

Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to **Lourdes 2015**

Lourdes, The Joy of Mission



12th January 2015.

Dear friends,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you with the accompanying brochure and booking form for the 2015 Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Under the leadership of our new Bishop, John Arnold, the diocese will make its 83rd pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes from 31st July – 6th August.

This year the Pilgrimage Committee has asked Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) to oversee the arrangements for travel and accommodation for the pilgrimage. Therefore, if you are able and would like to come along to Lourdes with us this summer, please read through the accompanying brochure, which includes information on travel and accommodation, and then complete the booking form before returning it to **Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, Ireland**. (Please note the need to send by air mail.) Alternatively, you can complete the form online at www.joewalstours.co.uk.

As a change to recent practice and having discussed this during our pilgrimage last year, those pilgrims who usually need additional medical or nursing support and would normally stay in the Accueil Marie St. Frai, will this year be accommodated in the **Hotel La Solitude**. Therefore, if you feel that you would need additional medical and nursing care while in Lourdes, could I ask you to please complete the attached booking form and indicate your preference to stay in **Hotel La Solitude**. Once you have done so and returned your form to Joe Walsh Tours, a member of the medical and nursing team will be in touch with you to obtain some further details so that your stay in **Hotel La Solitude** will be as comfortable as possible.

Please note that there are many groups being organised from around the diocese including deanery and parish groups. If you are not part of a group and would like to join a local group and stay in the same hotel, please contact the Pilgrimage Office for details of all the groups that are travelling this year.

If you are gifted musically and are interested in singing with the choir or playing a musical instrument for the liturgies during this year's pilgrimage, could I please ask you to contact. Fr Philip Brady, at Mount Carmel, Wilson Road, Blackley, Manchester, M9 8BG. Tel: 0161-740 2071

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In the meantime, I can assure you that the Pilgrimage Committee continues to work very hard to ensure that our 83rd Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be an experience filled with joy.

More information on the pilgrimage will be available in due course through the website and those who are able to join us this year will receive confirmation of their departure details in July.

Finally, whether you are able to join us in Lourdes or not, you are always welcome to attend the Mass of Preparation which will take place this year on ***Sunday, 26th July at 5.30 pm*** in ***St. John's Cathedral, Salford***. Bishop John will celebrate this Mass and refreshments will be served afterwards in Cathedral House.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

With all good wishes and prayers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M.D. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the name.

Fr. Michael Jones
Pilgrimage Director