



STONYHURST PILGRIMAGE TRUST

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April 2024

Dear Friends of Stonyhurst,

The details for the Catholic Association pilgrimage have now been finalised and I am delighted to invite you to join the Stonyhurst group. It has taken time to complete all the arrangements this year. The pilgrimage will once again be medically supported, and we will welcome anybody who needs this support.

The flights will be from Stansted and Birmingham once again. The return flight to Birmingham will be the first flight to leave Lourdes at the end of the Pilgrimage. Those needing support will be staying in the Accueil St Frai, which is in the middle of the town. Many of you will be familiar with it as the daily Stonyhurst Mass has been said in the chapel there. The other members of the group will be staying in the Hotel Padoue where the staff have looked after us so well over many years.

Once again, the Catholic Association will be offering a subsidy for Assisted Pilgrims staying in the Accueil, and for helpers who will be travelling on the Catholic Association flights. Please apply early as the numbers of subsidies are limited. The Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust can also offer some financial support, so do ask us if support is needed to enable you to join the pilgrimage. Also, please encourage friends and fellow parishioners to join the pilgrimage.

Once again, we are fortunate to have Fr Nick King as our spiritual director, and he will also be the Catholic Association chaplain.

The Sanctuary of Lourdes has proposed a pastoral theme based on the words that Mary entrusted to Bernadette on 2nd March 1858 – “Go and tell the priests that a chapel be built here, and the people should come here in procession.” This year the emphasis is on the last part – “that they come here in procession.” While in Lourdes we shall reflect on these words and how they remain useful and practical now just as when Mary spoke to Bernadette.

Please do complete the application forms and encourage others to sign up and experience this extraordinary place where Our Lady speaks to each one of us.

If you would like to join us, and if you need help, please apply to:

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The relevant details of the 2024 Pilgrimage are as follows:

1. Travel

Air

Flights will be from Birmingham and Stansted.

Shuttle Coach

A shuttle coach will be available (return charge to be confirmed at approx. £40.00 per person), travelling from Stonyhurst to Birmingham Airport and return. Confirmation of the timing of the coach, and of the charge, will be made available when the Pilgrimage Booklet is sent out later this year.

Hotel

The Stonyhurst group will again stay at the **Hotel Padoue**, which is very close to the Lourdes Domaine.

2. Prices

Hotel Padoue

The full-board price for pilgrims travelling by air is **£1055.00**.

Insurance

Travel Insurance can be arranged through the tour operators, Tangney Tours, at a price of **£23.50 for those aged 2 – 17, £47.00 for those aged 18 – 90 and £199 for those aged 91+**. All pilgrims are recommended to take out comprehensive travel insurance, although they are of course free to make their own arrangements in this respect. It is recommended that the level and extent of the insurance cover should be carefully checked. Details of the cover arranged through Tangney Tours are set out in their booking form.

Single-room supplement

For those wishing to reserve single rooms in the Hotel Padoue, there will be a supplement payable of **£245** for the full week.

Independent Travellers

The flight only cost is **£605** per person through Tangney Tours. The daily rate for independent travellers who wish to book their accommodation at the Hotel Padoue through Tangney Tours is **£75** per night, plus the single room supplement if applicable; the CA levy of **£30** will also be added to the invoice.



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3. Subsidies

Thanks to the generosity of benefactors in the past, Trust Funds are available for the following principal rebates and subsidies: -

- Stonyhurst pupils - £500.00 places are available when travelling by air with Tangney Tours.
- Full-time OS students – £500.00 places are available when travelling by air with Tangney Tours.
- Independent OS students and pupils – £250.00 subsidy.
- Families of four or more members (where each member is working as a helper on the pilgrimage) – as in 1 and 2 above if applicable, and £130.00 per head in respect of other members.
- Discretionary subsidies are also available for assisted sick pilgrims and for others in our group in need of financial assistance. Further information on all rebates and subsidies is available on request.
- Student and pupil subsidies will be paid in advance of the pilgrimage. Please send your Tangney booking form with your deposit of £200.00 and the insurance premium to Tangney Tours. Please then send your invoice and your balancing payment of £300.00 (which can be made by entering your card details on the remittance slip on your invoice) to Mrs Sillitoe at the College. The Trust will then process the invoice. Please ensure that your invoice and balancing payment, is submitted to us at least two weeks before the final payment due date.

4. Wheelchairs at Airports

Please indicate on the Stonyhurst registration form whether you need an airport wheelchair for your use at Birmingham or Stansted, and in addition if you would like the Trust to provide a wheelchair for your use in Lourdes.

5. Action required

- If you would like to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes this year with the Stonyhurst Group, then please complete the Tangney Tours booking form, one per person, (or you can book online the links are in the accompanying email) and confirm the following:
- That you wish to stay at the Hotel Padoue, and the room type you require.
- Whether you want a wheelchair in Lourdes.
- Your preferred departure airport, or if travelling independently please select hotel and write on the form 'accommodation only'.
- Post (or complete online) the Tangney Tours booking form to Tangney Tours at the address at the bottom of the booking form (**NOT** to Stonyhurst), enclosing a deposit of £200.00 plus £47 (or applicable fee) for travel insurance if you wish Tangney Tours to arrange the travel insurance. Complete one Tangney booking form per person and one deposit per person.



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- Complete the attached Stonyhurst registration form (all the names in your party can go on one form) and send it as soon as possible, either online, or by post to: Mrs Beverley Sillitoe, Secretary, Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 9PZ.
- Volunteer Helper Form – If you would like to volunteer as a helper on the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes please complete the Volunteer Helper Form which can be found on the Catholic Association website at: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/apply-now>
- Complete the CA medical form and return by post to Dr N Mellows at the address on the form.

6. Further information

Approximately fourteen days before the departure date you will receive: -

- From Tangney Tours – all travel details, tickets etc.
- From Stonyhurst – the Pilgrimage Booklet containing comprehensive information with regard to the Pilgrimage, the proposed timetable for the Pilgrimage and other details.

7. Preparation Day for Helpers

The date for the Preparation Day at Stonyhurst is Saturday 4th May at 10.00am. Lunch will be provided, and it is expected to finish by 2.00pm. It is compulsory for all new helpers and for those who have not accompanied the CA pilgrimage in the past three years. **Pupils at Stonyhurst College should note that their attendance is compulsory!** A further date for those in the south will be confirmed shortly.

8. Fund-raising

The Pilgrimage Trust is in constant need of additional financial resources in order to support assisted pilgrims, helpers and nurses. If you are able to assist by making a regular donation, monthly or annually, to the Trust, however small, the Trustees would be extremely grateful.

9. Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers those who have died since our last pilgrimage:

Julia Brotherton
Christine Collins
David Little
Sara Metcalf
Mary Richards

May they rest in peace.

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Kindest regards and best wishes to you all.

Nuala Mellows

Dr Nuala Mellows – Chairman, Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust

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