



Opening Times

Hemicycle Office
(All pilgrimage administration)
09h00 - 12h30

Hemicycle Shop
09h00 - 12h30

Hosanna House Shop
09h30 - 18h00

Nursing Supplies
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12h30 - 13h00
16h30 - 18h00

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Grotto Jottings

As each Group wends its way around the Grotto for the first time, for some it is a mysterious journey, for others a familiar homecoming. To the newcomers we point out the flowing spring and guide their hands along the smoothed rock. Outside, we gaze up at the statue where Mary stood and shared those precious moments with little Bernadette. We move to the taps to follow Mary's request to drink from her spring and bathe our faces. We too have come to discover and share precious moments in this special place.

Like Easter, our pilgrimage is early this year. Whatever the time, or the weather, our pilgrimage is an Easter experience. It is full of new life the joy of the risen Christ. Each little group, self-contained and full of love, joy, and respect is a living cell of Gospel values. Like joined-up writing, together they combine to impact on the whole community.

Bishop Perrier describes our pilgrimage:

"You cannot fail to notice them, the children all colourfully dressed, with joy radiating from their faces, the joy of being together beneath Mary's maternal gaze, living together as brothers and sisters in Gospel simplicity, able to mix freely with ordinary pilgrims, knowing that they, the smallest and the least, are the ones to whom the secrets of the kingdom of heaven have been revealed.

Of all the pilgrimages that take place during the year, this is one of the closest to the message of Lourdes. Bernadette herself would have identified with these children, as having the same spirit as her. She would have no problem communicating with them.

Coming to Lourdes at Easter, which is traditionally when Lourdes begins its new year, the HCPT pilgrimage truly gives Lourdes an injection of youthfulness"

*(Mgr Jacques Perrier, 'Lourdes for Today and Tomorrow'
pp. 97 New City 2008)*

A GREAT BIG HAPPY EASTER MONDAY !

Now that almost all the Groups have arrived may we repeat our great big welcome on this, HCPT's 52nd 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. You have been 'Called By Name'. The weather has been mixed, to say the least, so wrap up warm and take your broly with you !

GAVARNIE EXCURSIONS

In this weather the roads up to the mountains can be more dangerous. All coaches using the mountain roads are obliged by law to carry snow chains and some will also have studded tyres. Your coach driver will be familiar with the roads and will be able to advise you if there is a problem on the road and will know how to ensure you get there (and back!) in safety. If the roads are dangerous the coach company will not allow the driver to go to Gavarnie.

The decision about whether Gavarnie is a suitable place for your Group to visit is yours. We also suggest you ask your hotelier for an up-to-date weather forecast. If you do decide in the morning to cancel the excursion you can tell the driver. Please also bear in mind that with snow chains on, it will probably take an additional hour or more each way.

TATLER ENVELOPES

As you will see the distribution of Tatler for 2008 has changed. Your copies will be placed in an envelope. Please collect your Tatler from the Hemicycle, but if this is not possible it will be delivered to your hotel at the end of each day and the envelope left with the hotel reception. For those Groups arriving today Sunday's Tatler has already been delivered. Do please read it as it contains important information. The envelopes have kindly been donated by Rod Black, Group 554 Leader. Should you require any ordering of envelopes, please email Rod who will be happy to help you. envelopebusiness@hotmail.co.uk

GEMMA-LOUISE

Congratulations to Gemma-Louise Nosworthy, who was baptised and confirmed by Fr Perry Gildea, at the Easter Day Mass in Ste Bernadette's Basilica. Gemma came last to Lourdes for the first time last year with Group 701, the Canning Town Tigers. Her photograph is on today's front page.



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.

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 10.00. 12.00 to 14.00 and 16.30 to 18.30.

MEDICAL SECONDARY EN-QUIRY FORMS

Regional doctors, nurses and Group Leaders are kindly re-

quested to return all outstanding medical secondary forms to Medical HQ as soon as possible.

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.

RETURN MANIFESTS

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



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

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| Tuesday | 14.00 – 18.00 |
| Wednesday | 14.00 – 18.00 |
| Thursday | 14.00 – 18.00 |
| Friday | 10.00– 12.00 & 14.00 – 18.00 |

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

IHCPT BENEFACTORS' MASS

Will take place in Ste 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. One booklet for each Group member will be issued.

IHCPT SHOP

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

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| Tuesday - Thursday | 16.00 – 19.00 |
| Friday | 16.00 – 19.00 |

IHCPT MEETINGS TODAY MONDAY 24th HOTEL ALBA

Doctors, Nurses and Hearing Impaired: 21.00

Chaplains: 22.00

Youth Group: 21.00

HCPT TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION TOMORROW TUESDAY!

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.

THE RUGBY BALL

Another reminder. Following the success of the 50th Anniversary Ball another Ball in Rugby will be held at the Dunchurch Park Hotel, Rugby on Saturday 5th July 2008. Further information and booking forms are available at the Hemicycle.

CENTRAL SERVICE GROUPS

A warm welcome to all Central Service Groups. A reminder to family Group Leaders that Central Service Groups are available to assist Groups. Requests can be made to Tony Grieco via the Hemicycle. Two of our CSGs have new leaders this year. Best wishes for a successful Pilgrimage to Graham Spratt of 716 and Helena Mayles of 704 (Digby Stewart). Among our many long serving Groups, special congratulations to Group 709 (TBG) now celebrating their 30th Year in Lourdes at Easter - not with the same leader surely ?



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.

CHAPLAINS' MEETING

This will be held tomorrow Tuesday 18.00 to 19.00 in the bar of Hotel Solitude. New Chaplains are especially welcome.

DOCTORS' MEETING

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

TRUST NEWS

The Editor of Trust News, Peter Strode, is staying at the Solitude and is always on the lookout for photos and stories. He is more than happy to come and see Groups in their hotels.

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.**

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.

DR PATRICK'S PICTURE QUIZ

Dr Patrick Bennett's Picture Quiz is enclosed with this Tatler. (owing to a computer failure there is sadly no written examination this year).

150th ANNIVERSARY CROSSWORDS

The concise and cryptic versions can be found in the Group Leader's Lourdes Directory. Further copies can be obtained from Medical HQ. PRIZES are as follows:

£20 vouchers (to be spent on HCPT goods) will be awarded to the first correct entries for each crossword to be opened. These should be taken to the Hemicycle office (or Medical HQ) by 16.00 on Friday 28th March.

Deliberate (?) mistakes.

Concise 17 down should read: "17, 13ac and 19ac A very significant year ! [8,5 and 5]"
20ac Occurrences [6]

Cryptic 17 down should read: "Food nun mixed up with end of celeriac brought dismay [8]"

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. The best time to come is before and after dinner.

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.

SEARCH FOR A PRIEST

I have been a helper in Group 69 since 2000. I got involved with IHCPT through my son who worked at Dr Michael McGloin's surgery while being a student of medicine. I live near Frankfurt. In the city of Frankfurt there is an International English-speaking Catholic Parish and I am a member of the Parish Council. Our priest is returning to the US, now we are looking for someone to replace him. I would be very thankful if you could mention the fact in the Tatler and ask people to contact me for further information: Geli Feuerbach Group 69 Hotel Paradis 00491774804170.

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.

FROM JOHN KELLY

I just thought I'd email to say I spotted my first HCPT group today, Sunday 23rd March on the Lourdes webcam at 3.20 (GMT), Green hats and looking good down by the Grotto. Have a great pilgrimage to all. Wish I was there with you, hope to get out with Ho Ho maybe later in the year. I first went Lourdes aged 2 ½ and have been regularly since. I started with HCPT at age 8 in Nick Downs group 20, then 3, to name but a few, before settling with Joe McGovern's posse. I then took my own music group out (Kelly's Heroes – The Sunshine Group) for a few years and

of course I then had the honour of becoming a regular of Pat Porter's Group at Hosanna House as my age began to creep upwards. I drove out to Lourdes in my adapted van (Lizzie) twice for HCPT & then Ho Ho, but, as already said, I wish more than ever that I was with you all now in this special year. Love to Tony & the team and anyone who remembers me and just to let you know I've just got a First Class Honours degree in Education - graduated two weeks ago, yahoo! John Kelly

FOUND

A crunched-up British passport has been found on a tip near Newton Abbott, Devon. We hope the owner was able to obtain a new one without too much difficulty.



WEATHER FORECAST

Not too good, but we hear that the weather might pick up as the week progresses.

BIRTHDAYS AND MESSAGES

Welcome back to Lourdes JIM KILLEEN! Hope you are having a wonderful week!

Lots of Love and hugs. Group 5 xxx

To Anne Marie and Craig Croal. Praying for you and baby Caelan at the Grotto this week. Lots of Love and Prayers. All your family and friends in HCPT (Scotland).

Rubber Duck calling all call signs !!

Florence, Sicknote and Flowerpot receiving loud and clear, back again for another year of fun and laughter !!

Group 101 Doncaster are proud to be here at Easter 2008 for the 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions.

Hello everyone in Group 141, hope you have a good pilgrimage and a great time in Lourdes this week. Wherever you hear music you'll find Group 141!!! Jen

To Group 180's Sophie! Hope you'll be able to shoulder (!) on, otherwise you'll have to sling your hook and Jessica will muscle on in there but don't worry she's 'armless' really ! Lots of love Jessica, Donuld and Tarquin!!!

Happy Birthday Charlotte. Love from Group 20.

Group 59 - Hoping you've arrived safe and well and have a wonderful week! We'll be thinking of you all and please keep us in your prayers at the Grotto. See you all soon.

Love Rose & Helen XXX

Hello Alice Bailey. Hope you are being a fantastic girl and not singing too loudly. Have a fabulous time and no snoring. Love Mum, Dad and Kate xxx

Hi to all HCPT groups have a great Easter Pilgrimage especially : Jenni Benson, Faith Wheat, Bruno Gambini, Charlotte Price and all the Yorkshire Region. Wishing I was there !!! Claire Dembovskis 106

"Hello Daddy and Grampy, hope you're having a great time and are not too busy. We have been enjoying our White Easter! Lots of love from Jasmine, Catrin, Lola and Nathalie xxxx"

"Hello Bridget, David and Natalie HANLON, we are watching the webcams, where are you hiding? Get a webcam for the HH shop! Love from Jasmine, Catrin, Lola and Little Nathalie xxxx (and Mum and Grannie too)"

Group 158 send Happy Easter Greetings to all travelling with Welsh Region Groups-especially Helen Williams. We'll be back next year ! Group 158 Swansea

Wishing all of Group 168 Herefordshire a fantastic pilgrimage in 2008. Love from Martin and Karon Treanor.

To Group 74 - the Dewsbury Massive! Have a fantastic week, I'll be thinking of you all. Keep climbing sunshine mountain. Kate xxx

Hi everyone, Group 160 from Sheffield have arrived armed with lots of IT kit, so please check out our alternative Blog for photos, video and stories of the this years visit. If you would like to add an entry please pop along to Hotel D'Espagne and ask for James or Ian. Check out the blog on holiday.group160.com or the group 160 site www.group160.com James

Hello to Group 215, Sorry I can't be with you this year! Hope you

have a fun filled week! I'll be back next year - Karen xx

To all in Group 215. Hope you have an absolutely fantastic week. Wish I could be there with you, I'm sure you won't miss me too much (just don't forget to include me in your prayers). I hope Mags remembered to bring enough tissues and wet wipes, she did have good instructions! Take care, lots of love, Rachel xxx

To all in Group 85 - missing you like mad, stuck here with poo weather wishing I was in Big L! Say hello to Mary and Bernadette for me, and I hope someone in the group is singing 'One Love' constantly! Enjoy the week and hope you all stay safe. Much love, ONE LOVE, Matty xxx

Group 215 would like to thank Group 37 for allowing their 'elves' to help our 'elves' with our luggage. They would also like to thank Group 150 for bringing Tyler out to Lourdes for us. Vicky - you made a wonderful Flight Leader. You are a STAR !

A big welcome to our new helpers, Adam, Robbie, Jenny and 5 month old Noah Samuel Leach. Lots of love - Group 180.

You're doing really well. Keep it up Cat ! Love from Roisin + Alex in Group 216.

Group 74 would like to thank two-pint Tyrone for his part in blocking the hotel plumbing system.

Anne-Marie - you're barking ! Love from Group 41.

Congratulations to Jenny - 30 years nurse in Group 98. To Tim - 10 years in Group 98. To Ian - 15 years in Group 98.

BIRTHDAYS AND MESSAGES

Thank you to Group 20 for bringing me back from the airport ! Have a good week and see you around (I'm now wearing green !!) Katie - Group 194.

Congratulations Lizzie Group 707, on the birth of your daughter Francesca. Wishing you well for the future. Frank Miller Group 11.

From Otley 198 to Group 74 (Dewsbury). Thanks for a great 'Hen Night'. Keep up the knitting club ! Cheers from the Otley Men.

Good Luck to Sean Gilbertson. It's his first year as our Group Leader, Group 55. Welcome also to Angela and Maggie to Group 55.

Happy Birthday to Sam - Group 32. He is 10 today. What a star !

Well done Wales on the Grand Slam - from all the England players. Tony Mills !!

Happy Birthday to twins Hollie and Shelley - 18 today ! with love from your friends in Group 73.

Paul Lyon is 30 ! Congratulations ! Braving hail, rain, snow and wild boar, Paul has been the constant presence of TBG - The Brentwood Group - in Lourdes for 30 Easter Pilgrimages. Thank you - from Group 709.

Enjoying HCPT ? Can you give a week this summer to help able-bodied children have a much needed holiday ? Bosco Children's Camp run for four weeks - contact frdominic@bcys.net
Thank you.

TBG is 30 ! At the Met East Regional Mass at 16.30 on Tuesday - Salle Notre Dame. Anyone who has travelled with Brentwood is warmly invited to a group photo - come and join the party !

Great Hen Night Nobby ! Dewsbury Knitting Circle did you proud. Poise and dignity from all your friends in the Otley Male Voice Choir.

I am loving it ! Danielle - Group 57.

Happy 75th Birthday to Shelagh Watson - from Group 53 and thanks for the lift to the supermarket !!

Group 79 would like to thank Group 176 for sharing their wonderful birthday cake. AVE It !!

53 are 35 ! Many congratulations and lots and lots of love from Group 213. We'll be over for a 'special' drink to celebrate !

Thanks Romania for sharing your coach with us and rescuing us from Toulouse. Thanks to TBG for sacrificing their seats for the girlies. We owe you a pint. See you in the Roi Albert tonight ! From Group 703.