**Information about the 2025 Pilgrimage**

1. **Travel**

* Flights will be from Birmingham and Stansted.
* 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.
* The Stonyhurst group will again stay at the Hotel Padoue, which is very close to the Lourdes Domaine.
* Our assisted pilgrims needing medical support will stay at the Accueil Notre Dame

1. **Prices and Insurance**

* The full-board price for pilgrims travelling by air and staying in the Hotel Padoue is £1127.00.
* Tangney Tours travel insurance is now automatically included in the tour cost for residents of the UK travelling to Europe. It covers individuals up to the age of 95 at the time of travel, as well as a multitude of pre-existing conditions. Their policy will be shared to you when payment is made for your booking.
* For those wishing to reserve single rooms in the Hotel Padoue, there will be a supplement payable of £245 for the full week.
* The flight only cost is £667 per person
* The accommodation only cost, staying at the Padoue is £75 per night, plus the single room supplement if applicable. The CA levy of £30 will also be added to the invoice.
* The cost for assisted pilgrims staying in the Accueil is £500, this is being subsidised by the CA and by the Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust.

1. **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.
* OS students and pupils travelling independently – £250.00 grant.
* Families of four or more members (where each member is working as a helper on the pilgrimage) as 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.

1. **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 us to provide a wheelchair for your use in Lourdes.

1. **Action required**

If you would like to join the pilgrimage to Lourdes this year with the Stonyhurst Group, then please **complete the online Tangney Tours booking form** through the links below.

* Travelling from Birmingham:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-ca-bhx/>

* Travelling from Stansted:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-ca-stn/>

* **Complete the online Catholic Association registration form**: [CA Registration Form](https://form.jotform.com/243236308399059)

Please note this form should be completed by **ALL** pilgrims and replaces the helpers/medical form from previous years.

* **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 by email, or by post to: Mrs Beverley Sillitoe, Secretary, Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust, 15 Henfield Close, Altham, Lancashire BB5 5WP

1. **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 regarding the Pilgrimage, the proposed timetable for the Pilgrimage and other details.

1. **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.

1. **Rest in Peace**

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

*Barbara Lawton*

May they rest in peace.

Kindest regards and best wishes to you all.



Dr Nuala Mellows – Chairman, Stonyhurst Pilgrimage Trust

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