

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE – Help Available

As you are aware our parish travels annually to Lourdes on pilgrimage. In 2018 we travel out on Easter Monday 2nd April-7th April inclusive.

If parishioners have a genuine need to visit the famous shrine of Lourdes, but do not have the financial means to do so, we always try to offer financial help where possible. This is our St. Helen's Lourdes Fund. However, raising the required funds to offer this help gets harder and harder every year. All monies raised whether through our fund raising quizzes, wine tastings etc., or second collections is very carefully spent. The fund is administered solely by Fr. Joseph.

Sometimes in the past, parishioners who have complex medical problems have been unable to travel with our parish group, I have been able to recommend them to Steve Jones who is involved with another group, who travel with a complete medical team of Doctors and nurses and stay in one of the hospitals in Lourdes. They have access to financial support from various avenues, whereas our Parish group does not. We raise our own funds and are very grateful for your support always.

In the past we have also benefitted from a legacy, when families lose a loved one, and they have sponsored a place for a needy pilgrim. This is a beautiful way for a loved one to be remembered. If you would be interested at any time in sponsoring/or part sponsoring a pilgrim please see Fr. Joseph.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and if you know of somebody who would benefit from a visit to Lourdes please contact the parish office.