with a **CHEQUE** (*please do not send cash*) made payable to ...

**'DHN Pilgrimage to Lourdes'** for the deposit of **£100.00**

(NB this is a non-refundable deposit if you decide to cancel), to

**Fr Peter Stott, Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, St Robert's Presbytery,  
Oldgate, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1QF.**

**BACS transfer is available. Bank HSBC, Sort Code: 40-34-18, Account No: 82533839, Account Name: DHN Pilgrimage to Lourdes. N. B. Please make your payee reference the name of the person travelling with the Youth Section.**

The last date for receipt of Booking Forms & deposits is **Thursday 30th April, 2020**. The Final Balance of your Payment (£525.00) must be paid by **Sunday 28th June 2020** made payable to **'DHN Pilgrimage to Lourdes'** and sent to the Pilgrimage Office at the address above.

## Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance of £28.00 is **included** in the cost of your Pilgrimage. This is arranged through Tangney Tours / Global Travel Insurance

## Your Accommodation

Your accommodation in Lourdes is the Hotel Alba. Rooms are shared with up to three other people; some may be in twin rooms. Anyone asking for a **SINGLE** room (including Helpers) will be charged a **Single Room Supplement** a total supplement of £190 in addition to your fare of £625

## Passport

You **DO** need to have your own individual Passport which must be valid for 6 months after the return journey. Please make sure that if you need to apply for a passport you do so as soon as possible to avoid delay.



### Polo Shirts

It is important that you complete the information on the Application Form concerning the Polo Shirts. **If you need to buy more an order form will be sent to you once we receive your booking.**

### Hoodies

We are taking orders for Pilgrimage Hoodies. **If you wish to order one, an order form will be sent to you once we receive your booking.**

### ID Photograph

As part of our pilgrimage security system in Lourdes, all our helpers must wear **Photo Identity Badges**, so please remember to email a **passport style photographs** (head & shoulders against a plain background) **with your name** to [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk)



### Medical Information



It is important that you complete all the Medical Information on your Application Form and return to the Pilgrimage Office. In the event of you becoming ill whilst in Lourdes, your medical information may be passed on to the French medical authorities who will be responsible for your treatment and care.

### European Health Insurance Card

You **must** apply for the European Health Insurance Card [EHIC]. To obtain this card, forms are available from the Post Office or online by following this link ... [www.ehic.org.uk](http://www.ehic.org.uk)

Please remember to get this Card as soon as possible. If you do not have this card you will have to pay for any Medical treatment you receive in



France. Remember to bring it with you on pilgrimage! If you already have a card, **PLEASE CHECK TO MAKE SURE IT HAS NOT EXPIRED!**

### Registration and DBS Checks

All helpers **MUST** register with Father Stott at the Pilgrimage Office at St Robert's, Morpeth before **Thursday 30th April 2020**. Once your Application Form has been received you will then receive a Registration Form and you will be asked to provide two people who can give you a reference—one of them being your priest or minister.

*All of our helpers who are **aged 18 years and over**, must undergo a **Disclosure and Barring Service** check. (DBS). **This is a legal requirement.***

*Those **under 18** will be asked to complete a **Confidential Declaration Form**. Your names will be sent to the Diocesan Safeguarding Office and once that office has received your name, you will be sent the necessary forms to be filled out and returned. If the Safeguarding Office need to contact you, they will write to you shortly after they know of your intention to travel to Lourdes.*

### Pilgrimage Helpers' Preparation Days

This year before we go to Lourdes, we are holding 2 Preparation Days, which ALL helpers **MUST** attend one of these days. This helps those who organise our pilgrimage to go through some important matters and is an opportunity for members of our Nursing, Medical and Hospitalité Team to put across some basic advice on what to do whilst caring for those in your care whilst on pilgrimage and on how to make sure

**YOU MUST TO BE PRESENT AT one of these DAYS so if you work on a Sunday, please make arrangements now to have that day off work**

that you look after yourself also. Our Preparation Days will be held on:

**Sunday 17th May or Sunday 14th June 2020 from 10.00am at Cardinal Hume School, Gateshead. YOU MUST ATTEND ONE OF THESE DAYS.**

If you know of any other young people who are travelling to Lourdes independently and then meeting up to work on the Pilgrimage, could you inform them of these Preparation Days and the need to Register with Father Peter at the Pilgrimage Office as soon as possible.

### Youth Meeting

Fr Michael McCoy will be inviting you to a meeting for all the members of the Youth Section of the Pilgrimage, along with all parents of those who are under 18 years of age.

**This will be held on Wednesday 1st July 2020 at 7pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Clayton Street West, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5HH You MUST attend!!**

### Codes of Conduct

Codes of Conduct are included in the application form. They should be completed and returned with your form. **YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THESE FORMS BEING SIGNED AND RETURNED.** Parents of those under 18 are asked to complete the 'Parental Consent Form' and all members of our Youth Section are asked to sign a Pilgrimage 'Code of Conduct'. It is important that everyone adheres to this Code of Conduct for the wellbeing of all on the pilgrimage. Failure to do so may result in your pilgrimage being cut short and an early return home.

Further information is available from Father Stott on ☎ 01670 513410 or from Father McCoy on ☎ 0191 232 6953.

### IMPORTANT NOTES

- Cheques are to be made payable to '**DHN Pilgrimage to Lourdes**' and your Booking Form and cheque or details of BACS transfer **MUST** be sent to Father Peter Stott, Pilgrimage Director, St. Robert's Presbytery, Oldgate, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 1QF.
- Cancellation by you will take effect on the date we receive this in writing. We will apply the following scale of cancellation charges..... Deposit: Non-refundable. 57—29 days before departure 50% of payment. 28—15 days before departure: 80% of payment. 14 days or less before departure 100% of payment.