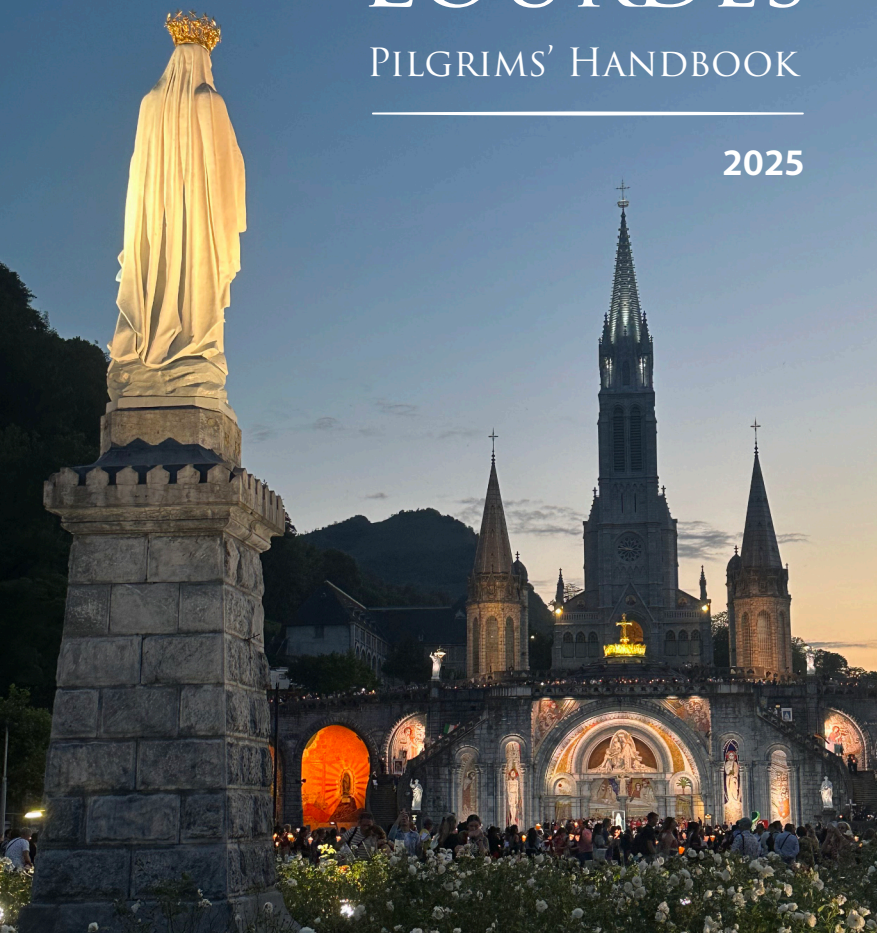


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LORD, THE WORD WHO IS LIFE.

May all the people of our Diocese
grow in openness
to the power of the Holy Spirit,
so that through a growth in understanding
and courage,
and truly open to your call,
we may bear powerful witness
to all around us,
for you are Lord for ever and ever,

AMEN.



NAME _____

HOTEL IN LOURDES OR ACCUEIL _____

THE BENEDICTUS

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel!
He has visited his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up for us a mighty saviour
in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy men,
those who were his prophets from of old.

A saviour who would free us from our foes,
from the hands of all who hate us.
So his love for our fathers is fulfilled
and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes,
we might serve him in holiness and justice
all the days of our life in his presence.

As for you, little child,
you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High.
You shall go ahead of the Lord
to prepare his ways before him,

To make known to his people their salvation
through forgiveness of all their sins,
the loving-kindness of the heart of our God
who visits us like the dawn from on high.

He will give light to those in darkness,
those who dwell in the shadow of death,
and guide us into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father...

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THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Dear fellow pilgrims,

The opportunity to make the pilgrimage to Lourdes is a blessing beyond measure for every pilgrim and we are especially blessed to travel in this Jubilee year, when we celebrate both the worldwide Jubilee of Hope and the 60th anniversary of our Diocese.

We travel 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope' and bring with us in our hearts and our prayers those who cannot travel this year, those who were with us on previous pilgrimages and have now gone before us marked with the sign of faith, and the needs of a world that is torn apart in so many ways.

As we make our pilgrimage of life we are witnesses to hope which, in the words of the late Pope Francis, is 'born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross'. We know that hope 'does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love' (*Spes non Confundit*, 3).

The mutual love and service offered by and to all pilgrims during our time in Lourdes – through words of kindness, prayers and acts of practical service performed in the Spirit of Jesus – carries with it rich seeds of hope, springing up to bear fruit both for us here in Lourdes and, when we return home, for the life of our whole Diocese.

Let us be open to every grace that we are called to receive during our pilgrimage, and to everything that Our Lord, through Our Lady of Lourdes, may ask of us.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard", with a cross symbol at the beginning.

Bishop of Arundel & Brighton

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SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

On the Arundel & Brighton Lourdes Pilgrimage we regard the welfare of children and vulnerable adult pilgrims as our priority.

Pope Francis emphasised that safeguarding minors and vulnerable adults is a core responsibility of the Church, requiring a culture of protection and zero tolerance for abuse, with all members, including clergy and lay leaders, obligated to report and act on any credible allegation. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all members of the Church, regardless of their role or position.

We are a pilgrimage who are committed not only to keeping everyone safe to the best of our ability but also to ensuring all helpers and those in leadership roles are equipped to manage and address any concerns, allegations or worries that may arise.

We constantly review whether our safeguarding procedures are up to date and robust enough to keep all our pilgrims safe on our Pilgrimage.

For 2025, we have been very pleased to be rolling out new and improved safeguarding training for all helpers and those in leadership roles alongside the British Lourdes Medical Association training. Our commitment to everyone's safety means that unless those people who are required to complete training as part of their role have done so we cannot consider them formally as our helpers.

However, this cannot be done in isolation and safeguarding our vulnerable pilgrims, on the pilgrimage or for when they return home, depends and relies on you all to be our eyes and ears and be brave enough to sometimes make what can be difficult decisions should you be faced with a possible safeguarding issue that you need to report to the safeguarding team.

Please be reassured you are never on your own and you will be supported, and know that all matters are treated in the strictest confidence.

'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.' Proverbs 31:8-9

Thank you for your support. God bless and I wish you a wonderful, holy and safe Pilgrimage

Dilhara (DD) Fernando

A&B Safeguarding Lead and Co-Hospitalité President

WHAT IS A PILGRIM?

A pilgrim is a searcher. Restless, seeking truth or meaning, he or she goes on a journey. The beginning is modest, but significant.

'The journey of 1,000 miles begins with one step,' say the Chinese. 'I will go on-line and complete an application form for this year's pilgrimage,' say we. This first step leads to a tradition born in the Middle Ages when many people went on pilgrimage to holy places. It was tourism, mediaeval style. People in those days were wise. They said that there are two types of pilgrimage: the physical (like going from London to Canterbury to pray at the tomb of St Thomas Becket) and the spiritual (engaging in an active inner search). The first was good; the second was better and nobler.

So who is a pilgrim? We all are, both individually and as a people. I am a pilgrim person. I am on a physical and spiritual journey. I need healing. During my week's pilgrimage I will live this experience intensely, through journeying in Lourdes: meeting strangers, making friends, exchanging stories, caring for people, moving out from the prison which often holds me back. And engaging in prayer, meeting Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, finding some dark bits that I do not like, and then finding relief and release in God's loving forgiveness. My journey to Lourdes will teach me many things, and not least the importance of prayer. One peaceful moment at the Grotto in the presence of Our Lady can be a life-changing experience.

But there is more to life than me. 'No man is an island entire of itself' is what the poet John Donne said. 'Every man is a piece of the continent.' We are a pilgrim church: on the road but not there yet. We have each other, a guide and a destination: heaven and eternal life. We are always open to letting people follow at their pace and picking up stragglers at any time. We belong, as part of a Hotel group or the Accueil, and in belonging, we are important. In Lourdes, we learn particularly how important the sick are to our community. Through them we discover our universal fragility and our need of healing.



YOUTH MISSION STATEMENT

Growing in faith, sharing in love

The Lourdes Youth Teams exist to lead young people on the Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to a closer encounter with Jesus. Led by Bishop Richard, they seek to implement his pastoral priorities of prayer, formation, and mission by helping young people discover the joy of following Christ through a combination of learning, serving, prayer and the sacraments. The teams aim to empower them to explore the meaning of discipleship in Lourdes and encourage them to connect with their local parishes on their return, continuing their journey of faith.

Build: The youth teams aspire to build a sense of community, where all are welcome and know they belong: where young people can truly connect with each other and become more aware of God, active in their lives.

Serve: Throughout the pilgrimage, young people will be provided with the opportunity to serve others, learning that we are all made in the image and likeness of God, and are therefore worthy of love, respect, and friendship.

Pray: A key component of the pilgrimage is to enable the young people to strengthen their relationship with God by spending time with Him in prayer. No matter what their starting point, the purpose is to enable them to encounter the Lord in a deeper way.

Explore: Shared time together will provide the opportunity for young people to learn more about the faith whilst offering a safe space to ask questions, discuss doubts, and explore God's call on their lives.

Connect: The young people will be encouraged to connect with the Universal Church by witnessing pilgrims from across the world, learning more about the saints (St Bernadette) and being invited to understand Mary as Mother of us all.

'When God touches the heart of a young man or woman, they become capable of tremendous things.'

Pope Francis' Message for the 32nd World Youth Day,
Vatican, 27 February 2017

LOURDES YOUTH TEAMS

Children's Liturgy

Young people under the age of 7: Years 1-2 at Primary School

Orangeshirts

Young people aged 7 & 10: Years 3-5 at Primary School

Greenshirts

Young people aged 11 & 14: Years 6-9 at Secondary School

Redshirts

Young people aged 15 & 16: Years 10 and 11 at Secondary School

Purpleshirts

Young people aged 17, in school year 12 at Secondary School

Encounter

Young people aged 18 by 31st August following the pilgrimage, up to age 30



BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

by Catherine Baril

A Family in Need

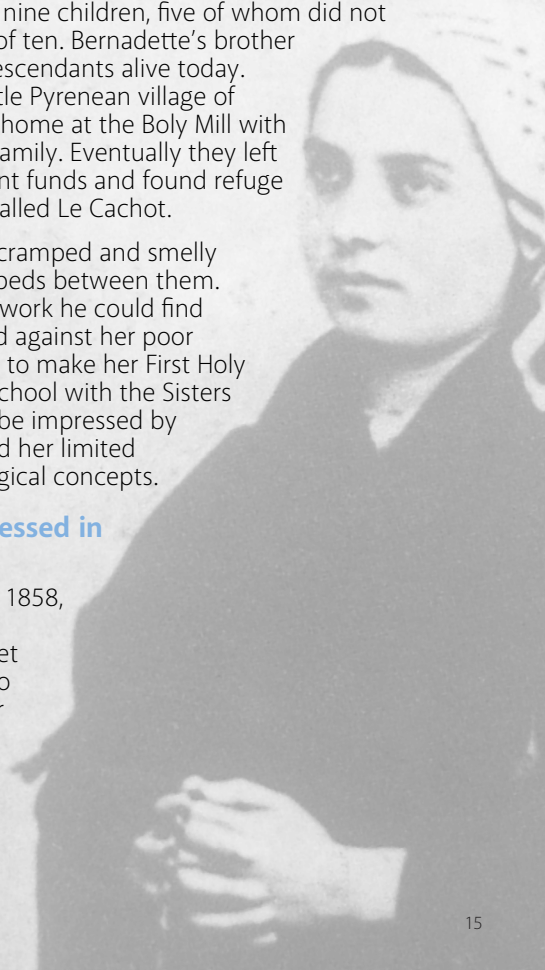
On 7 January 1844 François and Louise Soubirous (formerly Casterot) gave birth to their first child. They named her Bernadette. She was baptised two days later, on her parents' first wedding anniversary. Her baptismal name was Marie-Bernarde.

François and Louise had nine children, five of whom did not survive beyond the age of ten. Bernadette's brother Jean-Marie, alone, has descendants alive today. The family lived in the little Pyrenean village of Lourdes and made their home at the Boly Mill with the rest of the Casterot family. Eventually they left the mill due to insufficient funds and found refuge in a disused prison cell called Le Cachot.

The family of six lived in cramped and smelly conditions, sharing two beds between them. François accepted what work he could find whilst Bernadette battled against her poor health. Her strong desire to make her First Holy Communion led her to school with the Sisters of Nevers, who failed to be impressed by the fourteen year old and her limited understanding of theological concepts.

The 'Beautiful Girl Dressed in White'

On Thursday 11 February 1858, despite her mother's reluctance, Bernadette set out into the bitter cold to gather firewood with her sister, Toinette, and a friend, Jeanne Abadie (nicknamed Baloume). Together the girls arrived at the Grotto of Massabielle, where



Toinette and Baloume hurriedly crossed the freezing waters of the millstream to collect firewood. Determined not to be defeated by her asthma, Bernadette bent down to remove her footwear. As she did so, she heard a noise like a gust of wind. The noise was repeated. As she looked up at the Grotto she saw the branches of a wild rosebush moving. Out of the darkness of the cave appeared a soft light, followed by a beautiful girl dressed in white who smiled and beckoned her. Bernadette rubbed her eyes but the smiling girl did not disappear. Deciding to reach into her apron for her rosary, Bernadette became afraid and her hand fell.

The Vision made the Sign of the Cross. Bernadette copied her and all fear vanished. She knelt and said the rosary as the Lady silently fingered her rosary beads. When the Vision signed for her to approach, Bernadette did not dare, and the beautiful girl dressed in white disappeared.

The Second Apparition

François and Louise soon became concerned by their eldest daughter's tales of 'Aquerò' – a respectful term in the local dialect meaning 'that' – and forbade her from going to Massabielle. Three days passed before Bernadette was able to return. After High Mass on Sunday 14 February, during the second decade of the rosary, the Lady appeared to her. Bernadette sprinkled some holy water towards the apparition and asked her to step forward if she was from God. The Lady smiled and moved slightly towards Bernadette. Meanwhile Baloume, who had pushed a small boulder down the cliff face, prompted Bernadette's companions to flee from the scene in fear and in search of the local miller. That miller, Nicolau, said that he had never seen anything more beautiful than Bernadette in a state of ecstasy.

A Fortnight of Apparitions

Rumours spread quickly about the young girl who was having visions. During the third apparition, on Thursday 18 February 1858, the Lady asked Bernadette to come to the Grotto of Massabielle every day for fifteen days. The apparition told Bernadette: 'I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the other.'

'Pray for sinners'

On Sunday 21 February, the crowd had swollen to over a hundred. Bernadette revealed that during the apparition the Lady looked sad and said: 'Pray for sinners.' Dr Dozous, a local doctor, examined

Bernadette while she was in ecstasy. He found her pulse and breathing to be normal with no sign of excitement (despite his initial scepticism he later became convinced that Our Lady had truly appeared to Bernadette).

‘Penitence, penitence, penitence’

Soon the police became involved and Police Commissioner Jacomet interrogated Bernadette (he too later admitted that he was convinced that the girl was genuine). Bernadette always remained faithful to her account of what she had seen, including during later interrogations by the Imperial Prosecutor, Dutour. Meanwhile François had been persuaded by Jacomet to forbid Bernadette returning to the Grotto. He could not keep his daughter away for long. Bernadette said to her parents, ‘I must disobey you or Aquerò.’ Early in the morning of Tuesday 23 February, the Lady appeared to Bernadette at the Grotto and remained with her for an hour, during which she gave Bernadette three secrets, none of which Bernadette ever revealed. At the following apparition, three hundred people were present to hear Bernadette pass on the Lady’s message of ‘Penitence, penitence, penitence.’

‘Go and drink at the spring and wash yourself in it’

The apparition of Thursday 25 February caused widespread astonishment. Kissing the ground as an act of penitence for sinners, Bernadette began to scrape the earth at the back of the cave, plastering her face with the muddy water and drinking it. She later revealed that the Lady had said to her: ‘Go and drink at the spring and wash yourself in it.’ Not seeing any water, Bernadette had made her way towards the stream but the Lady called her back and indicated to the back of the cave. Later that day some returned and found a hole filled with water ‘as big as a soup tureen’ but the more people drank from it the bigger the hole and the clearer the water became.

Cures

It is estimated that over a thousand people were present for the eleventh apparition on Sunday 28 February. A visiting priest attended the twelfth apparition, unaware of the clerical ban imposed by the Abbé Peyramale and was profoundly moved by Bernadette’s ecstasy and the crowd’s silent prayer. It was on this day that the first of seven cures, proclaimed by Monseigneur Laurence to be the ‘work of God’ in a mandate on 18 January 1862, occurred.

Catherine Latapie-Chouat of Loubajac, who lived about four miles from Lourdes, suffered from a paralysed right arm, a considerable disadvantage for someone whose livelihood depended on work such as spinning and knitting. She travelled to the Grotto with her two youngest children and plunged her arm into the pool of water discovered by Bernadette. Quite suddenly her arm became supple but almost immediately she started to have labour pains: she was nine months pregnant. She rushed home and gave birth within minutes of her return. She was thirty-nine years old.

The spring now gushes forth several thousand gallons of water a day. The water has been tested for healing properties by scientists but they found none. Lourdes has become known for its 'miracles', 'works of God' and uncountable incidences of healing.

A Chapel and a Procession

In the apparition of Tuesday 2 March, the Lady gave Bernadette two messages: 'Go and tell the priests to build a chapel' and 'People are to come here in procession.' Abbé Peyramale, to whom Bernadette imparted these messages, was a good man despite his gruff manner but was unhappy at the prospect of organised processions to the Grotto. Unaccustomed to taking instructions, he commanded Bernadette to ask the Lady for her name. During the following apparition, however, the Lady simply smiled when Bernadette passed on his request and Bernadette returned to the parish priest with the reiterated message: 'The Lady still wants the chapel.' Abbé Peyramale told Bernadette to ask the Lady for a sign. Perhaps she could make the rosebush at the Grotto flower – then he would build her chapel!

'Que soy era Immaculada Councepciou'

Thursday 4 March marked the last apparition of the fortnight. The whole town was in a state of excitement. A large group had been praying through the night and officials made elaborate plans to control the crowd. Estimates have varied between eight and twenty thousand people present. Silence fell among the crowd as Bernadette arrived shortly after seven in the morning and began to recite her rosary, moving about the Grotto on her knees. The apparition lasted about an hour, without incident, signs or revelation of the Lady's name.

It was three weeks before Bernadette returned to the Grotto. On Thursday 25 March, the feast of the Annunciation, Bernadette awoke at 4am with a compelling desire to go to the Grotto. When she arrived at the Grotto, Bernadette found the Lady waiting for her and was overjoyed.

After praying the rosary, Bernadette asked four times for the Lady's name. At the fourth request, Aquerò stretched out her arms at her side, joined them at her breast and raised her eyes to the sky as she said: 'Que soy era Immaculada Councepciou' (I am the Immaculate Conception). Bernadette rushed to the presbytery to tell the parish priest, who outwardly dismissed the girl's statement. Inwardly he knew that the illiterate Bernadette could not have made this up. The Church had declared the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception four years previously. 'So it is the Blessed Virgin,' he thought to himself.

Barricading the Grotto

Wednesday 7 April marked the seventeenth apparition. While in ecstasy, Bernadette was unaware that the flame of a candle that she was holding licked her cupped hands for several minutes. Upon inspection of her hands Dr Dozous found not the slightest trace of burns. After the apparition, the public authorities barricaded the Grotto. The Prefect at Tarbes, Baron Massy, tried to discredit the events as well as Bernadette, whom he attempted to admit to a mental institution. Abbé Peyramale, who had become a great friend and support to Bernadette, defended her but the Grotto remained closed.

First Holy Communion

Bernadette made her First Holy Communion on Thursday 3 June, the feast of Corpus Christi, at the Convent of Sisters of Charity. On being asked whether her First Holy Communion or the Apparitions made her happier, she replied: 'The two things go together but they cannot be compared. I was very happy with both.'

The Final Apparition

At about seven o'clock in the evening on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bernadette saw the final apparition from the meadow beyond the far bank of the Gave, having been prevented by the barricades and the crowds from entering the Grotto. She later remarked that it was as though she was in her beloved Grotto itself and that the Lady was more beautiful than she had ever seen her.

The Commission of Enquiry

On 28 July 1858 Monseigneur Laurence, the Bishop of Tarbes, set up a Commission to make a complete and thorough inquiry into the events at Massabielle, which lasted three years. The bishop announced its findings on 18 January 1862: 'It is our judgement that Mary Immaculate, Mother of God, did really appear to Bernadette Soubirous on 11 February 1858, and on subsequent days, eighteen times in all, in the Grotto of Massabielle, close to the town of Lourdes.'

Sister Marie-Bernarde

Bernadette faced constant curiosity from outsiders and extremely poor health. She soon moved to the hospice run by the Sisters of Charity in Lourdes, where she remained for six years until she moved to the Convent of St Gildard and community of the Sisters of Charity in Nevers. She only referred to the apparitions when asked, saying: 'I know nothing. I am good for nothing, useless.' Before leaving Lourdes on 4 July 1866, Bernadette was present at the inauguration of the Crypt, the 'Chapel' requested by Our Lady. She bid farewell to her beloved Grotto, later saying: 'The Grotto was my heaven; you will find me there at the foot of the rock.'

Within three months of arrival in Nevers, she received the 'Last Rites' on what was considered to be her death bed. At the same time, she took her vows of simple profession, repeated publicly in October 1867. As Sister Marie-Bernarde, she tried to live a life of obscurity and devotion to her tasks as a nun but in 1874 she became too ill for active duties, suffering from chronic asthma, constant chest pains, abscesses, a tumour on the knee and bone decay. Bernadette died on 16 April 1879, aged 35.

Thirty years later, her body was exhumed in the cause of her beatification and was found to be in a state of perfect preservation: there was no decay. After re-burial, her body was exhumed in 1913 and finally in 1925. Her body was placed in a glass casket and now rests in the chapel of the convent of St Gildard in Nevers. Pope Pius XI proclaimed Bernadette a Saint on 8 December 1933, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

SOME WORDS OF BERNADETTE

I must belong entirely to God,
and to God alone. Never to myself.

I shall spend every moment loving

I fear nothing because I have
always told the truth.

I shall always have enough health,
but never enough love
for Our Blessed Lord.

I must die to myself continually
and accept trials without complaining.

I shall not live an instant without loving.

I am entrusted with telling you what I have seen and heard;
I am not entrusted with making you believe it.

I was a broom for the Virgin Mary;
when she no longer needed me she put me in my right place,
which was behind the door.

It is not necessary to give each other a keepsake when we
love each other, but remember we must love and help others
without counting the cost.

Jesus came on earth to be my model.
I want to follow him and walk generously in his footsteps.

O Mary, my good Mother,
help me follow your example to be generous in every sacrifice
Our Lord may ask of me during my life.

One who loves does not notice her trials;
or perhaps more accurately, she is able to love [her trials].

From this moment on,
anything concerning me is no longer of any interest to me.

I work. I suffer and I love with no other witness than his heart.

SANCTUARY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Sanctuary area covers 53 hectares and has 22 places of worship, including the Grotto of the Apparitions.

The Grotto of Massabielle

This small cave is at the very heart of Lourdes. It is where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette 18 times in 1858: a place where heaven and earth touched. Ever since that time, it has been a place of pilgrimage, prayer and contemplation.

In a niche above and to the right of the Grotto is a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. On the ground in front of the Grotto and slightly to the left is a plaque marking the spot where Bernadette knelt in prayer during the first apparition. Benches often cover the plaque, so it is not always easy to find. Another plaque immediately in front of the Grotto shows where Pope John Paul II knelt in prayer on his visit to Lourdes.

At the back of the Grotto, on the left, is the spring discovered by Bernadette on 25 February 1858. The water is channelled to the Baths and the taps. Behind the altar, which is made of solid rock, there is a box for pilgrims' petitions. Pilgrims move silently through the Grotto, usually entering from the left as we face it and departing to the right.

Mass is celebrated in the Grotto each day (times and languages of the Masses are shown at the Information Centre). The last Mass of the day is at 11pm and is usually in French. Many pilgrims like to visit the Grotto on every day of their pilgrimage.



The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Begun in 1866 and built high up above the Grotto and Rosary Square, this is the chapel requested by the Virgin Mary during the 13th apparition: 'Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here and that people should come in procession'.

The Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary

This basilica, beneath the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, contains 15 side chapels, each dedicated to one of the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, illustrated in mosaic.

The Adoration Chapel

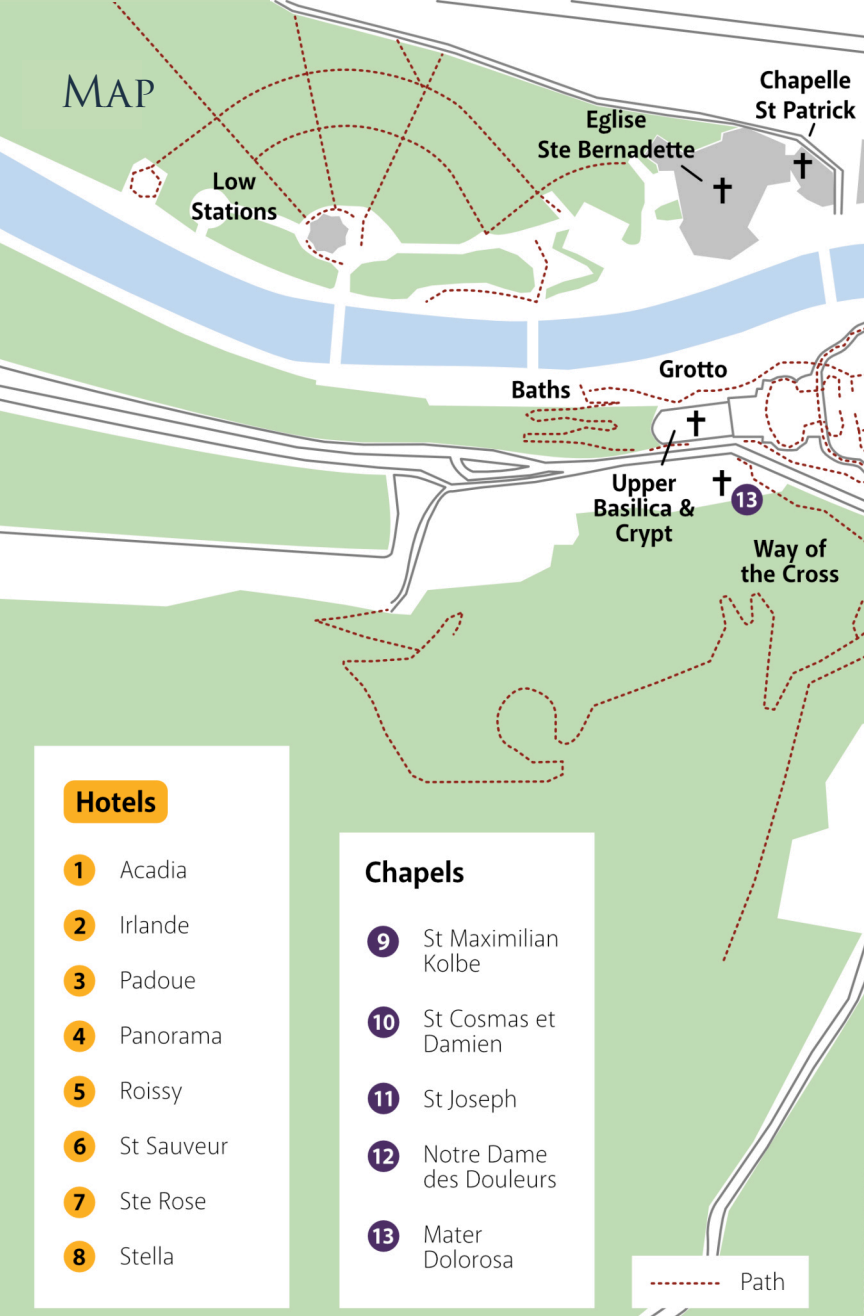
The Adoration Chapel is to the left of the Church of St Bernadette and is easy to miss! It is open for silent prayer throughout the day and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6am to 11pm each day in the summer. The chapel is built on twelve pillars representing the twelve apostles and is a haven of peace and prayer.

The Basilica of St Pius X: The Underground Basilica

Opened in 1958 for the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions, this basilica is an extraordinary piece of architecture, due to its enormous dimensions, its modern forms which are like those of no other contemporary religious building, and its use of modern materials such as pre-stressed concrete. It is where International Masses, large gatherings, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the blessing of the sick at the end of the Eucharistic Procession take place.



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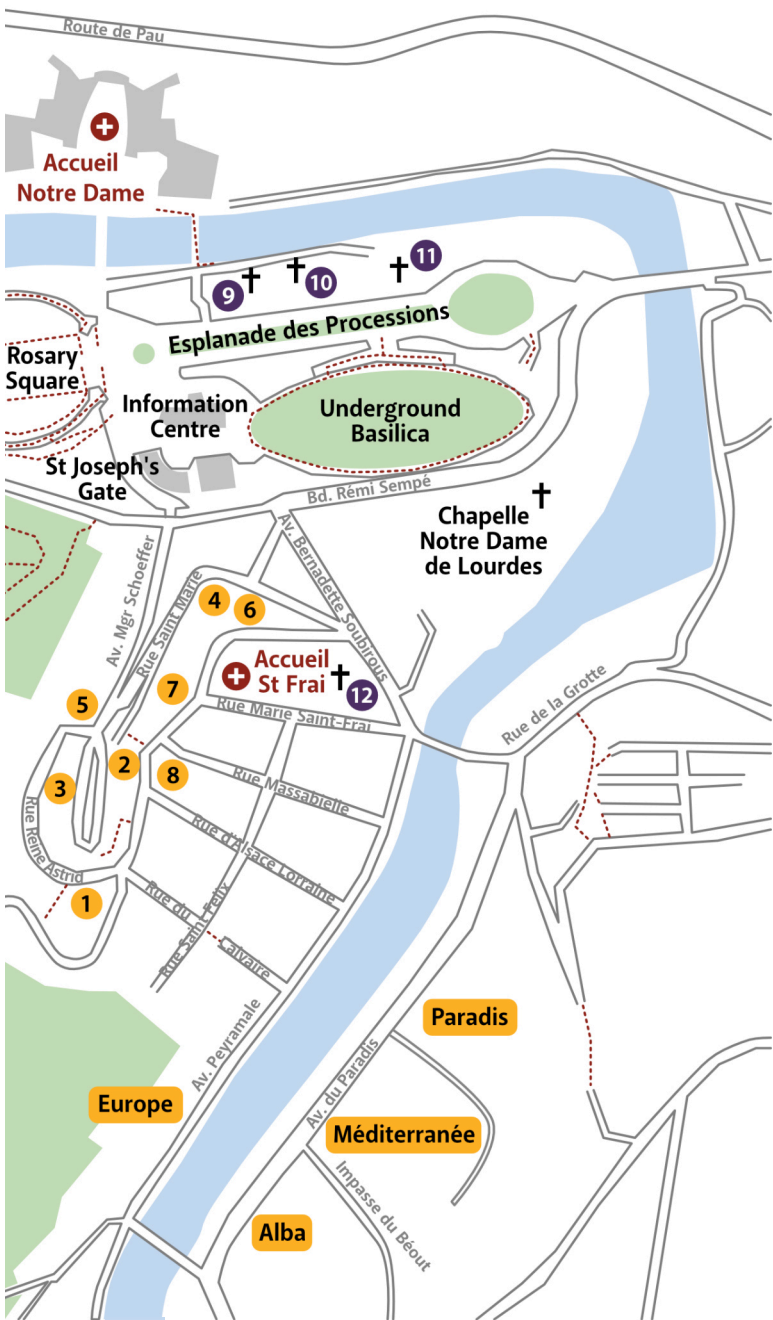


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PROCESSIONS IN LOURDES

A Guide

When we take part in processions, we are participating in an activity which may be unfamiliar. We gather formally as the Arundel & Brighton Pilgrimage, along with other pilgrimages and dioceses from all over the world. We gather in a prescribed order, taking our positions well in advance of the start of the procession. When the signal is given, we move forward slowly and with a certain solemnity. We are on the move. We are together – you cannot do a procession by yourself. We sing and we pray – a procession is a public act of faith. We reach our destination, and we continue singing and praying until the end.

In the course of the procession, we are transformed. We are no longer the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. We may still be close to our friends and family, but we are joined with other pilgrimages – we are part of the Universal Church. This is symbolic of our final destination, as in faith we believe that, in a mysterious way, we will all be united in singing the praises of God in eternal life.

So, a procession is a journey which symbolises in miniature form what our life of faith is about. It is the courage to move out of our comfort zone, join with other people and seek to encounter the Lord Jesus.

We go calmly. We will all get to the final destination. There is no prize for being the first. Indeed, in the Blessed Sacrament Procession the most honoured position is at the end of the Procession where the Bishop carries the Host.

We are witnesses of faith. We are not showing ourselves off to others. This is not a parade even if there are many onlookers.

We support each other. We are a people of all nations walking towards the Light, overcoming tribulations on the way, renewing ourselves constantly under the action and the influence of the Holy Spirit.

In conclusion, a procession is a time of hope. It is a time of walking with Our Lady in response to the instruction she gave to Bernadette, and of discovering new depths of faith.

'As a true mother, Mary walks at our side, she shares our struggles, and she constantly surrounds us with God's love.'

Evangelii Gaudium 286, Pope Francis

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION & BLESSING OF THE SICK

This procession is almost as old as the first pilgrimages to Lourdes. It was first linked to the movement of the Blessed Sacrament from the Crypt to the Grotto, where Adoration took place. But the sick were detached from this and a new form was introduced, which included the blessing of the sick.

This procession and blessing of the sick takes place every day at 5pm. As a pilgrimage, we will take part on one particular day, though pilgrims can attend on other days if they so wish.

Pilgrims who do not wish to process (for example because of the heat) may go directly to the Underground Basilica of St Pius X where they can participate in prayer and adoration by watching the progress of the procession towards the Basilica on the large screens.

The Blessed Sacrament is carried by a Bishop, in solemn procession, under a canopy and accompanied by priests and deacons, from the Podium opposite the Grotto to the Underground Basilica. Pilgrims by the Podium lead the procession into the Basilica.

Once everyone is gathered, there is a time of silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – we don't have to do anything, we just have to 'be', and feel the love of God. The Curé d'Ars, when asked what he did during his time of private prayer, said 'I look at Him and He looks at me'. The period of silence ends as we all sing the ancient hymn *Tantum ergo Sacramentum* (see p.143).

In Lourdes, the service of Benediction is amplified by a small procession for the blessing of the sick. The main celebrant, carrying the monstrance, is followed by other bishops and a procession of clinicians. As they move around the altar, the procession stops at frequent intervals to bless the sick and disabled. As the priest makes the Sign of the Cross with the monstrance containing the Sacred Host, our faith tells us that it is Our Lord himself who blesses us, and we receive the benediction with reverence, head bowed. This is a solemn and moving moment of the Pilgrimage, and a source of grace and healing to the sick, and to all who participate. The service ends with a hymn and the Blessed Sacrament is moved to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Underground Basilica.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

The Torchlight (Marian) Procession dates back to the earliest times when pilgrims would end their day's pilgrimage by saying the rosary together and singing hymns to Our Lady, and takes place every evening, starting at 9pm. As a pilgrimage, we take part in the procession on one evening during the week, but pilgrims may take part on other evenings if they wish. On the evening when we are officially processing as a diocese, we will gather and form up behind the diocesan banner.

Pilgrims in wheelchairs or on stretchers gather in front along with the Family Group, and walkers follow behind. This start is symbolic as we will journey from separation to unity.

All participants carry a lighted candle, which is a reminder of our baptism, when we received the gift of faith. Here in Lourdes, the candlelit procession bears witness to our faith, hope and love of God and a reminder that we are called to be 'the light of Christ' to all we meet in the world.

During the procession, the rosary will be prayed in a variety of languages, reflecting the different nationalities present in Lourdes at the time. However, the Glory Be is always said in Latin, because Our Lady joined in with Bernadette on the Glory Be of each decade that she recited. The following two hymns are also usually sung: *Immaculate Mary* and *Holy Virgin, by God's Decree* – these hymns are often printed on the paper candle holder.

Having processed right round the Esplanade, those using wheelchairs are placed at the foot of the Basilica steps. While this is happening, walkers are directed into Rosary Square, which prolongs the procession and creates a wonderful weaving of light, as night falls.

Eventually all those processing are gathered in front of the Rosary Basilica and the evening concludes with a hymn to Our Lady, usually the *Salve Regina*, after which pilgrims will be invited to offer one another a sign of peace. The Episcopal Blessing is given (see p.100 for responses).

At the end of the procession, some people like to go to the Grotto or to the candle bank to continue their prayer.



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross (or Way of the Cross) follow stages in the journey Jesus took on his way to Calvary in Jerusalem. To follow the Stations of the Cross is to reflect on the suffering and death of Our Lord, Jesus. We give thanks for his unconditional love for each one of us and consider how we are living the gospel message of love and forgiveness. There are several sets of Stations of the Cross in Lourdes:

The High Stations

The entrance to the High Stations is opposite the entrance of the Upper Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. The rough and stony path winds its way for about a mile through a steep, wooded area. There are 115 gilded cast iron figures in the 15 stations. This path is unsuitable for wheelchair users and those unable to walk uphill.

One of our pilgrimage chaplains will lead able pilgrims and helpers along these stations each morning at 6.15am. It should conclude by 7am, so there is still time for breakfast before the rest of the day's activities.

The Marble Stations (Low Stations)

Commissioned in 2001 to create a new set of Stations that would be accessible for all pilgrims, especially the sick and less able, the sculptress Maria de Faykod created 17 Stations carved in marble.

In these stations, the 15th depicts the closed tomb and the waiting of Mary on Holy Saturday; the 16th is 'Jesus is risen' and the 17th Station depicts the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

These Stations are situated just beyond the far bridge, alongside the river, on the prairie side.

Underground Basilica of St Pius X

There is a set of stations in the underground Basilica of St Pius X in the art form known as 'Gemmai'; they are back-lit through layers of coloured glass and are mounted on the walls of the basilica.

The following reflections are meant to be starting points, a means to trigger personal thoughts, comments and prayer at each station. However if using the script as written, it lends itself to two or three voices at each station – if praying as a group, there is an opportunity for all to participate, if they wish.

Walk With Me

*Meditations on the Way of the Cross
edited by Fr Gerald Coates RIP*

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We sign ourselves with the Cross of Christ.

Father, in baptism we were signed with the Cross of Christ.

There is an urgency in our Christian lives
that allows no pause for we are indeed a pilgrim people.

We cannot stand still, we cannot remain the same.

As now we meditate again on the Way of the Cross
we continue on our journey, seeking yourself.

Be with us, Lord, as we accept the Cross that each of us must carry.





1 FIRST STATION

Jesus is Condemned to Death

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*The High Priest put a second question to him.
'Are you the Christ, the son of the Blessed One?'*
'I am', said Jesus.

Mark 14:60

The Prisoner, looking beyond his captors,
said little in his own defence,
responding only in honesty and truth.

Because of this, they had already agreed his guilt.

Lord, we hear your voice declaring
(for all who will listen)
the mystery of Incarnation.

We seek your silent face
and acknowledge our need for forgiveness.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.
I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.
Never permit me to separate myself from you again.
Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.



2 SECOND STATION Jesus Carries His Cross

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*And when they had finished making fun of him,
they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes,
and led him away to crucify him.*

Matthew 27:31

Condemned, He was taken by force of arms at dawn.

Having beaten him, they led him away for execution
to a place beyond the city limits.

Lord, you accepted your Cross and began your final
journey; it had to be done.

May I accept my Cross, understanding that my journey
cannot be made without it.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

3

THIRD STATION

Jesus Falls for the First Time

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard
and a servant girl came up to him and said:
'You were with Jesus the Galilean'.
But he denied it.*

Matthew 26:69, 70

Weakened, his footsteps faltered as he stumbled,
hand outstretched, fearful of the ground.

His friend watched the Galilean fall, and said – nothing.

Lord, our lack of faith breaks the rhythm of our footfall and
the closing earth surrounds us.

There is darkness, loneliness and emptiness as we ask
'Where are you?'

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

4

FOURTH STATION

Jesus Meets His Mother

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*At Cana, in Galilee, Jesus had said, 'Woman, why turn to me?
My time has not come yet'. His Mother said to the servants
'Do whatever he tells you.'*

John 2:4,5

Prevented by the force of arms from coming close, a Mother seeks
her Son. The disappeared one taken from her in the night.
Soon she will be left with only her memories.

Lord, how can a Mother see her Son suffer
and not suffer herself?

Yet, step by step, she stayed with you,
from a Stable to Nazareth and on to Cana.
Now in this press of Passover people, she is with you.

In a short while, she will be found standing by the Cross.
Walk with me, Mary, on the path I must travel. Stay with me.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

5 FIFTH STATION

Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*As they were leading him away, they seized on a man,
Simon, from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country
and made him shoulder the Cross and carry it behind Jesus.*

Luke 23:26

Unable to walk on alone,
a man taken from the crowd is told to help him.

There is no choice.

Condemned men must die – at the appropriate place –
for the sake of the people.

Lord, Simon was a face from the crowd, an extra shoulder
and a pair of hands to share the load.

May we give to others a lift on the way,
expecting nothing, offering everything.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

6

SIXTH STATION

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*Large numbers of people followed him,
and of women, too,
who mourned and lamented for him.*

Luke 23:27

Sweating with exhaustion from his ill treatment,
he pauses for breath.

A woman, ignoring personal risk, wipes his face with a cloth.

Her kindness done, she becomes again another person,
one among many, – street side faces on a Friday morning.

Lord, who she was, where she came from, does not matter.
She cared enough to risk all – and asked nothing in return.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

7 SEVENTH STATION Jesus Falls for a Second Time

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*When he went out to the gateway,
another servant girl saw him and said to the people there:
'This man was with Jesus the Nazarene.'
And again with an oath he denied it.*

Matthew 26: 71, 72

Broken by pain, he falls again.

The Nazarene, eyesight blurred,
momentarily sees his friend gazing at him.

But neither can speak, He turns and is gone.

Lord, Peter was a fearful man and he acted out of fear.

His denial was our denial, day after day, year after year.

Sometimes we too claim that we do not know you,
fearful of the cost.

Maybe tomorrow Lord, maybe it will be easier then.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.



8 EIGHTH STATION

Jesus Comforts the Women of Jerusalem

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

Jesus turned to the women and said:

*'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me:
weep rather for yourselves and your children.'*

Luke 23:28

Protesting at his treatment by the authorities,
the Women of Peace gather by the road.

A passing word, and they move him on.

The women are left weeping, confused.

Lord, too often women have raised their voices
at the folly of men.

Too often they have been ignored.

May we, their children, listen to their words
and their cries: and hearing them, hear you.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

9 NINTH STATION

Jesus Falls for a Third Time

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*A little later, the bystanders came up and said to Peter,
'You are one of them for sure! Why your accent gives you away.'
Then he started calling down curses on himself and swearing
'I do not know the man.'*

Matthew 26:73, 74

Beaten, but now within sight of the Hill, face down in the dust.

Unrecognisable.

Voiceless.

Lord, time and again we almost make it,
and turning, dejected and disheartened,
we realise our failure.

Even then, Lord, you are with us.

It's time we were moving, it's time to start again.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.



10 TENTH STATION

Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*I can count every one of my bones
and there they glare at me, gloating.*

Psalms 22:17-18

*The shared out my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my clothes.*

John 19:24

Stripped, he is prepared for public shame.

Bruised, he is silent.

With shoulders bared he accepts the inevitable.

Besides, the crowd are waiting.

Lord, strip me of all I carry;
strip me of everything that prevents me
from carrying my Cross.

And when I am stripped be there to sustain me.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

11 ELEVENTH STATION

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*When they reached the place called the Skull,
they crucified him there.*

Luke 23:33

Nailed to the wooden frame that stretched wide his arms and
secured his feet, there, on the Hill, he is raised above the people.

Lord, the hammering of nails has echoed across this earth
as we repeatedly crucify you.

Man against man, nation against nation.

Yet from that Cross of Suffering with failing voice you called,
'Father forgive them for they do not know what they do.'
Father, forgive us.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

12

TWELFTH STATION

Jesus Dies on the Cross

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

It was now about the sixth hour and with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.

The veil of the temple was torn right down the middle and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said 'Father into your hands I commend my spirit'. With these words he breathed his last.

Luke 23:44-46

Naked on the Cross, he gazed at those whose fists were raised in anger, until he could see no more.

There, in the late afternoon, with head bowed, body and spirit exhausted, he ceased the struggle. It was done.

Lord, how are we to understand those hours
late on a Friday before Passover?

How can we share the emptiness of those who walked with
you, seeing you now defeated, hung between thieves?

So this was where all the hours and days of walking and
talking finally ended. Defeat on a Hill – and a satisfied crowd
– Finished.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

13 THIRTEENTH STATION

Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*Take care of every bone
The Lord will not let one be broken.*

Psalm 34:20

Lifeless, his savaged body lay, once again,
in the caring arms of his Mother.

Journey over. Task complete.

Failure in the sight of men.

Lord, the final act of your friends
was to accept your lifeless body for burial.

Accept, Lord, our failures,
our mistakes and our careless ways.

Bury them, Lord, with the suffering of your Cross.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

14

FOURTEENTH STATION

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with spices in linen cloths, following the custom of Jewish burial.

John 19:40

Burial did not take long.

Laying him out nearby (before the last light and the coming Festival) they covered him with a cloth.

'It is time we were gone.' Turning into the dusk, they left him.

Lord, it is over, the Way of the Cross has been walked.

The story has been told and prophecy fulfilled.

'What now?' they must have said to one another
as they walked into the chill night air.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

15 FIFTEENTH STATION

The Closed Tomb

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*Wait for the Lord,
and let your heart take courage,
wait for the Lord.*

Psalm 27:14

Your body, so cruelly treated, is now at rest and guarded,
lest it be stolen.

Your friends and family grieve, lost without your words of comfort.
Loss of a friend, of hope.

They must wait one more day, they need patience and faith.

Lord, many of us know and understand grief and mourning,
and so we share with those who await your Son.

Through your Holy Spirit,
enlighten our hearts to the truth of the resurrection,
that we may know comfort and hope even in our sorrow.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

16

SIXTEENTH STATION

He is Risen

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

*They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they
went in they did not find the body.* Luke 24:2-3

*The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground but the
men said to them. 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is
not here, but has risen.'* Luke 24:5

Gone? No body left to care for, no rituals to follow.

A callous trick, a final humiliation?

Can it be true, risen? Is it possible?

So much to take in, is there really hope? Risen?

Lord, we believe that you rose from the dead,
but sometimes we find it hard to hope.
Sometimes your love and salvation seem out of reach.

Be with us, and through your Holy Spirit,
guide us to know your constant saving presence with us.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.



17 SEVENTEENTH STATION

The Pilgrims of Emmaus

We all say together:

Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free;
you are the Saviour of the world.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him.

Luke 24:15-16

'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

Luke 24:32

Eyes that cannot see and hearts that burn within.

Recognising your presence among us in the exploring of scripture and the breaking of bread.

Lord, you give us the means to come closer to you,
to understand more and more the mystery of your dying
and rising from the dead, the mystery of our salvation.

Help us each time we hear your word, each time we are
present for the Eucharist, to come to know you more and
more. Give us hearts that burn within us, inspiring us to
build your kingdom here on earth.

We pause and then say together:

I love you Jesus, my Love, above all things.

I repent with my whole heart for having offended you.

Never permit me to separate myself from you again.

Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

Father,
we have shared again the Passover journey of your Son.
We have followed his Way of the Cross.

As Christian people
we understand that must be our way too.

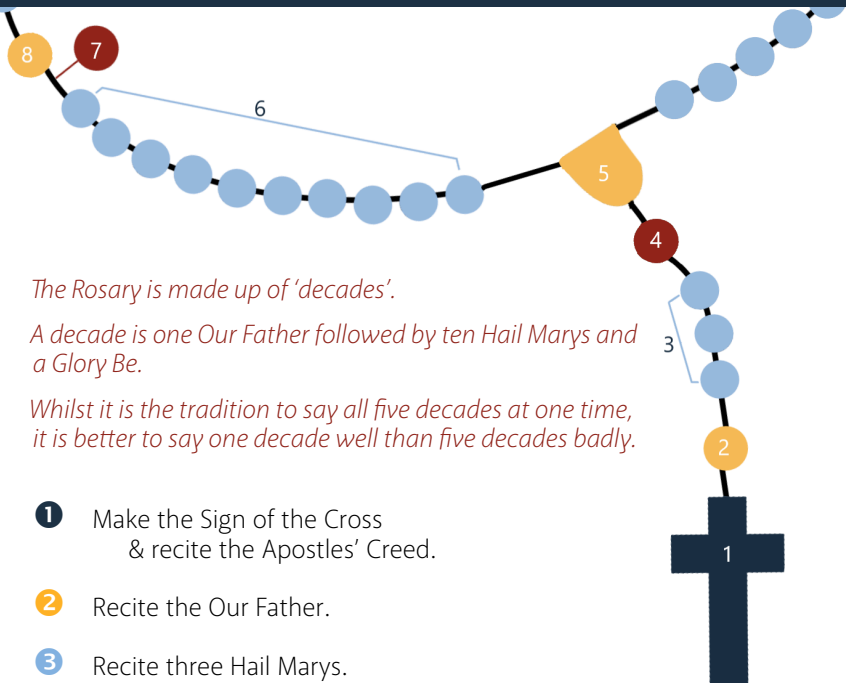
Help us
through this Prayer of the Cross
to seek your will for us.

*We sign ourselves
with the Cross of Christ*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Fr Gerry Coates RIP

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY



The Rosary is made up of 'decades'.

A decade is one Our Father followed by ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be.

Whilst it is the tradition to say all five decades at one time, it is better to say one decade well than five decades badly.

- ❶ Make the Sign of the Cross
& recite the Apostles' Creed.
- ❷ Recite the Our Father.
- ❸ Recite three Hail Marys.
- ❹ Recite the Glory Be.
- ❺ Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.
- ❻ Recite ten Hail Marys.
- ❼ Recite the Glory Be.
- ❽ Announce the second mystery and recite the Our Father.
Repeat the steps through the rosary.
- ❾ After completing the mysteries,
recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth
 and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God
 the Father almighty;
 from there he will come
 to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
 Thy Kingdom come,
 thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women,
 And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 Pray for us sinners,
 now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy;
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us;
and after this our exile,
show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Let us pray.
O God, whose only-begotten Son,
by his life, death and resurrection,
has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life;
grant, we beseech you that meditating on these mysteries
in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
we may both imitate what they contain
and obtain what they promise,
through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.
R. Amen.

V. And may the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
R. Amen.

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation

The angel came to her and said, 'Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!' Luke 1:28

Each of us is blessed by God. God is with us. 'Do not be afraid,' he says, 'for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name and you are mine.' I am that adorable someone who is loved by God.

The Visitation

Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!' Luke 1:41-42

Elizabeth was much older than Mary. Perhaps she was unsure about the future. She must have welcomed the help and support. All Mary could give was her time and herself. These are gifts that really count.

The Birth of Jesus

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

In him we see our God made visible and so are caught up in love of the God we cannot see.

The Presentation

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. Luke 2: 22

What is God's plan for me? Each life is a vocation. May I live mine in the service of God and for those he has entrusted to my care.

Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46

What are the right questions for me to ask? Even to know the questions, I must first listen to God - in prayer, in the words of Scripture, in the teaching of the church, in the voice of conscience. As I listen, so shall I learn to question well.

The Mysteries of Light

Christ's Baptism in the Jordan

The Spirit [descended] on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.' Mark 1:10-11

So often we hear people say: 'I was baptised.'

What would it mean for me to say: 'I AM baptised?'

Christ transforms water into wine at the wedding at Cana

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. John 2:11

Help me, Lord, to see your hand at work in my life. Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.

Christ's proclamation of the Kingdom of God with his call to conversion

'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.' Mark 1:15

Give me, Lord, the grace of true conversion of heart so that I may be in you and You in me.

Christ's Transfiguration

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white. Mark 9:2-3

Lord, in this experience Peter, James and John saw you praying but recognised also that you had become the prayer. Teach me to pray.

Christ's institution of the Eucharist

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' Luke 22:19

In this great sacrament you feed your people and strengthen them in holiness, so that the family of mankind may come to walk in the light of faith, in one communion of love.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden

He prayed, saying, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.' Luke 22:42

Lord, remove from me my heart of stone and give me instead a heart filled with compassion for all those who suffer throughout the world in body, mind or spirit.

The Scourging at the Pillar

Pilate released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified. Matthew 27:26

Cruelty survives today on a grand scale. I am so scandalised by the viciousness of some, that I scarcely notice the speck of inhumanity in myself. 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

The Crowning with Thorns

They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' Matthew 27:28-29

There is so much false joy in the world – escapism, ridicule, irony, facetiousness the degrading of human virtue, mockery, and pleasure seeking. Help me, Lord, to model my life on the Beatitudes.

The Carrying of the Cross

So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. John 19:16-17

Did Jesus have difficulty on the way of the cross? We take for granted, almost, his perseverance, his trust in his heavenly Father. But this was genuine perseverance, genuine trust. There is nothing sham in the humanity of Christ. Yet I, too, need trust and the grace of perseverance and especially in the sacrament of penance. I am very sorry for all my sins and, with the help of your grace, I will try not to sin again.

The Crucifixion

Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!' And having said this he breathed his last. Luke 23:46

The power of the cross reveals God's judgement on this world and kingship of Christ crucified. This is the hour when he triumphed over Satan's pride, the time when we celebrate the great event of our redemption.

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection

'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.' Luke 24:5-6

He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world. By dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life.

The Ascension

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. Mark 16:19

Christ, the mediator between God and man, judge of the world and Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church, where he has gone, we hope to follow.

The Coming of the Holy Spirit.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4

Send your Holy Spirit upon me to be my helper and guide. Give me the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. And fill me with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

The Assumption

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. Revelation 12:1

The virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way.

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. John 19:25-27

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

DAILY PRAYERS

The whole of our pilgrimage is a time of prayer – everything we do and say can be offered to God in prayer, but it is good to meet together and put time aside for structured group prayer.

Our comprehensive programme in Lourdes means not every day is the same, therefore, whenever possible, the chaplain will arrange a time of prayer for your group.

Do check for notices about time for prayer in your group and, if in doubt, ask your chaplain. If there is no group prayer on any particular day, you can use the 'Daily Prayers' given in this handbook for your own personal time of prayer. See p.81 for an example.

Wherever and whenever your group finds time to pray together, you may choose to use a format provided for each day, which relates to the pattern of readings that we use at our daily Mass in Lourdes.

You may like to add the following depending on your situation.

- add songs, at the beginning and the end, you will find many options in this book.
- The silence noted can be as long as suits your group, 5 seconds to a minute or so.
- The reflection can be a prompt for conversation and a time for sharing together or in smaller groups. Or equally some quiet reflection time.
- The prayer can be led by the clergy of the group or lay people can also be encouraged to lead.

PRAYER FOLDERS

Each Hotel and Accueil group has a Prayer Folder in which prayers, petitions, thoughts, reflections, even drawings, can be recorded at any time.

The folders will be taken to Mass every day and placed on the sanctuary for the duration of the Mass, after which they will be taken back to the hotels. At the end of Mass on the final day of our pilgrimage, the contents of all the folders will be taken and placed in the Grotto.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Pope Paul VI published the 'new rite' for the Sacrament of Penance in 1974, calling it the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to bring a new understanding of this great gift from God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a call for a change of heart; it is a symbol of life, dying to sin and rising to new life. During our pilgrimage we shall have the opportunity to attend a Reconciliation Service and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we humbly acknowledge that we are sinners and desire to change our ways to God's way of love. We acknowledge our faults, our failings, and our sinfulness; say sorry, make amends and seek God's forgiveness.

It is a sacrament of healing and forgiveness; it brings joy and hope to our lives. Through it we become reconciled to God, with others and ourselves. The new rite encourages the penitent to treasure a moment that should be one of the most beautiful moments of his or her life. The heavens rejoice over the sinner who repents and is reconciled to God (Luke 15:7). We too should rejoice!

If you are uncertain of what to do and what to say, don't worry. Guidance may be given during the service but if not, simply approach the priest for private confession with an open heart and ask him to help you make your confession and celebrate the Sacrament.

There is also the Chapel of Reconciliation in the building known as Accueil Jean-Paul II, close to the statue of the crowned Virgin, where Confessions are heard daily from 10-11.15am and from 2.30-6pm. Any of the priests on our pilgrimage would be happy to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with you by arrangement.

Reflection

To prepare to celebrate the Sacrament we think about the ways in which we have failed to embrace God's love for us, we consider the ways we have hurt others and diminished our own dignity through our lack of love. It is all too easy for our examination of conscience and our confession to become 'shopping lists' without reflecting deeply on why we sin. We should try to recognise our weaknesses and pray that through the celebration of this joyful Sacrament we will be able to put things right.

A short Act of Contrition

O my God, because you are so good,
I am very sorry that I have sinned against you,
and with the help of your grace I will try not to sin again.

The Words of Absolution

The priest extends his hands over the penitent's head and uses the following or similar words in absolution:

God, the Father of mercies,
through the death and resurrection of his Son
has reconciled the world to himself
and sent the Holy Spirit among us
for the forgiveness of sins.
Through the ministry of the Church
may God give you pardon and peace,
and I absolve you from your sins,
in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer attributed to an Eastern Mystic

I was a revolutionary when I was young
and all my prayer to God was:
'Lord, give me the energy to change the world.'

As I approached middle age
and realised that half my life had gone
without me changing even one person,
I changed my prayer to:
'Lord, help me change those who are close to me,
just my family and friends, and I'll be happy.'

Now I'm an old man and my one and only prayer is this:
'Lord, give me the grace to change myself.'

If I'd prayed this from the very start,
I should not have wasted my life.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Lourdes, a place of healing and peace:

Walking through St Michael's or St Joseph's Gate into the Sanctuary from the busyness of the town many people become aware of a dawning inner peace in their hearts and minds. So begins the healing of our spirits, disturbed as they often are by the worries and concerns of daily life and the larger problems that we all have to face from time to time. Here, we find a place where the Holy Spirit dwells and because of His presence we are guided by Our Lady and St Bernadette to place our lives in the hands of her Son, Jesus Christ. Sitting in the Grotto a few steps away from where Mary, the mother of Jesus, appeared to St Bernadette we can remember Our Lady's words:

*'Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here
and to come here in procession.'*

Knowing we have been noticed and invited by Mary, the mother of God to come here, not only for ourselves but for our families and friends, is to know that we and those we love, have in some way been invited into God's heavenly family already, even whilst still here on earth. Even though the difficulties we face may be very hard, who could not be lifted, healed and consoled by such a thought?

This is what is meant by the title:

'Lourdes, a place of healing and peace.'

Once this moment is experienced, life cannot be the same again. Many respond by just saying a simple 'thank you' and returning to daily life, committed to spreading that message through living a life devoted to healing and peace, washing in the Lourdes water and lighting a candle as signs of this new turn in life.



For Catholics, they may experience a more intense desire to enter more deeply into this heavenly family by becoming more involved in the Church and her Sacraments.

For Christians of other denominations, they too may be called into a deeper relationship with Jesus through their Church. Healing in its different forms comes closer to us the closer we come to Jesus. In the case of children who are chronically or dangerously ill, the Church teaches that the Sacraments of Initiation should be completed by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in place of the Sacrament of the Sick. This is done in the family's home parish. Through the Sacraments of Initiation, children are drawn closer to Jesus and his healing presence.

For Catholics who have already received the Sacraments of Initiation, the Anointing (the Sacrament of the Sick) renews their closeness to Jesus. Because they are chronically or dangerously ill or have grown frail due to old age that closeness to Jesus may seem to them distant. The laying on of hands and anointing with the oil of the sick rejuvenates their faith in His closeness to them at these most difficult of times. They are reassured that they are dear to God as part of His heavenly family.

The healing which flows from this anointing is a closeness to Jesus who will sustain them with his love as an uncertain future unfolds

When faced with serious illness and frailty and looking for healing and strength, Catholics may wonder when to be anointed.

To answer this question, we are guided by the teaching of the Church which says:

'(if) anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him (her) to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.'

It also states:

*'if a sick person who received this anointing recovers his (her) health, he (she) can in the case of another grave illness receive the sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.'*¹³

The Church also teaches that the Sacrament of the Sick is reserved for Roman Catholics.¹

¹³ Cf. Apostolic Constitution Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, 30 November 1972

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Given this teaching, people who have suffered a bereavement or who do not have an illness that is grave and potentially life threatening or who are not elderly and frail are not anointed. Prayers for their healing can be said, especially at the time of washing with the Lourdes Water and during the Blessing of the Sick at the Blessed Sacrament Procession. The sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation are also sources of healing, which can be kept in mind when celebrating the Group Masses offered for those suffering loss and bereavement. One-to-one dedicated prayer (supported by friends and family) can be offered by the Chaplaincy team. This can be done at times of prayer the group may be holding or in smaller groups and also during the time allotted at the end of the Mass of Anointing.

In the Gospels we see people approach Jesus and ask for healing in a variety of circumstances. At the wedding feast of Cana, Our Lady appeals to her Son on behalf of the wedding party who have run out of wine. As we are here in Lourdes we can ask Our Lady for our needs too, confident that she will intercede with him on our behalf.

‘Do whatever he tells you,’¹ she says to the stewards, showing us that the key to our well being is to try and follow the life of Jesus as shown to us in the Gospel.

Canon David Parmiter

¹ Cf. John 2: 1-11



GESTE DE L'EAU: THE WATER GESTURE

On 25 February 1858, the occasion of the 9th apparition, Our Lady of Lourdes asked Bernadette to 'Go and drink at the spring and wash yourself in it'.

After a moment of confusion, where Bernadette thought Our Lady was referring to the nearby River Gave, Our Lady made a sign with her finger directing Bernadette to go under the rock of the cave. Bernadette describes the moment 'I went there and found water which was like mud.'

For many decades, pilgrims have been drawn to be immersed in the water derived from the spring, believing such action may bring healing.

This gesture offers the opportunity to engage with the spring water by washing our hands and face, and drinking of the water.

Groups of hotels will be joining together for a Water Liturgy, some in the morning and some in the afternoon, on Monday in the church of St Bernadette, Côté Carmel. Here, together, we will be invited to symbolically wash in the water of Lourdes and unite together in prayer.



LIVING THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE



We aren't well placed to make sense of indulgences in our culture. In the first place there's the word itself, '*indulgence*'. Think of when we use it (if we use it at all). Like as not, something like a cream cake, a pamper session or an upgrade on our plane ticket is involved. There might even be a hint of decadence involved (Remember '*Naughty but nice!*'?). In that

context, it may come as a bit of a shock to hear that the Pope is promoting indulgences!

Indulgere is a Latin word. It may be related to *dulcis* ('sweet'). In any case, it came to mean being *courteous* and, from this, *being kinder to another than they deserved*. Perhaps you were blessed with 'indulgent' grandparents (in whose eyes you could do no wrong)? Then you have the inkling of a concept we could apply to God, the truly indulgent One, the Father of the Prodigal, always ready to welcome us home. If you remember the Parable, you'll remember the outcome – a ring on his finger, sandals on his feet, the best cloak on his shoulders and an extravagant party to follow: No reproof! No shame! No punishment! Such is our God, says Jesus.

The problem is that the ecclesiastical history of 'Indulgences' often breathed a very different atmosphere. Popular presentations of Catholic faith over centuries frequently taught that our sins deserve '*God's dreadful punishments*' (if you remember that particularly baneful Act of Contrition from childhood), raising the question: Does God punish? Or do we punish ourselves when we exclude God?

Within this mindset, the Good News was that the believer could hope that these would be '*temporal*' punishments (in purgatory) as opposed to 'eternal' punishments (in hell). The bad news was that

these punishments got imagined in ever more lurid terms. (Nobody stopped to ask whether it makes sense to talk of 'time' in eternity ...) And spiritual practices often became geared to working off the 'sentence' due (either for the individual or, after their death, for a loved one). In a world of poor communication and limited education, the potential for abuse was great. Famously, Martin Luther's objection to the Dominican friar Johann Tetzel's 'selling' of indulgences (allegedly with the saying: *'as soon as the money clinks into the money chest, the soul flies out of purgatory'*) was one of the 95 Theses he published in 1517, signalling the start of the Reformation. Luther's answer was surely right: *'when the church intercedes, the result is in the hands of God alone.'*

Fortunately, the Catholic Church has thought long and hard in the last 500 years and wouldn't say many of the things which were said in the heat of those sad quarrels. So when we speak of 'Indulgences' there's no question of obtaining some sort of celestial 'Get Out Of Jail Free' card. The language of 'temporal remission' ('40 days off Purgatory', etc.) is gone from our vocabulary. The point of an 'Indulgence' is **to help us grow in charity and to open ourselves to greater friendship with the Lord.**

An 'Indulgence' is some codified spiritual practice which will help us in that process. It invites us to gather our thoughts, to hear the proclamation of the Gospel and to 'own it' afresh, by joining in the same shared action that millions of our fellow Christians might perform. When Pope Francis announced the Year of Mercy, his language was very suggestive. He invited us *'to live the indulgence of the Holy Year'* (my emphasis); in other words *'to approach the Father's mercy with the certainty that his forgiveness extends to the entire life of the believer. To gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, which bestows upon all the fruits of Christ's redemption, so that God's love and forgiveness may extend everywhere. Let us live this Jubilee intensely, begging the Father to*

*forgive our sins and to bathe us in his merciful “indulgence”.*¹ We are now in the Jubilee Year of Hope.

The actual actions required for gaining the Holy Year indulgence are thus a symbol of a much wider and deeper **act of faith in Jesus Christ**, proclaiming that **every part of our (of course imperfect) lives is bathed in His grace**. Those who come to Lourdes often already experience that truth through the act of bathing in the waters at the baths by the Grotto. For we are physical beings, people of heart and gut, not simply brain-boxes on legs. We need to **walk** God’s mercy, **feel** God’s mercy, **embrace** God’s mercy and live in hope.

So most of us will, during the week of our Pilgrimage together, have plentiful occasions to **pray the Lord’s Prayer and the Hail Mary, to pray for the Pope’s intentions** and to **reflect on the Scripture passages which speak of God’s Mercy and Hope**; and many of us will take the opportunity of **celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation**. And if we do all those things, in so far as we are able, then we gain the Jubilee Indulgence.

Perhaps the language of indulgences speaks to you. Maybe it doesn’t make sense right now. Don’t worry if it’s not your cup of tea. Just honour the way it is helping many Christians around the world to realise how deeply God, our ‘indulgent’ Father, loves them – and let that same love embrace you.

Canon Rob Esdaile



¹ Pope Francis, *Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Misericordiae Vultus* (2015) n.22

OUR PROGRAMME IN LOURDES



ITINERARY, DAILY PRAYER & DAILY SERVICES

Important:

Sometimes, it can happen that a service is moved to another place or times are altered. Please, therefore, check with your leader and your hotel notice board daily.

Visits

Your group chaplains and leaders will arrange visits to the Grotto. They may also make arrangements for booking visits to the places Bernadette knew.

Way of the Cross

The 'Chemin de Calvaire' – Way of the Cross – above the town (the 'High Stations'), may be used only by Able Pilgrims. It is exhausting. In addition, the paving is very poor. There is also a beautiful Way of the Cross on the Prairie – this can be used by all pilgrims.

Daily Processions

The Blessing of the Sick, preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Procession, takes place daily at 5pm in the Sanctuary.

The Marian Torchlight Procession takes place each night at 9pm in the Sanctuary.

Photography

Please refrain from taking photographs during Mass or at the Baths. There are official photographers for pilgrimage events.

Collection

At the request of the Rector of the Sanctuary of Lourdes, a collection will be taken at one of our celebrations of Mass while in Lourdes. The money collected goes towards the upkeep of the Sanctuaries and the Accueil Notre Dame.

FRIDAY 25 JULY

5.15pm Redshirts' Mass Église Ste Bernadette, Coté Carmel
All invited

Group Prayer
For those not attending Mass

Hotels & Accueil

8.30pm Welcome Mass Église Ste Bernadette, Coté Grotte
*A Mass of welcome for those who have arrived in Lourdes
and are not too tired from their journey.
Our official Opening Mass is tomorrow.*



DAILY PRAYERS

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**
(We make the Sign of the Cross)

Leader: Having arrived safely in Lourdes for this Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, we start by reflecting on an excerpt from the gospel for this evening's Mass.

Scripture: Luke 4:18-19

Reader: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has appointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim a year of the Lord's favour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: We now spend a short time in silence
to reflect on the following:

What is the message that I am getting from this passage?

How might that affect what I do this coming week?

Silent reflection

Leader: Let us now call to mind all those people and situations we
carry in our hearts at this time, remembering especially
those who have asked for our prayers and those for whom
we have promised to pray while we are here in Lourdes.

Silent prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayers.

Leader: We close by saying together part of the Jubilee Prayer:

**All: May the grace of the Jubilee awaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Our Lady of Lourdes,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: St Bernadette,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: All holy men and women,

All: Pray for us.

**In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Tomorrow

- Group & Pilgrimage photos (p.80)
- Passage through the Grotto (p.80)
- Opening Mass (p.83)
- Torchlight procession (p.30)

WELCOME MASS



Église Ste Bernadette, Coté Grotte



8.30pm

A Mass of welcome for those who have arrived in Lourdes and are not too tired from their journey. Our official Opening Mass is tomorrow.

Celebrant:
Homilist:

Bishop Richard Moth
Canon Tom Treherne

Gathering

Jubilee Hymn

*Refrain Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.*

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him.

*Pierangelo Sequeri;
tr. Andrew Wadsworth*

Introductory Rites

Processional Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
 he is my light, my strength, my song;
 this cornerstone, this solid ground,
 firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my all in all,
 here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
 fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness,
 scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
 the love of God was magnified;
 for every sin, on him, was laid;
 here, in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
 light of the world by darkness slain;
 then bursting forth in glorious day
 up from the grave he rose again!
 And as he stands in victory
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 for I am his and he is mine,
 bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 this is the power of Christ in me;
 from life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
 can ever pluck me from his hand;
 till he returns or calls me home,
 here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Penitential Act**Missa Orbis Factor**

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son, (Fine)
 Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
 Chri - ste, e - le - i - son, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son, Repeat Kyries
 Chri - ste, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

*Paul Inwood***Liturgy of the Word****Reading****Isaiah 61:1-3**

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Sion — to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 89**

I will sing for e - ver of your mer-cies, O LORD.

I will sing for ever of your mercies, O LORD;
 through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity.
 I have declared your mercy is established for ever;
 your fidelity stands firm as the heavens.

'With my chosen one I have made a covenant;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your descendants for ever,
and set up your throne through all ages.'

'He will call out to me, "You are my father,
my God, the rock of my salvation".
I will keep my faithful love for him always;
with him my covenant shall last.'

Ian Forrester

Gospel Acclamation

St Mary's

Alleluia (repeat after the Cantor)

Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son

Alleluia (repeat after the Cantor)

Anne Ward

Gospel

Luke 4:16-21

At that time: Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled that scroll, and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has appointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Homily

Followed by a short period of silence for reflection.

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: **This is our prayer: we pray to the Lord.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Sanctus

Missa Orbis Factor

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full, are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho -
san-na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

PRIEST The my-ste-ry of faith. **ALL** We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Re-sur-
rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Great Amen

***CANTOR/CHOIR** A - men, a - men. ***ALL** A - men, a - men.

Communion Rite

During the Breaking of Bread

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us.

Last time

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
grant us, grant us, grant us peace.

Paul Inwood

Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good, the Lord is good.

Stephen Dean

There will now be a period of silence for prayer and reflection.

Concluding Rite

Recessional

He Who Would Valiant Be

He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound: his strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might though he with giants fight;
he will make good his right to be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit,
we know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what they say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.

Percy Dearmer, John Bunyan

SATURDAY 26 JULY

- 6.15am High Stations
- 9.30am Welcome Meeting & Prayer Hotels and Accueil
- 11am Group Photographs Rosary Square
- Accueil, Hotels
 - Redshirts
 - Purpleshirts
 - Clinicians
- 2pm Whole Pilgrimage Photo** Steps of the Rosary Basilica
- 2.30 Passage through the Grotto**
- 4.30pm Opening Mass, with Blessing of Hands**
Followed by secondary school photographs
Eglise Ste Bernadette, Côté Grotte
- 6.15pm Leaders' meeting
Choir practice St Sauveur mezzanine
- 8.30pm Quiz Night** In your hotel!
- 10.45pm Encounter Youth Tent
The Encounter Experience in Lourdes is offered particularly to young people (18-35).

DAILY PRAYERS

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(We make the Sign of the Cross)

Leader: A pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred space,
in our case, Lourdes.

Some are here for the first time, for others it is a return to a special place, a place of 'Love in Action' and prayer.

The Pastoral Theme for all pilgrims in Lourdes this year is:

With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope

This theme will form the basis of our liturgies this week.

Before moving into a time of prayer, let's take a moment to talk with a couple of people near you about what has drawn you to Lourdes this year.

Choosing not to share is also okay.

Time for sharing

Leader: We now listen to and reflect on an excerpt from the gospel we hear at today's Opening Mass - it is the beginning of the passage about the disciples on the road to Emmaus, following the crucifixion of Jesus.

Scripture: Luke 24: 13-17

Reader: On the first day of the week,
two of the disciples were going to a village named
Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,
and they were talking with each other
about all these things that had happened.
While they were talking and discussing together,
Jesus himself drew near and went with them.
But their eyes were kept from recognising him.
And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you
were holding with each other as you walk?'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: We now spend a short time in silence
to reflect on the following:
What is the message that I am getting from this passage?
How might that affect what I do today/this coming week?

Silent reflection

Leader: Let us now call to mind all those people and situations we
carry in our hearts at this time, remembering especially
those who have asked for our prayers and those for whom
we have promised to pray while we are here in Lourdes.

Silent prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayers.

Leader: We close by saying together part of the Jubilee Prayer:

**All: May the grace of the Jubilee awaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Our Lady of Lourdes,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: St Bernadette,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: All holy men and women,

All: Pray for us.

**In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Tomorrow

- The International Mass (p.98)
- Reconciliation Service for Hotels & Accueil (p.60)
- Torchlight Procession (p.30)

OPENING MASS



Eglise Ste Bernadette, Côté Grotte



4.30pm

Celebrant & Homilist:

Bishop Richard Moth

Gathering

Uyai Mose

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari.

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari.

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari. Uyai mose zvino.

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.

Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker.

Come now and worship the Lord.

Iona Community

Introductory Rites

The Introductory Rites help us come together as one, establish communion and prepare ourselves to listen to the Word of God, and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

Processional Hymn

Jubilee Song

We are young, we are old,
in your world our lives unfold.

All around us earth's abundance brings
more than our hands can hold.

Set us free. Make us see
what our stewardship must be:
all the gifts of your creation
shared out equally.

*Refrain: Let the trumpet sound to announce the year.
Let it tell God's people that their time is here.
Like a living stream, let mercy flow.
Like a mountain high, let justice grow.
Let the reign of God from sea to sea set captives free.
Cry 'Jubilee!'*

For the sake of the poor Jesus came and gladly bore
condemnation and derisions
from those who enshrined 'the law.'
He proclaimed endlessly
laws of love and jubilee,
breaking chains of debt and empire, setting nations free.

All the land, soil and seed, can provide for ev'ry need,
yet God's children thirst and hunger,
divided by human greed.
Let the earth, sea and sky,
now reflect and glorify
God, whose tenderness and mercy lift the lowly high.

Jesus Christ, yesterday and tomorrow and today,
through all times and through all ages,
your word is our living way.
That the world be made new,
keep your gospel people true.
Let us once again with courage rise and follow you!

Bernadette Farrell

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Bishop In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Bishop Peace be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Bishop Richard welcomes all present and introduces the celebration.

Kyrie**Missa Orbis Factor***(for music see p.76)*

Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison, Christe, eleison, Christe, Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, eleison, Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.

Paul Inwood

Liturgy of the Word

It is from hearing the word of God that the work of the Holy Spirit flows out upon the Church and upon each one of the baptised or confirmed, and that the Lord's will is made known in the life of Christians.

By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, we enter again into the unending dialogue between God and the covenant people, a dialogue sealed in the sharing of the Eucharistic food and drink.

Reading**Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-10**

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called out to go to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

At the end of the reading:

Reader The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 145**

I will extol you, my God and king,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD,
and all your faithful ones bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,
and declare your mighty deeds.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD supports all who fall,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

A. Gregory Murray

The Gospel reading is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.

Through our sung acclamations, we acknowledge that Christ is present and speaking to us as the Gospel is proclaimed

Gospel Acclamation**Celtic Alleluia**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us as you speak to us.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Before the Gospel reading:

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.**Gospel****Luke 24:13-27**

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

At the end of the Gospel reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**Homily***Followed by a short period of silence for reflection.*

Blessing of Hands

We now have a blessing of hands for all pilgrims, to prepare for our service to one another over the coming week. The priests and deacons bless the hands of each person present, saying:

May the Lord bless your hands for his service,
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

During the blessing of hands, we sing:

There is a Longing

*Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.*

For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Lord, save us, take pity, light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Anne Quigley

Presentation of the Group Prayer Folders

These will be collected by the group's Assistant Chaplain.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. It is the vital centre of all that the Church is and does, because at its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing and making available his saving work among us.

The gifts of bread and wine which will become Christ's Body and Blood are brought to the altar. They are symbols of human life: they symbolise us - everything that we have and all that we are. We give back to God gifts of creation which he has given to us.

Invitation to Prayer

Bishop Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Church, on earth and in heaven – the communion of saints – celebrates one liturgy. We join with the angels and saints to offer praise and thanksgiving to God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit, unceasingly, through the celebration of the Eucharist.

In the Eucharistic Prayer, the gifts of bread and wine are transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Preface

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right and just.

The Preface continues.

Holy, Holy

Missa Orbis Factor
(for music see p.78)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you come again,
until you come again.

Doxology & Amen

Amen, amen. **Amen, amen.**

Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

It is the Spirit who prays in us, and in the Spirit the Christian says: 'Abba, Father.'

Bishop At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Bishop Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Sign of Peace

Bishop Lord Jesus Christ,
 who said to your Apostles:
 Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
 look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
 and graciously grant her peace and unity
 in accordance with your will.
 Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Bishop The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And with your spirit.

Deacon Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We offer to those around us a sign that expresses, peace, communion, and charity.

During the Breaking of Bread

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 grant us, grant us, grant us peace.

Paul Inwood

Invitation to Communion

Bishop Behold the Lamb of God.
 Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All Lord, I am not worthy
 that you should enter under my roof,
 but only say the word
 and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Rite

In Holy Communion we receive back the gifts we presented, now transformed by the Holy Spirit into the Body and Blood of Christ. We become what we receive – the Body of Christ.

Our minds and hearts are transformed so that we think, love and speak like Jesus: forgiving those who have hurt us, caring for those who are ill doing all we can to help the poor, the homeless, the hungry, refugees, all those in need.

At the Table

You knew what was to come, you knew as God's own Son.
You would be handed over, you would be led to die.
Instead of running scared, a precious meal prepared,
you offered up yourself for all, there at the table.
You took the bread, broke it and blessed it and said:

*Refrain: 'This is my Body, offered for you,
given up once, once and for all.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
it's in memory of me.'*

In those last few hours, you didn't use your power,
but washed the others' feet, a king upon his knees.
And just before you died, in the garden there, you cried.
'O Father, not my will, but yours.'
There at the table you took the wine,
raised it and made it divine.

*Refrain: 'This is my Blood, offered for you,
my life poured out, once and for all.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
it's in memory of me.'*

Your Body and Blood, we do believe,
your presence so true, here we receive. *(repeat)*

One Hope Project

Soul of my Saviour

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
 Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest;
 Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
 wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be;
 O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
 deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
 so shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
 in death's dread moments make me only thine;
 call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
 when I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Attributed to Pope John XXII

Concluding Rite

There will now be a period of silence for prayer and reflection.

Transformed by the Eucharist, we are commissioned by Jesus and sent forth to put into effect in our lives what we have received: to share the Good News, and to transform the world around us by the way we live.

Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All Now and for ever.

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All Who made heaven and earth.

Bishop May almighty God bless you,
 the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Deacon Go in peace...

All Thanks be to God.

Recessional

Christ, be our light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Refrain Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stones.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Bernadette Farrell

SUNDAY 27 JULY

6.15am	High Stations	
9.30am	International Mass	Pius X (Underground) Basilica
10am	Family Group Mass	Chapelle Maximilian Kolbe
1.30pm	Reconciliation Service for hotels & Accueil <i>(see p.60)</i>	Pius X Basilica, end altar
2pm	Reconciliation Service for Family Group	Chapelle Maximilian Kolbe
6pm	Redshirts' Evening Prayer Leaders' Meeting Chaplains' Meeting Clinical Team Meeting Choir practice	Hotels & Accueil St Sauveur mezzanine
9pm	Torchlight Procession <i>(see p.30)</i>	
10.45pm	Encounter	Youth Tent

DAILY PRAYERS

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(We make the Sign of the Cross)

Leader: Prayer is a very important part of our pilgrimage.

It may be prayer with a group of pilgrims or private, individual prayer.

In his gospel, Luke recalls how Jesus taught his disciples to pray (the Our Father) and also explained to them about effective prayer.

Scripture: Luke 11:9-10

Reader: 'I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives,
and the one who seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks it will be opened.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: We now spend a short time in silence
to reflect on the following:

What is the message that I am getting from this passage?
How might that affect what I do today?

Silent reflection

Leader Let us now call to mind all those people and situations we carry in our hearts at this time, remembering especially those who have asked for our prayers and those for whom we have promised to pray while we are here in Lourdes.

Silent prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayers.

Leader: We close by saying together part of the Jubilee Prayer:

**All: May the grace of the Jubilee awaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Our Lady of Lourdes,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: St Bernadette,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: All holy men and women,

All: Pray for us.

**In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Tomorrow

- Geste de l'Eau (Water Gesture) (p.65)
- Group Masses (p.104)
- Blessed Sacrament Procession (p.29)
- Reconciliation Service for Redshirts & Helpers (p.60)

THE INTERNATIONAL MASS



St Pius X Basilica



9.30am

Reading

Genesis 18:20–32

In those days, the LORD said: 'The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out.'

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: 'Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?' The LORD replied, 'If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.'

Abraham spoke up again: 'See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?' He answered, 'I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there.'

But Abraham persisted, saying 'What if only forty are found there?' He replied, 'I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty.' Then Abraham said, 'Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?' He replied, 'I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there.'

Still Abraham went on, 'Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?' The LORD answered, 'I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty.' But he still persisted: 'Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?' He replied, 'For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it.'

Reading**Colossians 2:12–14**

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

Gospel**Luke 11:1–13**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread
and forgive us our sins
for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,
and do not subject us to the final test.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him," and he says in reply from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything." I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

'And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?'

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop: Dominus vobiscum.

All: Et cum spiritu tuo.

Bishop: Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

All: Ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.

Bishop: Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

All: Qui fecit cælum et terram.

Bishop: Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus,
Pater, et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.

All: Amen.

English translation:

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



MONDAY 28 JULY

See p.65 for a guide to the Water Gesture.

6.15am	High Stations	
9am	Water Gesture for Redshirts	Baths
9am	Water Gesture for Acadia, Irlande, Padoue, Roissy, Méditerranée Eglise Ste Bernadette, Côté Carmel	
9.30am	Group Mass Europe Accueil Stella	St Patrick Notre-Dame St Maximilian Kolbe
10am	Family Group Mass, followed by picnic	Cité St Pierre
2pm	Water Gesture for Europe, Accueil, Stella Eglise Ste Bernadette, Côté Carmel	
2pm	Redshirts Reconciliation	Cité St Pierre
2pm	Group Mass Acadia Padoue Roissy Irlande Méditerranée	St Maximilian Kolbe Ss Cosmos & Damian Crypte Notre-Dame St Joseph
3.30pm	Water Gesture for Family Group	Baths
5pm	Blessed Sacrament Procession <i>(see p.29)</i>	
6.15pm	Leaders' Meeting Choir practice	St Sauveur mezzanine
8.30pm	Reconciliation Service for Hospitalité, Eglise Ste Bernadette	
8.30pm	Redshirts' Mass	Crypte

DAILY PRAYERS

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(We make the Sign of the Cross)

Leader: Today we celebrate Mass as a hotel group rather than as a whole pilgrimage.

The theme for this Mass is 'loss', in all its different disguises.

The gospel we hear today is often used at funerals, as consolation for those who mourn.

Scripture: John 14:1-3

Reader: Jesus said to his disciples,
'Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me.
In my father's house are many rooms.
If it were not so,
would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
that where I am you may be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: We now spend a short time in silence
to reflect on the following:

What is the message that I am getting from this passage

How might that affect what I do today?

Silent reflection

Leader Let us now call to mind all those people and situations we carry in our hearts at this time, remembering especially those who have asked for our prayers and those for whom we have promised to pray while we are here in Lourdes.

Silent prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayers.

Leader: We close by saying together part of the Jubilee Prayer:

**All: May the grace of the Jubilee awaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Our Lady of Lourdes,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: St Bernadette,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: All holy men and women,

All: Pray for us.

**In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Tomorrow

- Mass with Anointing (p.109)

GROUP MASSES



**Various Mass venues
and times (see p.101)**

Please see hotel notice board for details, or ask your leader.

Celebrant & Homilist

Group Chaplain

Suggestions for hymns at the start of Mass include:

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (p.146)

Lord of all Hopefulness (p.152)

Praise to the Holiest (p.156)

Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,
about those who are asleep,
That you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
Even so, through Jesus,
God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Suggestions for the Psalm include:

Because the Lord is my Shepherd (p.147)

The Lord's My Shepherd (Crimond p.157 or Townend p.158)

Centre of My Life (p.148)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia

Gospel**John 14:1-6**

Jesus said to his disciples,
 'Let not your hearts be troubled.
 Believe in God; believe also in me.
 In my Father's house are many rooms.
 If it were not so,
 would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
 And if I go and prepare a place for you,
 I will come again and will take you to myself,
 that where I am you may be also.
 And you know the way to where I am going.'
 Thomas said to him,
 'Lord, we do not know where you are going.
 How can we know the way?'
 Jesus said to him,
 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.
 No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Suggestions for Preparation of the Gifts hymn(s):

Gifts of Bread and Wine (p.150)

Suggestions for Communion hymn(s):

This is my Body (p.158)
 Shoulder my Yoke (p.157)
 Soul of my Saviour (p.93)

After Communion there will be a period of silence for prayer and reflection.

Suggestions for Recessional hymn(s):

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (p.144)
 Love Divine (p.153)
 Dear Lord and Father (p.149)

TUESDAY 29 JULY

6.15am High Stations - Encounter

10am Music Concert Chapelle Notre Dame

1.30pm Mass with Anointing St Pius X Basilica, Central Altar

5.30pm Vocations Meeting Acadia Hotel Meeting Room
Clinical meeting

6pm Leadership Gathering Padoue
Choir practice St Sauveur mezzanine

8.30pm Party Night **Hotels & Accueil**



DAILY PRAYERS

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(We make the Sign of the Cross)

Leader: During our Mass today we witness and celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. However, it has to be remembered that everyone who comes on Pilgrimage to Lourdes comes in need of healing.

Much of our brokenness is entirely unseen, but can be just as debilitating as any visible infirmity.

Scripture: Luke 18:35-41

Reader: 'As Jesus drew near to Jericho,
a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.
And hearing a crowd going by,
he enquired what this meant.
They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.'
And he cried out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'
And those who were in front rebuked him,
telling him to be silent.
But he cried out all the more,
'Son of David, have mercy on me!'
And Jesus stopped
and commanded him to be brought to him.
And when he came to him, Jesus asked him,
'What do you want me to do for you?'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Leader: We now spend a short time in silence
to reflect on the following:
What is the message that I am getting from this passage?
How might that affect what I do today?

Silent reflection

Leader: Let us now call to mind all those people and situations we carry in our hearts at this time, remembering especially those who have asked for our prayers and those for whom we have promised to pray while we are here in Lourdes.

Silent prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayers.

Leader: We close by saying together part of the Jubilee Prayer:

**All: May the grace of the Jubilee awaken in us,
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a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace
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throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Our Lady of Lourdes,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: St Bernadette,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: All holy men and women,

All: Pray for us.

**In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Tomorrow

- Mass at the Grotto (p.122)
- Travel home meeting & group prayer of the last evening (p.128)
- Taizé Prayer Evening

MASS WITH ANOINTING



St Pius X Basilica



1.30pm

Celebrant
Homilist

Bishop Richard Moth
Fr David King

Gathering

We Love this Place, O God

*Refrain: We love this place, O God,
this holy ground,
where we are fed and you are found,
O God, to you we come,
in ev'ry faithful heart make your home.*

Send forth your light and your truth,
let these be my guide;
let them bring me to your holy mountain,
to the place where you dwell.

And to your altar I will come,
to you, my delight.
I will thank you with the sound of music,
my Redeemer, my God.

And you, my heart, why are you sad,
so troubled within me?
Wait in hope; again I will sing praises
for my Saviour, my God.

Christopher Walker

Introductory Rites

Processional

Out of Darkness

*Refrain: Out of darkness God has called us,
claimed by Christ as God's own people.
Holy nation, royal priesthood,
walking in God's marv'lous light.*

Let us take the words you give, strong and faithful words to live.
Words that in our hearts are sown; words that bind us as your own.

Let us take the love you give, that the way of love we live.
Love to bring your people home; love to make us all your own.

Bless all those to be anointed. Give them healing, strength and comfort;
that from sickness they may find: health in body, soul and mind.

Strengthen all who keep your word,
that their hearts and minds are stirred:
answering God's call on earth in the waters of new birth.

Christopher Walker

Penitential Act

Gathering Mass

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**
Christ, have mercy. Christe, eleison. **Christe, eleison.**
Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**

Gloria

Refrain

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

Paul Inwood

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings you will also share in our comfort.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90



Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
and abide in the shade of the Almighty,
say to the LORD: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell
For you has he commanded his angels
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread,
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Anne Ward

Gospel Acclamation

St Mary's

Alleluia (repeat after cantor)

Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son

Alleluia (repeat after cantor)

Anne Ward

Gospel

Luke 18:35-43

As Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he enquired what this meant. They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' And he cried out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me recover my sight.' And Jesus said to him, 'Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.' and immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Homily

Anointing of the Sick

The Litany

Bishop: Let us pray to God for our brothers and sisters who are sick
and for all those who devote themselves to caring for them.

Bless all present and fill them with new hope and strength:

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: Relieve their pain:

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: Free them from sin
and do not let them give way to temptation:

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: Sustain all the sick with your power:

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: Assist all who care for the sick:

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: Give life and health to our brothers and sisters
on whom we lay our hands in your name:

Cantor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

In silence, the priests lay their hands on the head of each sick person.

Prayer over the Blessed Oil

Bishop: Praise to you, God,
the almighty Father.
You sent your Son to live among us
and bring us salvation.

Cantor: Blessed be God, who heals us in Christ.

People: Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

Bishop: Praise to you, God,
the Only Begotten Son.
You humbled yourself to share in our humanity,
and you heal our infirmities.

Cantor: Blessed be God, who heals us in Christ.

People: Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

Bishop: Praise to you, God,
the Holy Spirit, the Consoler.
Your unfailing power gives us strength
in our bodily weakness.

Cantor: Blessed be God, who heals us in Christ.

People: Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

Bishop: God of mercy,
ease the sufferings
and comfort the weakness of your servants
whom the Church anoints with this holy oil.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Anointing

*The priests anoint each sick person in their group with the blessed oil.
First, they anoint the forehead, saying:*

Through this holy anointing,
may the Lord in his love and mercy
help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The sick person responds:

Amen.

Then they anoint the hands, saying:

May the Lord who frees you from sin,
save you and raise you up.

The sick person responds:

Amen.

During the Anointing of the Sick, we will sing the following, as time permits:

Anointing

We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

We Cannot Measure

The pain that will not go away,
 the guilt that clings from things long past,
 the fear of what the future holds,
 are present as if meant to last.
 But present too is love which tends
 the hurt we never hoped to find,
 the private agonies inside,
 the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help
 and some have come to make amends,
 as hands which shaped and saved the world
 are present in the touch of friends.
 Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
 to mend the body, mind and soul,
 to disentangle peace from pain
 and make your broken people whole.

John L. Bell, Graham Maule

Anointing

Healer of our Ev'ry Ill

*Refrain: Healer of our ev'ry ill,
 light of each tomorrow,
 give us peace beyond our fear,
 and hope beyond our sorrow.*

You who know our fears and sadness,
 grace us with your peace and gladness ,
 Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts.

In the pain and joy beholding
 how your grace is still unfolding,
 give us all your vision: God of love.

Give us strength to love each other,
 ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother,
 Spirit of all kindness: be our guide.

You who know each thought and feeling,
 teach us all your way of healing,
 Spirit of compassion: fill each heart.

Marty Haugen

Anointing

Son of David

*Refrain: Son of David, have pity on me; Son of God, hear my plea.
O Son of David, have pity on me; listen to my plea.*

Those who sow in tears and pain will return rejoicing.
The lamb will leap, the lion lie down, on your day, O Lord.

He has borne our grief and pain, burdened down with sorrow.
Who'd believe what we have seen? Like a lamb he's slain.

By his word the world was made, ev'ry grain and flower.
The poor stand near to God, the Lord: those who seek his face.

O Lord God, return to us. Let your face renew us.
Turn again, come see this vine, which your hand has sown.

John Foley

Healer of my Soul

Healer of my soul, keep me at even',
keep me at morning, keep me at noon, healer of my soul.

Keeper of my soul, on rough course faring,
help and safeguard my means this night, keeper of my soul.

I am tired, astray, and stumbling.
Shield my soul from the snare of sin

J.M. Talbot

Prayer after Anointing

Bishop: Let us pray,
Father in heaven, through this holy anointing
grant our brothers and sisters comfort in their suffering.
When they are afraid, give them courage,
when afflicted, give them patience,
when dejected, afford them hope,
and when alone,
assure them of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Instrumental

Holy, holy

Gathering

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Holy Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Lord God of Hosts.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed is he who comes.
Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Doxology & Great Amen

Amen, amen.

Paul Inwood

Communion Rite

Lamb of God

Pershere

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Alan Smith

Communion

Lord, Your Love has Drawn us Near

*Refrain: Lord, your love has drawn us near;
perfect love which casts out fear;
love has sought us,
homeward brought us,
joined us in communion here.*

How can I repay the Lord,
who feeds us with his word,
with bread and wine?
Sing in homage all your days,
a sacrifice of praise
will be our sign.

He who calls us to be here,
who calms us in our fear,
will guide our way;
he who gave his very life,
who conquered in the strife,
will light our day.

Every creature that God feeds,
praise him who fills your needs,
lift up your voice;
every creature that has breath,
praise him who conquered death,
and still rejoice!

Stephen Dean

After Communion, there will be a period of silence for prayer and reflection.

Time for Individual Prayer

There is now an opportunity, for anyone who was not anointed and wishes to, to approach a priest, deacon or assistant chaplain for a brief time of individual prayer for a specific intention.

During this time we will sing the following, as time permits:

Just as I Am

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Refrain: I come broken to be mended.
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued.
I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned
by the blood of Christ the Lamb,
and I'm welcomed with open arms,
praise God, just as I am.*

Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, I would be lost,
but mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now to glory in your Cross,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Charlotte Elliott, William B. Bradbury

Concluding Rites

Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Recessional

Thanks be to God

Thanks be to God
whose love has gathered us this day;
thanks be to God
who helps and guides us on our way.
Thanks be to God
who gives us voice that we may thank him:

*Refrain: Deo gratias, Deo gratias,
Thanks be to God most high.*

Thanks be to God
for all the gifts of life and light;
thanks be to God
whose care protects us day and night.
Thanks be to God
who keeps in mind us who forget him:

Thanks be to God
who knows our secret joys and fears;
thanks be to God
who when we call him always hears.
Thanks be to God
our rock and strength ever sustaining:

Thanks be to God
who never turns his face away;
thanks be to God
who heals and pardons all who stray.
Thanks be to God
who welcomes us into the kingdom:

Thanks be to God
who made our world and all we see;
thanks be to God
who gave his Son to set us free.
Thanks be to God
whose Spirit brings warmth and rejoicing:

Stephen Dean

WEDNESDAY 30 JULY

6.15am High Stations

10am Mass at the Grotto

1.30pm Leaders' meeting

**2.30pm Hour of Prayer led by the Redshirts, and
Going Forth Blessing for the journey home,
with Bishop Richard**

Eglise Ste Bernadette, Côté Grotte

4.30pm Clinical Meeting
Choir practice

St Sauveur mezzanine

**5.30pm Travel home instructions &
group prayer of the last evening** Hotels & Accueil

8.30pm Taizé prayer
*A quiet and contemplative time
of prayer, reflection & music*

Chapelle Notre Dame

10.45pm Encounter

Youth Tent



MASS AT THE GROTTO



Grotto



10am

Celebrant & Homilist

Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Processional

Immaculate Mary

1. Immaculate Mary! Our hearts are on fire,
that title so wondrous fills all our desire.

*Refrain: Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!*

2. We pray for God's glory, may his kingdom come!
We pray for his vicar, our father, and Rome.
3. We pray for our mother the church upon earth,
and bless, sweetest Lady, the land of our birth.
4. For poor, sick, afflicted thy mercy we crave;
and comfort the dying thou light of the grave.
5. In grief and temptation, in joy or in pain,
we'll ask thee, our mother, nor seek thee in vain.
6. In death's solemn moment, our mother, be nigh;
and children of Mary – help us when we die.
7. And crown thy sweet mercy with this special grace,
to behold soon in heaven God's ravishing face.
8. To God be all glory and worship for aye,
and to God's virgin mother an endless Ave.

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Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Reading

Isaiah 61:9-11

Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm

Judith 13



Blessed are you, O daughter, by God Most High;
you are above all women on earth,
and blessed be the Lord God
who has created the heavens and the earth.

For your deed of hope will never depart
from the hearts of those
who always remember the power of God.

Francesca LaRosa

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Virgin Mary, who have believed
that which was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker

Gospel

John 2:1-11

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.' This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Offertory Hymn**Lord, Accept the Gifts We Offer**

Lord, accept the gifts we offer
 at this Eucharistic feast;
 bread and wine to be transformed now
 through the action of thy priest.
 Take us too, Lord, and transform us,
 be thy grace in us increased.

May our souls be pure and spotless
 as the host of wheat so fine;
 may all stain of sin be crushed out,
 like the grape that forms the wine,
 as we, too, become partakers
 in this sacrifice divine.

Take our gifts, almighty Father,
 living God, eternal, true,
 which we give through Christ, our Saviour,
 pleading here for us anew.
 Grant salvation to all present,
 and our faith and love renew.

Sr M. Teresine Fonder

Holy, Holy**Messe du Jubilé 2025**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus, Deus Sabaoth.

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Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.

Hosanna! **Hosanna!**

Hosanna in excelsis! **Hosanna in excelsis!**

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna! **Hosanna!**

Hosanna in excelsis! Hosanna in excelsis!

Isaia Ravelli

Memorial Acclamation

Missal Tone

**We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Lamb of God

Lourdes Mass 2

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: **Miserere nobis.**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: **Miserere nobis.**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: **Dona nobis pacem.**

Jean-Paul Lécot

Communion Hymns

Sweet Sacrament Divine

Sweet sacrament divine, hid in thy earthly home,
lo! Round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise,
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,
sweet sacrament divine, sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace, dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease, and sorrows all depart,
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery,
sweet sacrament of peace, sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest, Ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest soon may we reach the shore,
save us, for still the tempest raves;
save, lest we sink beneath the waves,
sweet sacrament of rest, sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away,
sweet sacrament divine, sweet sacrament divine.

Francis Stanfield

Eat this Bread

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 come to me and never be hungry.
 Eat this bread, drink this cup,
 trust in me and you will not thirst.

Jacques Berthier

Recessional Hymn**Holy Virgin, by God's Decree**

Holy Virgin, by God's decree,
 you were called eternally;
 that he could give his Son to our race.
 Mary, we praise you, hail full of grace.

Refrain: Ave, ave, ave Maria.

By your faith and loving accord,
 as the handmaid of the Lord,
 you undertook God's plan to embrace.
 Mary, we thank you, hail full of grace.

Joy to God you gave and expressed,
 of all women none so blessed,
 when in mankind your Son took his place.
 Mary, we love you, hail full of grace.

Refuge of your children so weak,
 sure protection all can seek.
 Problems of life you help us to face.
 Mary, we trust you, hail full of grace.

To our needy world of today
 love and beauty you portray,
 showing the path to Christ we must trace.
 Mary, our mother, hail full of grace.

Jean-Paul Lécot
tr. W. Raymond Lawrence

DAILY PRAYERS

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(We make the Sign of the Cross)

Leader: In Luke's Gospel we read about how the Angel Gabriel visited Mary to tell her that she was to give birth to a son whom she would name Jesus.

Mary was disturbed by this message, but the angel explained that she had won God's favour and that the Lord was with her.

With such reassurance, Mary put all her trust in the Lord and accepted her future with the words:

Scripture: Luke 1:38

Reader: And Mary said,
'Behold, I am the servant of the Lord;
let it be to me according to your word.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: We now spend a short time in silence
to reflect on the following:
What is the message that I am getting from this passage?
How might that affect what I do today?

Silent reflection

Leader: Let us now call to mind all those people and situations we carry in our hearts at this time, remembering especially those who have asked for our prayers and those for whom we have promised to pray while we are here in Lourdes.

Silent prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayers.

Leader: We close by saying together part of the Jubilee Prayer:

**All: May the grace of the Jubilee awaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Our Lady of Lourdes,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: St Bernadette,

All: Pray for us.

Leader: All holy men and women,

**All: Pray for us.
In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Tomorrow

- Closing Mass (p.133)
- Departure for home for most pilgrims!

THURSDAY 31 JULY

6.15am High Stations

9am Mass with Closing Ceremony
Eglise Ste Bernadette, Côté Grotte



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(We make the Sign of the Cross)

Leader: At Mass today we hear the second part of the account of the encounter between the disciples and Jesus on the road to Emmaus. As they reach their destination in Emmaus they offer an invitation:

Scripture: Luke 24:29-31

Reader: 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening
and the day is now far spent.'
So he went in to stay with them.
When he was at table with them,
he took the bread and blessed and broke it
and gave it to them.
And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: What did the disciples recognise in their companion
on the road to Emmaus
when they shared a meal with him at the end of the day?

What have we recognised in the pilgrims
we have shared the last week with?

What have we recognised in ourselves
during this week in Lourdes?

We now spend a short time in silence to reflect on the following:

What do you think enabled the disciples to recognise Jesus?
What have you recognised in the pilgrims you have shared this week with?

What have you recognised in yourself during this week in Lourdes?

Silent reflection

Leader: Let us now call to mind all those people and situations we carry in our hearts at this time, remembering especially those who have asked for our prayers and those for whom we have promised to pray while we are here in Lourdes.

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CLOSING MASS



Eglise Ste Bernadette, Côté Grotte



9am

Celebrant & Homilist

Bishop Richard Moth

Gathering

Be Bold, Be Strong

Sung by the Redshirts & the Family Group

Processional Hymn

Sing a New Church

Summoned by the God who made us,
rich in our diversity.

Gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity.

*Refrain: Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.*

Radiant risen from the water,
robed in holiness and light,
male and female in God's image,
male and female, God's delight.

Trust the goodness of creation;
trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised,
sprung from seed of what has been.

Bring the hopes of ev'ry nation;
bring the art of ev'ry race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
let it sound through time and space.

Delores Dufner OSB

Penitential Act**Gathering Mass**

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**

Christ, have mercy. Christe, eleison. **Christe, eleison.**

Lord, have mercy. Kyrie, eleison. **Kyrie, eleison.**

Paul Inwood

Reading**Romans 15:4-7**

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Psalm**Psalm 119**

Bles-sed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessed are those who keep his decrees!
With all their hearts they seek him.

You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept.

May my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes.

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.

Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law.

LORD, teach me the way of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.

Grant me insight that I may keep your law,
and observe it wholeheartedly.

Stephen Dean

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Lord Jesus, open the scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us as you speak to us.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Fintan O'Carroll, Christopher Walker

Gospel

Luke 24:13-16, 28-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Response: **This is our prayer: we pray to the Lord.**

Preparation of Gifts

Gifts We Bring

Gathered here as one, we give praise to you, our God,
bringing to your altar our gifts to bless.
By your goodness grown, from the seeds that we have sown,
made by human hands, we bring you bread.
This bread will become the Body of Christ.
For us, our Saviour was sacrificed.

The fruit of the vine we have turned into wine,
offering this also for you to bless.
May they now become the food that makes us one,
nourishing our souls and bringing life.
This wine will become the Blood of Christ.
For us, our Saviour was sacrificed.

Now we offer you all the good things that we do,
trying to love others as you love us.
Bless and break us, too, so we become something new;
take our lives and use us to do your work.
Then we shall become the Body of Christ.
For you, our Saviour, our sacrifice.

Marius Hopley

Holy, holy

Gathering

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Holy Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Lord God of Hosts.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed is he who comes.
Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Doxology & Great Amen

Amen, amen.

Paul Inwood

Communion Rite

Lamb of God

Pershore

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Alan Smith

Communion

Ubi Caritas

Refrain: Ubi caritas est vera, est vera:

Deus ibi est, Deus ibi est.

The love of Christ joins us together. Let us rejoice in him,
and in our love and care for all now love God in return.

In true communion let us gather. May all divisions cease
and in their place be Christ the Lord, our risen Prince of Peace.

May we who gather at this table to share the bread of life
become a sacrament of love, your healing touch, O Christ.

For those in need make us your mercy, for those oppressed, your might.
Make us, your Church, a holy sign of justice and new life.

May we one day behold your glory and see you face to face,
rejoicing with the saints of God to sing eternal praise.

Bob Hurd

There will now be a period of silence for prayer and reflection.

Blessing and Dismissal

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All: Now and for ever.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Recessional

All my Hope on God is Founded

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
what with lavish care man buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness ay endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore, from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all;
ye who follow shall not fall.

J. Neader, paraphrased by R.S. Bridges

PLANNING TO COME BACK NEXT YEAR?

Are you thinking about or planning on coming back next year?

If so, did know that you can start paying in monthly instalments now?

Here are the details for your bank transfers:

Account Name: A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account: 52133660

Reference: 2026 [YOUR SURNAME]

A full refund of advance payments will be issued if you inform us by 1 February 2026 that you are no longer able to join the pilgrimage.

After 1 February, the £100 deposit becomes non-refundable.

Next year's Pastoral Theme will be the Annunciation:

'Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!' (Luke 1:28)



DONATIONS & FUNDRAISING

Donations

Since the first Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we have sought donations and fundraising to enable us to support pilgrims who do not have the financial means to travel to Lourdes. We wish to thank those kind people who have supported our Charity through individual donations, fundraising events and donations given through appeals made in our parishes throughout the Diocese.

If you are a UK taxpayer, the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, as a registered charity, can claim back tax you have already paid on your gift at no extra cost to you. Please request a Gift Aid form from our office.

You can even make a donation right now using the QR code below:



Fundraising

We are all fortunate enough to be able to make it to Lourdes this year. If you think you could help with a Lourdes social fundraising event or arrange one in your parish/community to help someone else make their pilgrimage next year, we need you. Please get in touch with us when you are back home.

Your Lasting Legacy:

'Passing on the grace of Lourdes to future generations'

Why do we need your support? Once you have supported your loved ones, have you considered passing on the grace of Lourdes to future generations by placing a gift in your Will for the Pilgrimage?

Legacies are a bequest to us in your Will and a very flexible way of giving a fixed sum of money. Legacies can also take the form of a trust, which allows you to leave something to a loved one for their lifetime, with the provision that it will pass to the Pilgrimage after they have died.

'Gifts in Memory' are a donation specifically in memory of a loved one who has died. These gifts do not need to be made in a Will and can be made at any time by contacting the Office.

An information leaflet is available from the UK Pilgrimage Office. We always recommend that you use a solicitor or professional adviser to prepare your Will.

T: 01293 651147

E: lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk

W: abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes

PRAYER NETWORK

'For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.' Mt 18:20

We have a prayer network to allow us to continue to pray as a pilgrimage family throughout the year for one another.

This prayer group invites and encourages us to:

- share our prayer needs
- offer prayers of praise, petition and thanksgiving to God
- pray knowing that it is a safe place to share our concerns, joys and heartaches and in the knowledge that many will be praying on your behalf
- pray as a community of people for others

Are you interested in joining our prayer network to offer your prayers and pray regularly for others?

If so, please email E: prayer.lourdes@abdiocese.org.uk and we will forward you confirmation of the prayer network ways of working and answer any questions that you have.

We look forward to hearing from you.



LATIN TEXTS, HYMNS & CHANTS

Our Father

Pater noster, qui es in cælis:
sanctificétur nomen tuum;
advéniat regnum tuum:
fiat volúntas tua, sicut in cælo et in terra.
Panem nostrum cotidiánum da nobis hódie:
et dimítte nobis débita nostra,
sicut et nos dimíttimus debitóribus nostris;
et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem,
sed líbera nos a malo. Amen.

Hail Mary

Ave Maria, gratia plena: Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

Glory Be

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Chants

Lauda Sion Salvatorem,
lauda ducem et pastorem
in hymnis et canticis.

Lauda, Jerusalem, Dominum,
lauda Deum tuum, Sion.
Hosanna Filio David

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis

Sion, praise your Saviour
Praise your leader and shepherd
In hymns and chants

Jerusalem, praise the Lord
Praise your God, Sion,
Hosanna to the Son of David

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Tantum Ergo: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui.
Præstet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
laus et jubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio,
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

Therefore we, before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here:
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing
to the Father and the Son.
Honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run.
Ever too his love confessing,
who from both, with both, is one.
Amen.

Salve Regina

Salve, Regina,
Mater misericordiæ;
vita, dulcédo
et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus
exsules filii Hevæ.
Ad te suspiramus
geméntes et flentes
in hac lacrimárum valle.

Eia, ergo, advocáte nostra,
illos tuos misericórdes óculos
ad nos convérte.
Et Jesum,
benedíctum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsílíum osténde.
O clemens, O pia,
O dulcis Virgo María.

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of Mercy,
hail, our life, our sweetness,
and our hope.
To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears.

Turn then,
most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us,
and after this exile
show to us
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

ADDITIONAL HYMNS & MUSIC

This section contains some additional resources which may be used in other liturgies or can be used in group or private prayer, in addition to the hymns included in our Masses on previous pages. The music for these hymns and songs is available from the pilgrimage music team at the Hotel Saint Sauveur.

To obtain copies for your group worship –whether formal or informal – please see any member of the Music Team. In addition, there are copies of many hymns and songs for you to look at and borrow. Keyboards and sound equipment are also available.

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia, his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood,
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia, he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia, Bread of Angels, thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, pray for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

W. Chatterton Dix

As I Kneel Before You

As I kneel before you,
as I bow my head in prayer,
take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.

*Refrain: Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,
ev'ry dream and wish are yours;
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you,
and I see your smiling face,
ev'ry thought, ev'ry word
is lost in your embrace.

Maria Parkinson

At the Cross

1. At the cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful mother weeping,
close to Jesus to the last.
2. Through her heart his sorrow sharing,
all his bitter anguish bearing,
now at length the sword has passed.
3. O, thou mother! Fount of love!
Touch my spirit from above,
make my heart with thine accord.
4. Make me feel as thou has felt;
make my soul to glow and melt
with the love of Christ my Lord.
5. Let me mingle tears with thee,
mourning him who mourn'd for me,
all the days that I may live.
6. By the cross with thee to stay,
there with thee to weep and pray,
is all I ask of thee to give.

7. Virgin of all virgins best,
listen to my fond request:
let me share thy grief divine.
8. Let me, to my latest breath,
in my body bear the death
of that dying Son of thine.
9. Christ, when thou shalt call me hence,
be thy mother my defence,
be thy cross my victory.
10. While my body here decays,
may my soul thy goodness praise,
safe in paradise with thee.

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Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J. Evans

Be Thou my Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
 be thou my armour and be thou my might.
 Be my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
 raise thou me heavenwards, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
 thou my inheritance now and always.
 Thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
 High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

O High King of heaven, when battle is done
 grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's sun;
 Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
 still be my vision, thou Ruler of all.

Traditional; tr. Eleanor Hull

Because the Lord is my Shepherd

Because the Lord is my shepherd,
 I have ev'rything I need.
 He lets me rest in the meadow and leads me
 to the quiet streams.
 He restores my soul and he leads me in the paths that are right:

*Refrain: Lord, you are my shepherd,
 you are my friend.
 I want to follow you always,
 just to follow my friend.*

And when the road leads to darkness,
 I shall walk there unafraid.
 Even when death is close I have courage
 for your help is there.
 You are close beside me with comfort, you are guiding my way:

In love you make me a banquet
 for my enemies to see.
 You make me welcome,
 pouring down honour from your mighty hand;
 and this joy fills me with gladness, it is too much to bear:

Your goodness always is with me
 and your mercy I know.
 Your loving kindness strengthens me always
 as I go through life.
 I shall dwell in your presence for ever, giving praise to your name:

Christopher Walker

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O my Soul)

*Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come,
still, my soul will sing your praise unending:
ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin

Centre of my Life

*Refrain: O Lord, you are the centre of my life:
I will always praise you, I will always serve you,
I will always keep you in my sight.*

Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone:
my happiness lies in you alone.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even in safety shall my body rest.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand,
at your right hand happiness for ever.

Paul Inwood

Come Back to Me

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

*Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.*

The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice
with tenderness you shall know.

You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

Gregory Norbet, based on Hosea

Come to Me

Come to me, come to me, weak and heavy laden;
trust in me, lean on me, I will give you rest.

Iona Community

Dear Lord and Father

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise, in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee, rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love, interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace, the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm!

J. G. Whittier

Gifts of Bread and Wine

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love: taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of one who died:

*Refrain: 'Take my body; take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.*

Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as he promised while on earth: 'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.

To the Father, in the Spirit,
one in union with the Son, for God's people, joined in prayer
faith is strengthened by the food we share.

Christine McCann

God of Compassion

*Refrain: God of compassion, faithful in love,
God of all tenderness, pity us.
Comfort your people, we pray*

You who forgive our guilt, you who heal all our ills, save this life.
You do not treat us as people of sinfulness,
save your servant who trusts in you.

Constant your promise to love and be merciful, save this life.
Treating us tenderly, mindful that we are dust,
save your servant who trusts in you.

Short is our life, like the flowers that fade and die, save this life.
Life everlasting you give to your faithful ones,
save your servant who trusts in you.

Peter Jones

Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

W. Williams (1717-91) tr. P. and W. Williams

Hail, Queen of Heav'n

Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,
guide of the wand'rer here below;
thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care:
save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,
we sinners make our prayers through thee;
remind thy son that he has paid
the price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,
pray for the sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
to thee, blest advocate, we cry;
pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
and soothe with hope our misery.
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,
pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above,
in Godhead One, in Persons Three,
the source of life, of grace, of love,
homage we pay on bended knee;
do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,
pray for thy children, pray for me.

John Lingard

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
when you come into your Kingdom.

Jacques Berthier

Let Nothing Trouble You

*Refrain: Let nothing trouble you or frighten you,
for the one who has God lacks nothing.
Let nothing trouble you or frighten you.
God alone, God alone, God alone is enough.*

If God builds the house nothing will shake it;
neither the storm nor the raging tide.
For the one who builds lays the foundation;
strong as the earth, deep as the sea.

Be God's living stones, building God's temple;
shelter of light, with an open door.
Be the dwelling place of God's compassion,
where there is love, God will be there.

Bernadette Farrell

Lord of all Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
 your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
 be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
 whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
 be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther

Love Divine

Love divine, all loves excelling,
 joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesu, thou art all compassion,
 pure unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy compassion,
 enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
 let us all thy grace receive;
 suddenly return, and never,
 never more thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
 pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation,
 perfectly restored in thee.
 Changed from glory into glory
 till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley

Magnificat

Magnificat, magnificat,
magnificat anima mea Dominum.
Magnificat, magnificat,
magnificat anima mea.

Jacques Berthier

Nada te Turbe

Nada te turbe, nada te espante.
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te espante,
solo Dios basta.

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God alone fills us.*

Jacques Berthier

O Let All Who Thirst

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labour, without rest.
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children, without might.
Easy the load and light: come to the Lord!

John B. Foley

O Lord, Hear my Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer,
 O Lord, hear my prayer.
 When I call answer me.
 O Lord, hear my prayer,
 O Lord, hear my prayer.
 Come and listen to me.

Jacques Berthier

O Lord my God, When I in Awesome Wonder

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
 consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
 thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

*Refrain: Then sings my soul,
 my Saviour God, to thee;
 how great thou art,
 how great thou art!
 Then sings my soul,
 my Saviour God, to thee;
 how great thou art,
 how great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
 and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
 when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
 and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
 that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
 he bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration
 and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Stuart K. Hine

O Mother Blest

O Mother blest, whom God bestows
on sinners and on just,
what joy, what hope, thou givest those
who in thy mercy trust.

*Refrain: Thou art clement, thou art chaste,
Mary, thou art fair;
of all mothers sweetest, best;
none with thee compare.*

O heavenly Mother, mistress sweet! It never yet was told
that suppliant sinner left thy feet unpitied, unconsolated.

O Mother, pitiful and mild, cease not to pray for me;
for I do love thee as a child, and sigh for love of thee.

Most pow'rful Mother, all men know thy Son denies thee nought;
thou askest, wishest it and, lo! His power thy will has wrought.

O Mother blest, for me obtain, ungrateful though I be,
to love that God who first could deign to show such love to me.

St Alphonsus; tr. Edmund Vaughan

Praise to the Holiest

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.

O wisest love! That flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self, and Essence all divine.

O generous love! That he who smote in man for man the foe,
the double agony in man for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly, and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire to suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways!

John Henry Newman

Shoulder my Yoke

*Refrain: Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart.
And you'll find rest for your souls,
for my yoke is easy and my burden light.*

'Come, you weary', says the Lord,
'all who are heavy laden.'
He will give you rest for your souls.

'Come, you hungry', says the Lord,
'all who are heavy laden.'
He will give you rest for your souls.

'Come, you thirsty', says the Lord,
'all who are heavy laden.'
He will give you rest for your souls.

'Come, you children', says the Lord, '
yours is the kingdom of heaven.'
He will keep you safe from all harm.

Anne Ward

The Lord's my Shepherd (Crimond)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

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The Lord's my Shepherd (And I Will Trust in You)

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul:

*Refrain: And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

Stuart Townend

This is my Body (In Love for Me)

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood, poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go:
do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my spirit, how you will grow;
you are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another - I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Jimmy Owens & Damian Lundy

Water of Life

*Refrain: Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;
raise us to life in Christ Jesus.*

All you who thirst, come to the waters,
and you will never be thirsty again.

As rain from heav'n, so is God's word,
it waters the earth and brings forth life.

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him,
death shall no longer have power over us.

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness,
you will find peace in his infinite love.

Stephen Dean

You Who Dwell (On Eagle's Wings)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my Rock in whom I trust!'

*Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Michael Joncas

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Luke 1:46-55

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength,
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones,
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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