



HCPT Tatler



Monday 9th April 2007

51st Annual HCPT Easter Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Group Number
here



Opening Times

Hemicycle Office

(All pilgrimage
administration)

09h00 - 12h30

14h00 - 18h00

Hemicycle Shop

09h00 - 12h30

14h00 - 18h00

Hosanna House Shop

09h30 - 18h00

Nursing Supplies

08h30 - 10h00

12h30 - 13h00

16h30 - 18h00

Sundry Money Collection

(Solitude Office)

09h00 - 11h00

13h30 - 15h30

17h00 - 19h00

(Sun - Tues)

20h00 - 21h00

Lift up your hearts



‘LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS’ AND A GREAT BIG HAPPY EASTER MONDAY !

Now that all the Groups have arrived may we repeat our great big welcome on this, HCPT’s 51st Pilgrimage to Lourdes. All the worries over fundraising and getting the show on the road are over. It’s time to enjoy a great week.

Our Founder, Brother Michael Strode, could not have foreseen when he took six children to Lourdes on that first Pilgrimage in 1956, that, fifty one years on, HCPT’s Pilgrimage would have grown to an amazing 5,200! Over that time many thousands of children, and their helpers, have enjoyed a very special week in Lourdes. We have much to thank him for.

May we also welcome our new Chairman of Trustees, Dr Michael McGloin. He has been an IHCPT representative on the Board of HCPT since 1999. Michael has also been Chairman of IHCPT. He brings a vast amount of experience to this demanding role. We wish him every success and happiness.

WELCOME TO THE BISHOPS

We are so pleased to welcome our President, Bishop John Rawsthorne, together with Bishops Edwin Regan, Kieran Conry, Patrick Lynch, Tom Burns (arriving Wednesday) and Tom Williams and thank them for their support.

‘Lift Up Your Hearts’ is the theme for this year’s Trust Mass. We are delighted that IHCPT are organizing the Mass and therefore a VERY SPECIAL WELCOME to Bishop Dermot O’Mahoney, President of IHCPT, together with Bishops Bill Murphy and John McAreevy. The Trust Mass is of course the great event of our week and we are all looking forward to the great day. It all involves an immense amount of preparation and hard work and for that we have to thank IHCPT.

WHO’S WHO AT HQ

To help you enjoy the best possible Pilgrimage, Tony Mills and his team are based at the Hemicycle Office in the Domaine.

They are Phil Burns (Pilgrimage), Cath McGoohan, who is Tony’s PA, Joan Prendergast (newly promoted to Finance Director), Sean O’Flaherty, Eileen McCarthy, Bernie Frampton, Carol Peacock and Mary McDermott.

Assisting HQ in the Hemicycle Office are Yvonne Pettingell, Alison O’Sullivan, Kate Kirkland, Jane Allen and Robert Bruce. Pat Jordan, representing IHCPT, is also based there.

Helping Michael Orbell with Tatler is Enna Thorns and Fr Stephen Myers. Sadly Janet, Peter Strode’s wife, broke her leg recently and Peter is therefore unable to travel this year. We all wish Janet a speedy return to good health.

Ron McCahill, who recently left HCPT, is assisting Joan Prendergast, with the finances.

Veronique Rouihon is the Manager at Hosanna House and Muriel Monmeja, Pascal Crassus, Muriel Nogues, Mary Joyce, Fred Ruiz, Jean-Bernard Larre, Evelyne Brua, Carmen Martin, Bernadette Martin and Patrick Laques form the Hosanna House team.

Muriel Monmeja, Shop Manager, is assisted by Bridget Hanlon.

Dave Allen and Dave Hanlon, who operate from

Hosanna House, provide a vital transport service for the Pilgrimage.

Mary Grisdale, Sue Kenny, Veronica Clow are again acting as guides to Groups visiting Hosanna House.

Fr Perry Gildea is our Trust Chaplain with special responsibility for the spiritual development of the Trust. He is a Trustee and the author of the excellent Grotto Jottings, which appear in every Tatler. Fr Perry celebrated the 45th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood yesterday. Congratulations Perry !

Richard King is the Pilgrimage Director. He is responsible for liaison with the Lourdes authorities and helping to orchestrate the Trust’s liturgies.

Tony Grieco, Peter Tetlow, Denis McCarthy and Sean O’Flaherty form the Brancardier Team.

IHCPT have their own HQ Office based in the Hotel Roissy. Fr Richard Scriven, Bernadette O’Connell, Maureen O’Loan, Bridgeen Regan and Dr Bridget Keane provide invaluable support to the IHCPT Groups.

MEDICAL HQ

This is based as usual on the first floor of the Hotel Solitude (left at the top of the stairs). Our Chief Medical Officer, Dr Liz Foster, as well as Dr Patrick Bennett

and Dr Sheila Clark will be available for advice, support and emergency medical supplies.

Groups are asked to contact their allocated Doctor if they have problems. Most doctors will be carrying a mobile phone this year – ask your Doctor for details when they make contact.

Over the counter medicines are available in the Medical HQ and prescription medicines are located in the Pharmacy Room 131 on the 1st floor of the Hotel Solitude near the lifts.

CHANGE OF GROUP DOCTOR

Dr Patrick Coyle has been delayed, so Dr Patrick Bennett - Hotel Solitude - (phone 0685.96.26.40) will be looking after Groups 20, 30, 42, 102, 104, 124, 168, and 192 for the time being.

NURSING SUPPLIES

Ray Lavin is in charge. Supplies are obtainable from the Medical Room at the Hotel Solitude. These may be obtained at any time, but Ray will be in attendance from 08.00 to 1000. 1200 to 1400 and 1630 to 1830.

SECONDARY ENQUIRY FORMS

Regional doctors, Nurses and Group Leaders are kindly requested to return all outstanding medical secondary forms to Medical HQ as soon as possible.

The IHCPT Office is situated at the Hotel St Rose and open at the following times:

Tuesday	17.00 – 19.00
Wednesday	17.00 – 19.00
Thursday	15.00 – 19.00
Friday	09.30–12.30 & 15.00 – 19.00

During the week, Bernadette can be contacted at all times on 00.33.63.72.42.967.

Meetings – Monday 9th April (HOTEL ALBA)

Meeting for Doctors, Nurses and Hearing Impaired at 21.00

Meeting for Chaplains at 22.00

Meeting for Youth Groups 22.00



IHCPT Benefactors' Mass

The IHCPT Benefactors' Mass will take place in St Bernadette's Basilica on Tuesday at 10.00. All groups are invited to assemble by 9.45. Booklets will be available from Maureen at the Basilica. It

would be appreciated if groups only take the number of booklets required for the people attending from their Group.

IHCPT Shop

The IHCPT Shop, which has an extensive range of Clothing and Gifts is situated beside the IHCPT Offices and will be opened:

Tuesday - Thursday	17.00 – 19.00
Friday	16.00 – 19.00

MUSICIANS WANTED !

If you play violin, flute, clarinet or any other wind instrument, and would like to play at the Trust Mass on Thursday, please contact Jerry Sheehan at Hotel Roissy or 00353 868.048.682. Thanks!

HCPT TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION TOMORROW !

Procession moves off at 21.00. Groups should assemble in the area between the Arches and the Grotto by 20.30. Group banners can be processed with their Group. Once you reach the esplanade in front of the basilica, the banner carriers will be directed to the basilica steps. The rest of the Groups will be zig-zagged through the square. This year we have installed two extra screens to ensure maximum participation. Do join in all the singing.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CO-ORDINATOR

Fr Liam Griffin OMI has retired after ten years' service in the Sanctuaries. Many will remember him leading the English prayers at the Processions and he was a great champion of the English-speaking pilgrimages. His successor is Fr Martin Moran OMI, who is already a friend to HCPT as a former Central Services Group Chaplain. Do give Fr Martin a special HCPT welcome !!

COLLECTING YOUR TATLER

A reminder that your Tatler should be collected from the Hemicycle from about 16.30 to 18.00 each day.

GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo Durand is available to take these. Please contact Marcel at his shop, 6 Avenue Mgr Schopoeper, opposite the Little Flower Café. There is a special rate for HCPT Groups.



NO SMOKING

Please remember that the Trust operates a no smoking policy in front of the children in our care. They do not have the option of walking away from us, so please oblige! Please also be mindful of other Groups if you move away from your own Group to smoke.

HEMICYCLE TELEPHONE

The number for the Hemicycle has been changed to (0)5 62 42 79 71. Please change the number on the back of your name badge. Sorry about this.

DOCTORS' MEETING

Will take place on Wednesday evening, from 21.00 to 22.30 in Hotel Continental.

CHAPLAINS' MEETING

This will be held on Tuesday at 18.30 in the foyer of Hotel Solitude. New Chaplains are especially welcome.

SAFETY FIRST

We have to repeat our usual note of caution. Like any other town, Lourdes can be dangerous after dark. Please take care, especially when visiting the Grotto late at night... go with a friend – not on your own. Be aware of pickpockets, even in the Domaine.



PRAYER BOOKS ETC

The Trust prayer book is available from the Hemicycle. A free copy will be issued to every new helper and child in your group via your Group bag. Your bag also contains colouring books/diaries, a Lourdes directory, Orange form, special prayer cards from our founder, Dr Michael Strode, and your Form 99A. **Would all Groups please return any spare prayer books to the Hemicycle?**

EUROS

A reminder that the best rate of exchange can be found at the Banque Populaire on Rue de la Halle (just past McDonalds). You will need to show your HCPT badge.

ORANGE FORMS

These are in your Group bag, awaiting collection from the Hemicycle. Would all Group Leaders please complete and return their Orange Forms by **Tuesday morning** to the Hemicycle. The information provided will help us settle correct hotel bills at the end of the week and to reconcile your group fares. Please note down anything that will affect the amount due (eg late arrivals or early departures) to save the Trust's precious funds.

RETURN MANIFESTS

If not already handed in to your Flight Leader please ensure your manifest is returned to the Hemicycle by Tuesday morning.

CAMERA CARDS

We offer a download service for your images. Please bring your card to Fr Stephen Myers the Solitude Office. You never know, your photos might appear in Tatler ! Your images will be burnt onto a CD for collection at the end of the week.



VIDEO BOOKINGS

The Sanctuaries Video (30 minutes) is a popular introduction to a story of Lourdes, especially on wet days. If you want to book your Group in for one of the slots, or any other time, please apply at the Hemicycle. The cinema is just next door – and there is a lift.

THE RUGBY BALL

A date for your diaries! Following the success of the 50th Anniversary Ball in Rugby we will be holding another Ball in Rugby on 5th July 2008. Further information and booking forms will be sent out to Group Leaders after Easter.

CROSSWORDS

Thanks to an anonymous donor there are prizes for the Easter Crosswords, which are in the 2007 Lourdes Directory. Entries must be left at the Hemicycle by 16.00 on Friday 13th April. For the first correct entry opened: the prize is £25 for the cryptic and £15 for the concise crossword.

Minor corrections:

Concise Crossword: 28 across clue should read: "Dull and gloomy (6)"

14 down "see 3 down (8)"

Cryptic Crossword:

27 across "Scorn one abstainer in beauty's embrace (8)"

YVONNE HALSEY CHIEF MARSHAL

Yvonne died earlier this year. Her Requiem Mass was attended by many of her friends in HCPT, including the Founder Dr Michael Strode. The Air Attaché from the French Embassy, representing the Ambassador, was also present in recognition of Yvonne's service in the French Resistance.

WHEELCHAIRS

If any Group has ordered more wheelchairs than they need, please could you leave any spare wheelchairs at the Hemicycle for other Groups to use. Thank you.

THE BIG QUIZ

Dr Patrick Bennett's Big Quiz is out today ! Your copy is enclosed with this Tatler. There is one prize for completing the whole quiz and another for the picture element alone.

MASSES AND EXCURSIONS

On the pages in your Group bag you will see full planning sheets for the Chapels, Navette and all Excursions.

All documents were printed in Rugby the week before the Pilgrimage, for amendments etc please double check availability at the Hemicycle.



CHAPEL BOOKINGS

If you wish to book a chapel which appears vacant, please visit the Hemicycle and check that it is still available. Please DO NOT amend the planning sheets there without first speaking to the HQ staff.

Please be attentive to the times that you have been assigned. We ask that you are ready to begin on time and that you conclude your liturgy within the time slot allotted to you.

THE NAVETTE

The Navette programme has been designed to best manage the numbers of people at Hosanna House, and to control the flow of people arriving and departing. Amendments to the plan may be made via the hemicycle no later than 5pm the preceding day. All requests for amendments are subject to availability. No on-the-day amendments (other than cancellations) will be permitted.

The area around the Navette bus both at the coach park outside Hotel Paradis, and at Hosanna House, will be supervised by volunteers who are there for your safety. Please ensure you and all your Group follow the instructions given.



EXCURSION COACHES

As stated last year we will not be making any additional excursion bookings this Easter. If you had not booked an excursion for your Group with HQ by 31st January you will need to make your own arrangements.

GAVARNIE

The Trust has for many years given a 'free' excursion - traditionally to Gavarnie - to all Group members.

For 2007, we will continue to make the gift excursion available under the following terms.

1. You will be responsible for booking and paying for your own excursion, it cannot be added to the Hotel bill.

2. After you have paid for the excursion, present the receipt to HQ staff at the Hemicycle

3. You will be refunded up to €14 per person in your Group

4. The financial assistance is for one excursion only and cannot be applied to more than one trip.

LOST PROPERTY

Do check with other Groups on your flight/coach first and also Groups in your hotel!

Two large aluminium cases - Group 200 Royal Navy. Also black and grey backpack - also labelled Group 200.

Lost on bus from the airport on Sunday - a Samsung silver camera. Please return to Group 802 - phone 07974769064. Hotel Alba. Thanks Helena.

Black case belonging to Kieran Pace - Group 73 - last seen on coach J2 from Tarbes airport to Lourdes. Please contact us at Christina Hotel.

Lost - navy blue/black waistlength men's coat - size XL (George make). Mobile phone inside zip pocket. Lost on Grotto area on Saturday. Return to Group 87 - Hotel Unitalsi.

One special feather. If found please response to Tatler

AND FOUND

Pentax Espio 160 camera. Apply Solitude Office.

BIRTHDAYS & MESSAGES

Group 13 would like to congratulate Joe Apicella on his 25th consecutive pilgrimage with the Group, for the 25 IDENTICAL magic shows and all the HARMONIOUS music over the past quarter of a century!

Group 83 has made it again! This time with many old and new faces. We look forward to having a wonderful week here in Lourdes, thanks to the support, kindness and generosity of so many people.

HCPT welcomes back Fr Gerry O'Shaughnessy after a ten year rest! We hope you have a wonderful week. Thank you for 'lifting up Group 5's hearts'. Lots of love from all Group 5 and Manchester Region.

Happy Birthday Joe. Hope you have a great birthday in Lourdes with Group 5. Lots of love and hugs. Group 5.

Happy Birthday to Tricia - Group 153. Love and hugs from all the Group, especially your daughter. Many thanks - see you soon. Love Carol.

Happy Birthday John - from all the crew. Group 85 really appreciate our music man.

Welcome to Lourdes 'Dealer Dan' and Group 13 from

Alison and Dennis and Group 53. Let's have a beer this week.

Big 'Welcome Back' to Lourdes to Group 112 - with fab new Group Leader 'Suzanne Lips'. We love you - Group 53.

To all in Group 196 - our special pals! Hope you are having a wonderful time. We are thinking of you every day and wishing we were there too! Lots of love - Annie, Jasmine, Catrin, Lola, Grannie and of course Nathalie -one week old today!

Group 3 would like to lend our support and heartfelt thanks to Linda Ebdon, our Group Nurse, who has been with us now for 4 years and has just been nominated to be an 'Unsung Hero' in the County of Gloucestershire. We are sure she will go forward to winning and who knows, perhaps an OBE is in the offing! (Photo on front page)

Group 193 would like to wish Nurse Brid a belated Happy Birthday. X - means I love you.

Congratulations to Julia - Group 20 and John - Group 51 McVey on their marriage - 11th Feb this year. Congrats also to Jill and Mike Ward who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on the 4th Feb. Love from all - Group 20.

Will Shaun (John) Kilty please contact Irene - Group 122 at Hotel Croix des Bretons.

To all Groups in the Manchester Region. Happy Easter, especially to Fr Jo-hn !! Love Amy.

Group 15: Welcome back for year number 2. Have a fab week, enjoy every second!

Happy Easter everybody in Group 74. Love from Mike and Ugly Dan !

Thanks to all the 'baaarmy' children and helpers in Group 41. You are all staaars ! Love from your tour guides Nick and Clare.

Good Luck for your first year as leader Mike Lawler. Love from all Group 55. PS Where is John Lee.

Group 53 would like to congratulate Vicky Rathbone on being selected for the 2012 Paralympic Development Squad for archery.

Susan Marshall - Group 150 - Birthday today. Love from all the Group and Welcome Back!

Congratulations Kate and Leo - Group 802 - on your first Easter Monday Wedding Anniversary and for spending it with us !!!

Congratulations to Eileen Harvey (North) on her marriage to Garry and her leadership of Group 186. We love you Eileen - you are quite the greatest 'crusher' in Lourdes.

The Royal Air Force is here. Hooray for Group 187 and their lovely banner - or is it ensign? A prayer to St Anthony recovered their first loss, it will not be their last!

To Group 185 - we are really really very very sorry that we could not join you on the Stations of the Cross. We

hope you enjoyed your morning as much as we did. Loads of love James, Chris, Lord Reynolds of Merdreth, Cara, Amy plus Anne Mouse !

This is Group 30's 40th visit to Lourdes. The Group's theme is 'Absent Friends'. They will be remembering and praying for all past members of the Group no longer with us. Ask Group 30 for a badge when you meet them.

Congratulation to Gael Eadie, Group 88, who was received into the Church at St Margaret's Dunfermline at the Easter Vigil. Gael - you're a star!

Group 53 is delighted to welcome their new helpers, Beth and Danii - you are very brave! Also congratulations to Tim, Vicky, Lennie, Chris and David 'young helpers'. Keep up the good work.

Happy Birthday James Farrell - Group 108. Wishing you many more with us in Lourdes. Big welcome to Orla, Gordon, Catherine and Fr Joe, who joined us this year.

Rose wishes Group 59 a fabulous pilgrimage this year and hopes to be back with you soon. There's a round of drinks waiting for you in the bar tonight!

To Matt Busfield & Magda - congratulations on your engagement - from all in Group 42.

Group 22 would like to welcome Joss, Jez and John to the Group and hope they enjoy the week.

The babes of 22 would like to thank the Shark for its unexpected appearance on Sunday! Once is enough.

Happy 18th Birthday to Emma A, Emma F and Nathan - Group 98.

Good luck Dween and Group 78 - lots of love from Group 98.

TASC 708 REUNION Change of venue: It will now take place at the downstairs bar in Jean D'Arc.

Urgent Notice: Due to recent news, Granny Sylvia will be unable to teach her regular pals dancing classes. Apologies to those who have already paid - refunds available. TASC 708