

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

" I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION "

Who are the Kenelm Youth Trust? (KYT)

We are the Youth Service for the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

The Kenelm Youth Trust is committed to providing life changing opportunities for young people, helping each person to reflect upon their life of faith and how they respond to the call of Jesus Christ in their lives.

The Trust has been established by the Archdiocese of Birmingham to oversee and bring together the wide variety of youth work that is undertaken in various settings throughout the Archdiocese.

These include two residential retreat centres; youth ministry development workers supporting parish youth work; support for those working within school chaplaincy; the organisation of school missions, parish outreach, events and pilgrimages.

The KYT are co-ordinating the youth section of the Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

We hope you will find available all of the information you need to bring a group from your school or parish. The youth section for the Lourdes Pilgrimage is available to all young people aged 14 - 30 years of age.

To work in The Accueil serving the assisted pilgrims you must be 16 years of age by the date of travel. There are other opportunities for those under 16 years of age.

Why invite young people to take part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes?

Lourdes offers an incredibly engaging and powerful encounter of our living faith through its combination of service, faith and sense of belonging to the church. Young people have such a prominent role on the pilgrimage, they are strongly visible and incredibly valued.

Service

Those who are aged 16 years and over work on shifts with other experienced volunteers and experts in the field, in the Accueil with the assisted pilgrims. They serve through contributing throughout the celebration of our liturgies and in caring for each other through the week.

Faith

Lourdes, through the story of Bernadette and the invitation of our Lady to reconciliation, the sacraments and prayer, brings young people powerfully into a real encounter with Jesus Christ. Lourdes is a place of conversion where Christ speaks heart to heart with all of us who are firstly children of God.

Belonging

The pilgrimage to Lourdes offers young people the opportunity to encounter the living church as Christ intended it to be. The experience of this sense of belonging to a parish and school community, the wider Diocese and the international Church is something that young people have said is a powerful encounter where they feel they have an identity, are supported and are of value.

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As a school/parish leader what does my role consist of?

The best way to really discover this is to talk to many others who have lead groups in Lourdes for a number of years, whose experience is invaluable. If like Mary you are courageous and willing to say 'yes' then we have volunteers on the ground ready to give you support if needed in all aspects of the pilgrimage. The list below we hope will act as a guide:

Being a role model to young people you journey with and an example of living the joy of the gospel

You will be in charge of your group throughout the pilgrimage

Promotion of the Pilgrimage

Coordinating the booking procedure for your school/parish

School meetings and fundraising

Mobilising young people to attend the preparation day, retreat day and the Blessing of Hands Mass

Producing a code of conduct to be signed by all participants

Co-ordinating the sending of head shot photos of the group and staff to Tangney for ID Cards

Sending T-Shirt uniform sizes to KYT

Organising School /Parish hoodies

Admin: Insurance, parental and photo consent and next of kin details

Ensuring the correct dietary requirements go to the hotel

Creating/cleaning/transporting the school/parish banner for all processions at the Blessing of Hands and in Lourdes

Risk assessment

Ensuring group members are on time for shifts, masses and services, have ID cards and are wearing correct uniform

In the lead up to the pilgrimage and during our days there we will create a WhatsApp group and have found it really useful in communicating to leaders. Please ensure all your leaders are part of this group by sending their mobile number to kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

What is my school responsible for?

Rota responsibilities:

Your group will be placed onto a rota for a variety of roles whilst in Lourdes. Each group will be placed onto a **Banner Rota** where you will be responsible for the permanence where the banners are stored. During this time you must be present at the permanence 40 minutes before any liturgy including Masses, processions and diocesan pilgrimage liturgies. Schools will then collect their banners from you for these liturgies and return them to you afterwards where they are to be stored until their next use. Your school will also be on the rota to carry the St. Chad's cross and Evangelist Banners for liturgies across the week.

Each group is also responsible for preparing an **introduction** to a Mass or Liturgy based on the theme of the day. This can include presentations of artwork, music, drama or a creative interpretation of the given theme. The Youth Liturgy Co-ordinator will meet with your group 20

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minutes prior to your allocated liturgy to rehearse your introduction however this must be planned prior to your pilgrimage departure and any props needed are to be brought with you.

Also meeting at this time are the school group on the rota for **welcome**. It is your responsibility to be outside the venue for the liturgy to welcome all pilgrims as they arrive. Again, this can reflect the theme of the day and can be as creative as your group can be. Previous ideas have included waving flags, spinning umbrellas, singing songs and holding up signs to create a welcoming atmosphere for each liturgy.

During liturgies your group will be on a rota to support the medical team by providing assisted pilgrims with **blankets and water** as needed.

Your group will also have the opportunity to prepare a short **night prayer** for the Accueil pilgrims based around the night prayer of the church. There will be a rota for this and you may be paired with another school to give all groups the chance to participate in this. We ask that only 10 young people attend to present this night prayer due to the space limitations in the Accueil. Guidance on the planning of night prayers will be provided though the BCYS website.

Prayer Cards Every school are asked to produce a prayer card for Lourdes and to bring 50 copies. These are part of your schools preparation for Lourdes and can be handmade or printed.

These are handed out by young people at the reconciliation service. Many pilgrims take a number of them home from different schools. They be based on the theme of Lourdes - 'I am the Immaculate Conception', the theme of the day or reconciliation.

Groups with over 16s:

Your group will be placed onto the **Hospitalité** rota meaning you have shifts to undertake in the Accueil. Your responsibilities for these shifts will be outlined by the Chief Handmaid and Chief Brancardier at the preparation day prior to the pilgrimage and during shifts.

What other opportunities will be available for young people?

A wide range of opportunities will be available to all groups throughout the pilgrimage. The first of these is the Youth gathering with Archbishop Bernard where all young people are invited to gather in prayer for an evening of praise and worship, inspiring testimonies, discussion groups and an address from His Grace to young people on the pilgrimage. As well as this evening of prayer, there will also be an open mic night and social event following the CJM concert for all young people to gather, socialise and share their pilgrimage experiences with one another. The under 16s co-ordinator will also be offering an opportunity for young people to gather in a green space for games and activities at set points throughout the programme including offering opportunities for night prayer in hotels run by members of the Soli team.

Open to all young people will be the youth stations of the cross. This will take place at the programmed time for stations of the cross meeting at the high stations entrance. Also available to book throughout the week are the tour of Lourdes led by KYT. Group leaders can book a slot for their group to take either the tour of Lourdes or the story of Bernadette tour.

Following the recent synod on Young people, faith and vocational discernment, we will be offering three sessions of catechesis on areas identified by young people as being barriers to faith; suffering, science, relationships and sexuality

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Who are Tangney Tours?

Tangney Tours are a family business who have been organising pilgrimages around the world since 1974. They are the tour operators for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. If you wish to book a place on the pilgrimage for your group click the BOOK HERE tab on the Kenelm Youth Trust website, under Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Who are Lourdes Hospitalité?

This organisation works as a link between Lourdes and the Archdiocese of Birmingham; to serve Christ in caring for all pilgrims whether in Lourdes or our local community; to encourage devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes and to promote a corporate spirit amongst its members. If you choose to work in Lourdes as a nurse or carer you apply through this group. If you work as a handmaid or brancardier you are invited to join Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité and will receive medals of service for working 3, 5 and 10 years. (www.birminghamlourdeshospitalite.com)

What is the Lourdes Youth Section Uniform?

Two Navy blue Diocesan T-Shirts, one yellow neckerchief and a Diocesan pin badge. The sizes for which you must send through to kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

All of these are collected after the Blessing of the Hands Mass.

This is worn whenever you are on duty in the Accueil and for the Diocesan photograph. Most young people choose to wear this everyday regardless, it is a great visible sign of the face of young people and it helps leaders identify our group. It also creates a sense of unity and belonging.

What is affiliation?

If you choose not to book with Tangney Tours, the tour operator working on behalf of the Archdiocese, you must affiliate to the pilgrimage.

As soon as you split part of the booking either arranging your own transport or booking your own accommodation you become an affiliated group. There are additional costs for affiliated pilgrims including uniform.

All groups affiliate by emailing admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk upon booking.

Travel and Transport

If you are booking with the Diocese, all this and any eventuality that may occur is dealt with by Tangney Tours, your tour operator.

If travelling by coach they will collect locally. If travelling by air you depart from Birmingham airport. On arrival in Lourdes you will be transported directly to your hotel and collected from there on the day of departure. Tangney Tours deal with any air traffic control strikes, cancellations, volcanic eruptions and even Brexit! It is recommended that this is how you book.

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Insurance

You will probably find that your school insurance will cover this pilgrimage. If not Tangney Tours offer full insurance cover , just let them know you wish to take this up when you book. They will be happy to sort you out a group discounted price.

Fundraising

Top tips

- Get Permission from whoever is in charge - Teacher/Priest
- Advertise your event in advance
- Make sure you are sensible and appropriate with your events
- Work Together
- Keep it simple - Big events don't necessary make the most money
- Have Fun!

Top Fundraising Events (all based on successful past events)

Quiz nights

Bingo

Ceilidh Night

Speaking at Mass and animating the liturgy with the group (second collection/retiring collection)

Race nights

Cake sales

Car washes

Raffles

Make a just giving page

Non-uniform day

Bag Pack

Duck race

Penny collection jars

Grants

Catenians - £75 bursary grants offered to young people working in Lourdes.

www.catenianbursary.com

Dates for your Diary

Monday 14th October: School and Parish leaders meeting

Friday 28th February - Sunday 1st March: Under 16s preparation retreat @ Soli

Monday 9th March: School and Parish leaders meeting

Friday 13th March-Sunday 15th March: Over 16s preparation retreat @ Soli

Saturday 28th March: Lourdes Preparation Day (Compulsory)

Sunday 17th May: Blessing of Hands Mass

Sunday 5th July: Hednesford Pilgrimage

Pricelist

Costs include: Cost of accommodation and mode of transport plus fees, booklet, badge, air tax, services, diocesan support and admin(safeguarding/admin/tour company) increased sanctuary tax. adult, infant, 2-8, primary, teens, under 18 no taxe de sejour (tourist tax.)

Why the price increase?

Diocesan levy- increased by 10%- Large bill to be paid to Lourdes sanctuary

Pilgrimage levy (books and badges)

Travel - increased by 10%- Fewer chartable aircraft.

Brexit

Coaches - Fuel duty price increase
sanctuary bill

Affiliation cost 2020: £45

|  Fly | | | | | | | | |
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| Air | Hotel | 18 + | SRS | Ages | | | | |
| | | | | Infant | 2 to 8 | 9 to 12 | 13 to 15 | 16 to 17 |
| Myriam | £ 805.00 | £ 150.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 527 | £ 722 | £ 787 | £ 800 | |
| Concorde | £ 809.00 | £ 150.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 530 | £ 727 | £ 792 | £ 805 | |
| Peyramale | £ 812.00 | £ 150.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 532 | £ 728 | £ 794 | £ 807 | |
| St Sebastien | £ 823.00 | £ 168.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 539 | £ 739 | £ 806 | £ 819 | |
| National | £ 826.00 | £ 168.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 541 | £ 741 | £ 808 | £ 821 | |
| Astoria | £ 834.00 | £ 168.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 546 | £ 748 | £ 816 | £ 829 | |
| Gloria | £ 844.00 | £ 168.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 552 | £ 757 | £ 826 | £ 839 | |
| Angelic | £ 845.00 | £ 168.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 553 | £ 758 | £ 827 | £ 840 | |
| St George | £ 845.00 | £ 168.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 553 | £ 758 | £ 827 | £ 840 | |
| Beau Site | £ 845.00 | £ 168.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 553 | £ 758 | £ 827 | £ 840 | |
| Stella | £ 853.00 | £ 168.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 558 | £ 765 | £ 835 | £ 848 | |
| D'Angleterre | £ 863.00 | £ 192.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 565 | £ 774 | £ 845 | £ 858 | |
| Croix Des Bretons | £ 868.00 | £ 168.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 568 | £ 779 | £ 850 | £ 863 | |
| Alba | £ 888.50 | £ 192.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 580 | £ 795 | £ 868 | £ 881 | |
| Mediterranee | £ 888.50 | £ 192.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 580 | £ 795 | £ 868 | £ 881 | |
| Eliseo | £ 936.50 | £ 210.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 611 | £ 838 | £ 916 | £ 929 | |
| Roissy | £ 943.00 | £ 210.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 615 | £ 844 | £ 923 | £ 936 | |
| Padoue | £ 943.00 | £ 210.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 615 | £ 844 | £ 923 | £ 936 | |
| Solitude | £ 987.50 | £ 216.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 644 | £ 884 | £ 967 | £ 980 | |
| St Sauveur | £ 987.50 | £ 216.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 644 | £ 884 | £ 967 | £ 980 | |
| Acceuil | £ 899.00 | £ - | £ 50.00 | £ 589 | £ 808 | £ 882 | £ 895 | |
| Stansted | | | | | | | | |
| Croix de Bretons | £ 920.00 | £ 196.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 600.00 | £ 825.00 | £ 902.00 | £ 915.00 | |

|  Coach | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|---------|--------|--------|---------|----------|
| Coach | Hotel | 18 + | SRS | Admin | | | |
| | | | | Infant | 2 to 8 | 9 to 12 | 13 to 17 |
| Myriam | £ 461.00 | £ 125.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 304 | £ 414 | £ 458 | |
| Concorde | £ 461.00 | £ 125.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 304 | £ 413 | £ 457 | |
| Peyramale | £ 467.00 | £ 125.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 308 | £ 419 | £ 463 | |
| St Sebastien | £ 474.00 | £ 140.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 313 | £ 425 | £ 471 | |
| National | £ 491.00 | £ 140.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 324 | £ 440 | £ 487 | |
| Astoria | £ 492.00 | £ 140.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 324 | £ 441 | £ 488 | |
| Gloria | £ 492.00 | £ 140.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 324 | £ 441 | £ 488 | |
| Angelic | £ 495.00 | £ 140.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 326 | £ 444 | £ 491 | |
| St George | £ 491.00 | £ 140.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 324 | £ 440 | £ 487 | |
| Beau Site | £ 491.00 | £ 140.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 324 | £ 440 | £ 487 | |
| Stella | £ 495.00 | £ 140.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 326 | £ 444 | £ 491 | |
| D'Angleterre | £ 525.00 | £ 160.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 346 | £ 471 | £ 521 | |
| Croix Des Bretons | £ 496.00 | £ 140.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 327 | £ 445 | £ 492 | |
| Alba | £ 531.00 | £ 160.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 348 | £ 474 | £ 525 | |
| Mediterranee | £ 531.00 | £ 160.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 348 | £ 474 | £ 525 | |
| Eliseo | £ 555.00 | £ 175.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 364 | £ 496 | £ 549 | |
| Roissy | £ 564.00 | £ 175.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 370 | £ 504 | £ 558 | |
| Padoue | £ 564.00 | £ 175.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 370 | £ 504 | £ 558 | |
| Solitude | £ 589.00 | £ 180.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 386 | £ 526 | £ 583 | |
| St Sauveur | £ 580.00 | £ 180.00 | £ 50.00 | £ 380 | £ 518 | £ 574 | |