

# Templar Pilgrimage Trust



## SO FAR IN 2019...

The Trust has helped pilgrims visit various shrines and holy places. We have made more grants to pilgrims travelling to Lourdes than to any other place, and so this newsletter focuses on some of 2019's Lourdes pilgrims.

All the pilgrims travelled in groups, some organised by dioceses or schools. About half travelled on pilgrimages for people with special care needs, some as pilgrims and some to help care for pilgrims.

[Read more about Lourdes pilgrims on page 2.](#)

[Find more information about the Trust at our website:](#)

[www.templarpilgrimagestrust.org.uk](http://www.templarpilgrimagestrust.org.uk)



Lourdes is a small town (population 15,000) in South West France, set in the Pyrenees not far from the border with Spain. It is famous for the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to a young peasant girl, St Bernadette, in 1858. It is one of the most popular Marian shrines: millions of pilgrims from all over the world visit Lourdes each year

## HELPING A SICK PERSON

A university student wrote:

'The pilgrimage helped to teach me how to care for someone else and was especially beautiful as I was helping her to make a pilgrimage of her own.

This added another dimension to my pilgrimage helping to make it a unique and special event which impacted my journey of faith with God.'



### WHY MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE?

A mother explained why she wished to go to Lourdes:

'To help me and my son feel the love and support of a pilgrimage holiday with a group of people who accept him as he really is, a wonderful boy with complex physical and mental needs.

He is a very happy boy most of the time, but he has his moments. He loves to travel and is very adept at using his iPad.'

### MY LOURDES MEMORY

One pilgrim told us:

'Lourdes allowed me to witness moments of incredible love.

On the last day of the torch light procession, the young lad held the group candle on his medical transit bed and we all gathered around in the darkness, thanking God for His presence.'

## SUPPORTING THE TEMPLAR PILGRIMAGE TRUST

Ever since the Trust was founded, members of the Order of Knights Templar have supported our work generously. We have also been fortunate to receive financial support from individuals and from McCabe Pilgrimages for many years. As the interest in pilgrimages and the costs of making pilgrimages increase, the Trust is receiving more applications. We encourage people who do not currently support the Trust and who are able to do so to donate, either by a one-off payment or regularly by a standing order. Please use the attached donation form.

These last words are from one of 2019's Lourdes pilgrims:

*"Thanks again for helping to fund my pilgrimage as without your help it would have been extremely difficult to fund the trip. My time in Lourdes was a truly amazing experience and one that I will always hold dear to my heart."*



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**Charity registered in England & Wales: 326561**

**STANDING ORDER FORM**

This standing order supersedes any and all previous standing orders to the Templar Pilgrimage Trust.

To: ..... Bank

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Please pay to: Lloyds Bank  
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Staines TW18 4PP

the sum of: £.....

on (date): .....

and thereafter on the same date of **each month/ quarter/ year** until further notice

**OR as a single Donation (Please circle which applies)**

for the account of: **the Templar Pilgrimage Trust**

account number: **20156763** sort code **30-94-42**

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account number: .....

account title : .....

sort code: .....

Signature: .....

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## **GIFT AID DECLARATIONS**

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I wish/do not wish\* the Templar Pilgrimage Trust to treat all donations I make, until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations (\* delete as appropriate)

I understand that I must already be paying an amount of United Kingdom income tax or capital gains equal to the tax the Templar Pilgrimage Trust reclaims on my donations. I will inform the Trust if my contact address changes or if I cease to pay sufficient tax.

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**DATE**

## **GDPR DECLARATION**

At the Templar Pilgrimage Trust ("the Trust"), we take your privacy seriously.

- You can request at any time confirmation of your personal information the Trust holds.
- You can ask the Trust at any time to delete your personal information.
- We will use your personal information to process any donation you may make to the Trust, including the claiming of Gift Aid if applicable.
- We confirm that otherwise the Trust will not pass your personal information to third parties.
- We would like from time to time to contact you with details of the Trust's activities.

**Please tick the boxes below as appropriate to confirm:**

I consent to the Trust holding and using my personal information as set out above

**YES**  **NO**

I consent to the Trust contacting me from time to time with details of the Trust's activities

**BY E-MAIL**  **OR BY POST**

**SIGNED**

**DATE**