



# Edinburgh Lourdes News

Combined news from the St Andrews & Edinburgh Lourdes Pilgrimage & Hospitalité Committees



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*Dear friends,*

We write to you as we journey through Holy Week towards the great celebrations of Easter. We hope that you are well and that you have had a fruitful Lent. With Easter being so early this year, our Pilgrimage seems ever closer!

The message of Easter is one of hope. We celebrate the light of Christ overcoming the power of darkness! In these days, when so many are marginalised, homeless and living through the circumstances of war, we can only pray that the light of Christ will reign in the hearts of everyone.

The preparations for our Pilgrimage in July 2024 are well under way! Our programme is taking shape and preparations for events and liturgies are coming along nicely.

Bookings have been coming in steadily and we would encourage you to **book as soon as possible to ensure your space on the plane!**

To keep up to date with everything relating to either our pilgrimage in July, or to simply keep yourself informed of everything we do to keep the spirit of Lourdes alive at home in our own Archdiocese, please go to one of the following...

- ◆ Our website ([www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com))
- ◆ Email/Text (go to the website to sign up for this)
- ◆ Facebook (Helpers of Our Lady of Lourdes)
- ◆ Twitter (@StPilgrimage)

Please take some time to read the information within this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Wishing you every blessing this Easter,

*The Pilgrimage &  
Hospitalité committees*



Join us on Pilgrimage this year!

5th - 12th July 2024



*Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here and that people should come here in procession.*

Those who have travelled with us in the last year or two will be familiar with the words above. They have been the focus and theme of our Pilgrimages is 2022 (Go and tell the Priests), 2023 (to build a chapel here) and now in 2024 (people should come here in procession).

We invite pilgrims from all over the Archdiocese to join us, with Archbishop Cushley. Our invitations is for everyone... Click on the relevant links below.

***Priests, religious, families, individuals, parish groups. You do not need to be coming as a helper!***

[Lourdes 2024 | edinburgh-lourdes](#)

**We also invite those who wish to be helpers or a part of the medical team to get involved.**

[Helpers | edinburgh-lourdes](#)

**Are you, or someone you know interested in coming along as an assisted pilgrim? This is someone who is supported by our medical and helper teams and who stays in the Saint Frai for the duration of their stay. Please contact us.**

[click here](#)

We are sometimes joined by smaller parish groups who come for all or part of the Pilgrimage. Again, please let us know if you are planning to join us so that we can plan for this.

Those who are neither helpers or assisted pilgrims form a large part of our 200-strong pilgrimage! They are included in all of our planned liturgies and activities and we are always looking for more ways to improve on this. Please come and join us!

**Everyone  
is Welcome**

### **CALLING ALL HELPERS!**

If you are travelling to Lourdes and intend to be part of the 2024 Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, then we would encourage you to complete a helper declaration as soon as possible if you have not already done so. This helps us to plan ahead and allows us to know how many assisted pilgrims we can accommodate. Please remember that you are required to have the following in place BEFORE the pilgrimage: Safeguarding Training, PVG, Church Volunteer Approval and other Practical Training. Not all of these will be necessary, unless you are travelling for the first time. Please get in touch ASAP.

*Your prayers are asked for the eternal repose of:*

Patrick De Pellette

*May he Rest in Peace and rise in glory.*



## ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL MARIAN SHRINE

**Sunday 18th  
August 2024**

**Carfin  
Grotto**



**A Pilgrimage Programme including Mass with Archbishop Cushley at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 18th August 2024**

This year, we are trying something a little different and we need your help to make it a success! We are inviting people from all over our Archdiocese to join us for a Pilgrimage right here in Scotland!

Those of you who have travelled with us to Lourdes before will know that we always have a Thanksgiving Mass following the Pilgrimage. This year, it will form part of our Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Carfin. We will still give thanks for the blessings of our 2024 Pilgrimage to Lourdes, but it is our hope that many other pilgrims will join us, whether they have been to Lourdes or not!

We will be planning a programme of events to take place during the day, including Mass with His Grace, the Archbishop. Why not start spreading the word? Speak to your Parish Priest about bringing a group! Fill a car with people or even a bus! **More information to follow in the coming weeks.**

**SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!**



**ONE ARCHDIOCESE: ONE PILGRIMAGE**



	December 23	March 24
1st Prize (£50)	Pat Edie	Martin Coyne
2nd Prize (£30)	Joe McBride	Dougie Shearer
3rd Prize (£20)	Catherin McCuish	Teresa Gallagher



## Congratulations to our latest winners!

This year, the 200 Club has donated £1360 to the Hospitalité funds. This is an amazing amount and contributes to much needed funds. Our thanks go to Paul Barry for co-ordinating the membership, draws and accounts for the 200 Club and sincere thanks to all of those who are members of the 200 Club.

### WE STILL HAVE NUMBERS AVAILABLE!

*The more members we have... the higher the prize stakes!*

If you would like to join the 200 Club, then please complete a form (attached with this Newsletter or go to [Fundraising | edinburgh-lourdes](#)) and start a STANDING ORDER. You can do this online. This only costs £12 per year for each number you purchase.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS

We rely upon members subscriptions each year to assist with administration costs, etc. Our 'Subs' are **minimum donation of £5** per year. You can either pay this directly to Paul Barry at any event, or by Standing Order. Information regarding payment of 200 Club and 'Subs' by Standing Order is outlined below.

SUBSCRIPTIONS	200 CLUB
Account Number: 00409700 Sort Code: 80-02-85	Account Number: 06003435 Sort Code: 80-02-83
Remember it is a <b>minimum</b> of £5 per year. You are welcome to offer more of a donation if you wish. You can also set up a regular donation to funds, if you wish. <b>Ensure you put your name as a reference.</b>	The 200 club comes off annually. The amount per number is £12, therefore, if you have additional numbers, an additional cost is applied. <b>Ensure you put your name as a reference.</b>

Make your shopping easy by visiting <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/edinburglourdes>. You shop with over 2,000 well-known retailers such as Amazon, John Lewis, Boots, Tesco, Argos, M&S and many more. When you make a purchase online, the retailer makes a donation to Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitalité Committee. To remind you to use easyfundraising please follow the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/extra-ways-to-raise/> which will remind you to use easyfundraising for all of your purchases. Easy Fundraising also has an App which can be downloaded to iPhone or Android phones. It is an easy and way to support us and it doesn't cost you any more than your normal shopping would!

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk

### LEGACY GIVING

Leaving a gift to charity in your will keeps your money working toward the causes that are important to you. Would you consider leaving a legacy to the Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitalité?

**Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitalité Website** please visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com)

By going to the website, you can...

- Lourdes 2024
- Helpers Page
- Sign up for Newsletters/Texts/Emails
- Keep your diary up to date with all of our upcoming events
- Find out information about things such as volunteers, fundraising, Youth for Lourdes
- Download forms, newsletters and other communications

# IMPORTANT DATES

## Hospitalité AGM

Sunday 19th May 2024 at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Church Hall

## Helper Preparation Day

Sunday 9th June 2024 in St. Augustine's High School, Edinburgh  
BYO Lunch. There will be an opportunity for Mass. **Time TBC.**

## Mass of Welcome for the 2024 Pilgrimage

***Please note the change of date!***

Sunday 16th June 2024 at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Church, Slateford, Edinburgh.  
*Due to another booking at St. Cuthbert's, this Mass is earlier than usual.*

## Lourdes Pilgrimage

Friday 5th—Friday 12th July 2024

## **Sunday 18th August 2024—SAVE THE DATE**

**ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES led by Archbishop Leo Cushley.** This will also be our Thanksgiving Mass, so please make every effort to come along on the day!

## PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Hospitalité and Pilgrimage Committees take your privacy seriously.

There are two privacy policies - one for the Hospitalite and one for the Pilgrimage Committee. The Hospitalité is an independent charity with its own Privacy Policy. The Pilgrimage Committee operates under the auspices of the Church and therefore is covered by the Church Privacy Policy. You can view each of the Privacy Policies in the privacy section of our website.

Please check website for updates - [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com)