Programme of Events
“Bringing Lourdes Home”
Virtual Pilgrimage
19-23 September 2020

Saturday 19th September

7.00pm
Opening Service with the Oblate Youth Service
Join the Oblate Youth Service, who serve our assisted pilgrims so wonderfully each year in Lourdes, in the Oblate parish of Saint Michael’s, Inchicore as we begin our Virtual Pilgrimage together with a time of Taizé prayer and song before the Cross. Our pilgrimage candle is lit by Laura Bascaille in Lourdes.

Sunday 20th September

8.30 am
Morning Reflection with Bishop Ray Field
Bishop Field is a former barrister, a member of the first successful Irish expedition to Mount Everest in 1993, and also served as a prison chaplain and head chaplain of the Defence Forces. In September 1997 he was appointed Titular Bishop of Ard Mór and Auxiliary bishop of Dublin. He has accompanied the Oblate Pilgrimage to Lourdes for many years.

12 noon
Opening Mass - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Celebrant: Fr Lorcan O’Reilly OMI - Fr Lorcan is the Director of the Oblate Pilgrimage to Lourdes and currently director of the Oblate Retreat centre in Crewe. Joining him today is Fr Vincent Mulligan OMI Director Emeritus of the Pilgrimage.

Monday 21st September

8.30 am
Morning Reflection with Sinéad Hanafin
Peg Hanafin, author and poet, was an assisted pilgrim who travelled to Lourdes with us for many years. Peg sadly went home to God this summer and her daughter, Sinéad, presents a reflection Peg had prepared especially for this Virtual Pilgrimage.

12 noon
Mass of the Immaculate Conception
Celebrant: Fr Liam Griffin OMI - Fr Liam is part of the Oblate Provincial Administration and ministered in Lourdes to English-speaking pilgrims for ten years. Join today’s mass from the “Irish Lourdes” - the Lourdes Grotto in Inchicore.

7.00 pm
The Way of the Cross with Kairos Community Trust
This very special Way of the Cross is brought to you by the Kairos Community Trust in London - a charity working with a thriving community of men and women recovering from lives of addiction and homelessness across London. For the past 10 years members of Kairos have volunteered with the Pilgrimage in Lourdes.
**Tuesday 22nd September**

8.30 am  **Morning Reflection with Pádraig Corcoran**  
Pádraig is the Oblate Youth Worker based in Saint Michael’s Parish in Inchicore. He is also Director of the Oblate Youth Service and co-ordinates the OYS in Lourdes each year.

12 noon  **Mass from the Grotto in Lourdes**  
Celebrant: Mons Xavier d’Adrodes - Vice Rector of the Shrine of Lourdes with responsibility for international coordination.

8.00 pm  **Torchlight Procession live from Lourdes**  
A pilgrimage to Lourdes would not be complete without joining in the beautiful torchlight Rosary procession in Our Lady’s Sanctuary, Lourdes. **Note: The Procession begins at 8 pm Irish/UK time.**

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**Weds 23rd September**

8.30 am  **Morning Reflection with Miriam McDonnell**  
Miriam is Director of Nursing for the pilgrimage and member of the Pilgrimage leadership team. In 2017 Miriam was presented with the McGonagle medal in recognition over 50 years service in Lourdes.

12 noon  **Mass of the Anointing**  
Celebrant: Fr Lorcan O’Reilly OMI  
This Mass is celebrated in Curraghlawn Nursing Home in Kildare for the residents and staff and all our Oblate family today.

7.00 pm  **Service of Missioning**  
Presider: Fr Leo Philomin OMI - Fr Leo is the moderator of the Inchicore Pastoral Area. Join us as we close our virtual pilgrimage with this service of Mission and the Lighting of the Missioning Candle at the Grotto in Inchicore.

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**Send in your Petitions:**

We invite you to send your petitions for the pilgrimage, either to lourdes@oblates.ie or to the Mission Office, Oblate House of Retreat, Tyrconnell Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8 or to the Oblate Retreat Centre, Wistaston Hall, 89 Broughton Ln, Crewe CW2 8JS, UK.

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