

# Hexham and Newcastle

## Hospitalité

June 2022



**'Fellowship, Charity and Friendship'**

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## Dates for your Diary

We hope that our Pilgrimage family had the opportunity to join us in prayer on the Feast of the Annunciation (25th March) and for our special Easter reflection on 22nd April. These liturgies are still available to watch on our [Facebook page](#). Many of our Pilgrimage family planted sunflower seeds for the people of the Ukraine. Please send us pictures of their growth and development! We keep all members of our Lourdes family in our prayers.

### Annual General Meeting

We will hold our Lourdes Hospitalité AGM on **Sunday 26th June 2022** at **St. Aloysius Catholic Church**, Hebburn NE31 1BE. This will begin once the Afternoon Tea celebrations for our Assisted Pilgrims have finished (see page 2). Our AGM will be held from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. All members of Hospitalité are invited to attend the AGM. New members are also welcome to enroll and subscribe to become a member. Please see page 4 of the newsletter for more information on how to become a member of the Lourdes Hospitalité.

During the AGM, there will be nominations and elections to join the Hospitalité Council. We currently have three members whose Term of Office has ended and one vacancy. Attached to the newsletter are nomination forms if any members wish to join the Council. Thank you.

## Remembering our Deceased Friends

Since our last newsletter, sadly we have lost members of our pilgrimage family. Some of our dear friends, have travelled with us to Lourdes for many years and will be greatly missed.

Let us remember them in our prayers.

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| Raymond Fincale      | Maria Quinn      |
| Ernest Atherton      | Margaret Jobling |
| Rev. Fr. Joseph Park | Wynn Schembri    |

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace.*

Our Lady of Lourdes, **pray for them.**

Saint Bernadette, **pray for them.**

We have made every effort to include all names of deceased members of Hospitalité and assisted pilgrims since our last newsletter. If anyone that you know has died, and we have missed their name from the list above, please accept our sincere apologies. Please send us an email to inform us.

### Lourdes TV

Did you know that there is a live webcam at the Grotto in Lourdes? It is possible to log on, day or night and watch any of the Masses or services which may be taking place at the Grotto. Or you may wish to sit in silence and pray. Click this link to find out more: [Lourdes TV](#)

## Afternoon Tea Celebrations

Our Lourdes Hospitalité will be hosting afternoon tea for our Assisted Pilgrims. Our Afternoon Tea celebration will be held on:

**Sunday 26th June 2022 from 2pm - 4pm**

This will be held at :

**St. Aloysius Catholic Church,** Prince Consort Rd, Hebburn NE31 1BE

Please come along and join us for an afternoon of fun, friendship and laughter whilst we enjoy a selection of sandwiches, scones and cakes!

We are also looking for any willing volunteers who would be prepared to meet from 12 noon to help us to make sandwiches or anyone who can donate homemade cakes or scones.

Please RSVP by **Sunday 19th June 2022** if you would like to attend, or would be willing to help  
Please email: [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) or telephone 01665 602012

We look forward to seeing you all there.

This will be followed by our Annual General Meeting from 4:00pm - 5:00pm. If anyone wishes to stay for the Hospitalité AGM, they are most welcome.

### Postal address:

Lourdes Pilgrimage Office / Lourdes Hospitalité  
St. Hilda's Resource Centre  
St. Cuthbert's House  
West Road  
Newcastle Upon Tyne  
NE15 7PY

## Pilgrimage Announcements

We are delighted to announce that Dr. John Taylor was married on 21st May. Dr. John has served on our pilgrimage for many years. We wish Dr. and Mrs. Taylor all the very best for their future together. Congratulations and best wishes to you both!

We would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the Hetherington family for their incredibly kind donation to the Lourdes Hospitalité in memory of Michael Hetherington. Many of you will remember Mick and his devotion to our Pilgrimage. Following his sad death during the Pandemic, the family managed to have a wonderful celebration of his life with all of their relatives and friends. A very generous amount of money was raised for Lourdes Hospitalité and HCPT. Two charities which were very close to Mick's heart. Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.

Please keep Sophie Taylor in your prayers as she receives the Holy Habit of St. Dominic on the 8th August and becomes a novice. Many congratulations Sophie.

Sincere thanks to John and Mark from ID Hair for their incredibly kind donation to the Lourdes Hospitalité. Their charity night was enjoyed by many. Thank you for your support.

If anyone has any special announcements, congratulations or thanks which they would like to publish on our newsletter, please do not hesitate to email the details to the following address: [lourdes.hospitalite@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.hospitalite@rcdhn.org.uk)

## Pilgrimage Reflections

*Pilgrimage to Lourdes has always been a part of my life, my family, and my faith. I travelled on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes every year from being 4 months old until the pandemic; as an annoying child, a youth helper and eventually a team leader. I also had the privilege of many Stages in the Baths serving as part of HNDL and made my Engagement in 2018. One significant experience was travelling to Lourdes at Easter as a teacher with Carmel College (Group 702) as part of HCPT.*

*My consecration to Our Lady of Lourdes and life-long commitment to service and the spirit of Lourdes continues to have a massive impact on my life today. As a postulant with the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, I continue to foster my devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for the needs of the Hospitalité (in Lourdes and in the Diocese) and serve those who need an experience of God's healing and love.*

*So many encounters in Lourdes showed me the grace of God at work in our lives. I have been inspired over the years by countless people who I have served, had chance meetings with, or served alongside. Undoubtedly, all of these people have been conduits of God's love and grace encouraging me to follow His call in my own life. God willing, this summer I will receive the Holy Habit of St. Dominic on the 8th of August and become a novice. Please pray for me as I continue this journey of discernment and prayer. Sr. Sophie Taylor*

## Pilgrimage Reflections

We give thanks for another one of our members who has shared their personal experiences and memories of their Pilgrimage to Lourdes. We hope and pray that we are all together again soon.

*Travelling to Lourdes as part of the Youth Section really is an unforgettable experience. I can't lie and say I wasn't apprehensive and nervous stepping on the coach for the first time at 16, not fully knowing what sort of time I was going to have. Looking back, stepping on that coach was a life changing experience for so many reasons.*

*Lourdes truly is something special. As a young person in our Diocese, going to Lourdes feels like being part of a very close-knit community who are all there to serve. Everyone I have encountered in my several years visiting Lourdes is what continues to draw me back.*

*For me, one of the most important parts of travelling with the Youth section, is the time we have to give. Life can so often be full of hustle and bustle, but Lourdes offers time to pause. I feel so lucky to have had the time to chat with pilgrims who have such wisdom, worldly experience and a good joke to tell.*

*For me, that is what Lourdes is all about. Taking time to connect with people of all ages, from different places but who all share the love of Lourdes and the hope it brings to all who return year after year. Sarah Fowler.*

### Can you help us?

We are continually looking for new and innovative ways to support *Hospitalité at Home*. Feel free to email us with your ideas!

## Keep in Touch

There are now several ways to keep in touch and contact members of the Pilgrimage Team.

For enquiries relating to the general Pilgrimage, please email: [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk)

For enquiries which relate to the Youth Team, please email: [lourdes.youth@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.youth@rcdhn.org.uk)

For Lourdes Hospitalité events and enquiries, please email: [lourdes.hospitalite@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.hospitalite@rcdhn.org.uk)

Please search for our Pilgrimage website at: [www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk)

Please search for our Lourdes Hospitalité YouTube Channel at: [HN-Lourdes Hospitalite](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Please search for our Pilgrimage Facebook Page at: [Hexham and Newcastle Pilgrimage to Lourdes](https://www.facebook.com/HexhamandNewcastlePilgrimagetoLourdes)

## A Prayer for Ukraine

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

## Petitions to Our Lady

Some members of our Lourdes Hospitalité will be going to Lourdes during August. If any of our pilgrimage family would like a petition taking to the Grotto, please bring these along to the Afternoon Tea or AGM. Or alternatively, email these to [lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk) by **Friday 15th July**. All petitions will be treated confidentially and kept securely.

From Friday 29th July to Friday 5th August, there will be several opportunities to join together in prayer via our Social Media pages. Please look out for further details to follow.

We hope that as many of you can join us virtually for our *Hospitalité at Home* prayer events. If you are unable to join us virtually, please know that we will all be together in prayer. We look forward to being reunited again on Pilgrimage in 2023.

## The Relics of St. Bernadette

The relics of St. Bernadette will travel from the Upper Basilica in Lourdes to every Catholic Cathedral in the United Kingdom in 2022.

The relics will be in St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle on **1st and 2nd October 2022**.

Canon Christopher Thomas, the General Secretary of the CBCEW says that "The visit of the relics will remind British Catholics of the importance of pilgrimage in our lives."

Please save the date and look out for further information from Parishes and via our Lourdes Hospitalité news pages.



## Membership to the Hospitalité

Membership to the Lourdes Hospitalité is open to all, who are sixteen years old or over, and willing to support the aims and objectives of the Hospitalité. If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete the attached forms and send them to our postal address or via email to: [lourdes.hospitalite@rcdhn.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.hospitalite@rcdhn.org.uk)

Please remember to complete the subscription **even if you are an existing member**, to be added to our annual database. Thank you.

## Aims and Objectives

The Hospitalité is a Christian organisation of those who work together, through Mary to Jesus:

- to foster a special devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes
- to be able to provide pastoral care and support to all who need it, especially those in special need, such as sick, disabled and those who care for them
- to provide this care and support and to contribute to the Hospitalité's aims during the annual Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes
- to carry out the work of the Hospitalité in the spirit of fellowship, charity and friendship, which is in keeping with the ministry of the laity in the church

## What's included ...

You don't need to travel to Lourdes annually to become a member of Hospitalité. An important part of our aims and objectives is promoting '*Hospitalité at Home*'. We love to involve as many people as possible in *Hospitalité at Home* events.

As part of your membership you will be enrolled during the Lourdes Hospitalité AGM. Throughout the year, we aim to keep you updated with regular newsletters to share Hospitalité news, events and fundraising opportunities. You will also receive a complimentary Lourdes Hospitalité pen!

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

## How your membership helps

Money raised though Hospitalité membership and fundraising plays a crucial part in the running of our annual pilgrimage.



Over the years, membership and fundraising events have helped to pay for specialist medical equipment - such as Promove Slings, the hire of a van to transport much needed supplies via land to Lourdes and additional resources for the Assisted Pilgrims stay in the Accueil Marie Saint-Frai. Thank you everyone!

## Annual Subscription

It is time to renew our Lourdes Hospitalité membership. This runs from April 2022 to March 2023. The membership fees, per person, are as follows:

Full rate - £10.00

Reduced rate £5.00

(student, senior citizen)

There are several ways to pay:

1. A cheque made payable to  
*DHN Lourdes Hospitalite*
2. Cash

Please post cheques or cash to our postal address at St. Hilda's Resource Centre.

3. A Bank Transfer

Account Name: *DHN Lourdes Hospitalite*

Sort Code: 40-34-18

Account Number: 62411857

Bank: HSBC

Please use your full name as a reference.

4. An annual Standing Order

If you already pay via a standing order, you need do nothing further. In all cases, please complete the attached Membership Application / Renewal Form. Don't forget that you can Gift Aid your membership. Please see the declaration form attached.

Thank you for your support and generosity.