**37th Annual London Oblate Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023**

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Dear pilgrim,

I am very pleased to confirm that our 37th Annual Oblate overland pilgrimage by coach to Lourdes is underway.  Departing on Thursday 15th September 2023, led by Fr Tom Devereux OMI and assisted by Kirk Jacob, members of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) from Sacred Heart Church, Quex Road).

Friday 15th September - 06.30am

Depart from The Sacred Heart Church, Quex Road, London, NW6.

The first night will be spent in the Campanile Hotel, 19 Rue Baron le Roy, 751012 Paris.  An evening meal/ bed and breakfast will be provided.  After dinner, there is a sightseeing boat trip on the River Seine (weather permitting).

Saturday 16th September

After breakfast, we will visit Rue de Bac, which is the church where St. Catherine Laboure was given the design of the Miraculous Medal.  We then hope to visit the nearby church of St Vincent de Paul.  You will then also get the chance to visit the Bon Marche Department Store (the Fortnum and Mason of Paris!).  At approximately 13:30 hours we will depart for Nevers traveling through the Loire Valley to St.Gilards Convent for mass, dinner/bed and breakfast.  This convent is where St. Bernadette became a nun, and spent the rest of her life, until her death in 1879 at the age of 35.  You can still view her body in a glass casket in the chapel.

Sunday 17th September

Early in the morning, we will depart Nevers on our journey to Lourdes.  We also have comfort stops along the way with picnics, before arriving in Lourdes for dinner.

Sunday 17th to Friday 22nd September - Lourdes

We shall be staying at the Hotel Jeanne d’’Arc in Lourdes. As always, we join the programme of events planned by the Oblates, a group of over 200 people from Dublin.  If the weather is good we shall have a day trip to Gavarnie in the Pyrenees, a beautiful town always worth a visit to see the rugged and beautiful scenery.  A trip to Pic du Jur and Lourdes Lake will also be available for those who want to join us.

Friday 22nd September

We depart Lourdes after breakfast and travel to St Jean-De-Luz, a picturesque seaside town, where we take a break for a couple of hours.  Later we will travel to Poitiers which is north of Bordeaux for dinner/bed and breakfast at the Novotel.

Saturday 23rd September

After breakfast, we depart Poitiers and travel to the town of Lisieux for mass at the Basilica.  After mass there will be some free time in the town of Lisieux, then to the Hotel L'Esperance for dinner/bed and breakfast.

Sunday 24th September

Depart for the Euro Tunnel after breakfast.  Arrive back to the Sacred Heart Church in the afternoon.

**BOOKING FORM**

**Please confirm via message/phone call of your intention to join us.**

**Send your completed booking form via email to mels1971@hotmail.co.uk**

**or post to Mr P.Denning at 77 Cheyne Walk, Enfield, N21 1DD.**

**The booking deposit is £300 which confirms your place, with the balance due by 7th July 2023.**

**Bank details - Patrick & Mary Denning**

**Acct no: 43962132**

**Sort code: 23-05-80**

**Fees**

Pilgrimage: £998 sharing

Single (supplement £300): £1,298

Please note costs are subject to currency fluctuations.

If you are traveling solo and prefer not to pay the single supplement, we suggest you share a room with another person on our pilgrimage.  Unfortunately, if you prefer not to share a room, the single supplement is unavoidable.

**Important** - a photocopy of your travel insurance and passport needs to be provided along with your final balance payment.

The UK Global Health Insurance card (UK GHIC) can be applied for online (replaced the European Health Insurance Card).

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Room choice:

Twin\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Single\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   Triple\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To assist with room allocation, please advise whether you have a problem with stairs, lifts or have any special dietary requirements e.g. vegetarian

I/we enclose our deposit/full payment of £\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_