



ST BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022

September 1st - November 1st



EXPERIENCE THE RELIC TOUR OF ST BERNADETTE

In September and October this year, the Relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. Visiting 51 venues across 3 nations, this very special pilgrimage will offer important opportunities for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal, providing a once in a lifetime opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them.

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“The pilgrimage St Bernadette’s relics will undertake this Autumn offers us a welcome opportunity to bear active witness to our Faith, joining with one another across our many communities to encounter God’s love and find spiritual, emotional, and psychological healing and renewal.”

Cardinal Vincent Nichols



ST BERNADETTE’S STORY

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844 in a small town in France. St Bernadette was one of eight children born into a very poor family. Although initially unremarkable, Bernadette’s life was to inspire generations of people to journey in faith on pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Between 11 February and 16 July 1858, Bernadette saw the Virgin Mary eighteen times in a series of Apparitions that took place in a cave on the outskirts of Lourdes, a place known as the Grotto of Massabielle. In the course of these miraculous encounters, Bernadette, then aged just 14, became the friend and confidante of Our Lady, the mother of Jesus.

The Apparitions of Lourdes were authenticated in 1862 by the Bishop of Tarbes. In 1866, Bernadette left Lourdes to live out her religious vocation within the community of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers. She died in 1879, was proclaimed Blessed in 1925, and was canonised as a Saint in 1933.

The life and legacy of St Bernadette has touched the lives of people across the world. 164 years after the first pilgrimages to this special place began, Lourdes is one of the busiest Christian pilgrimage sites in the world, with the Catholic Church acknowledging 70 miracles as having taken place there.

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“By inviting us to venerate the mortal remains of the martyrs and saints, the Church does not forget that, in the end, these are indeed just human bones, but they are bones that belonged to individuals touched by the transcendent power of God. The relics of the saints are traces of that invisible but real presence which sheds light upon the shadows of the world and reveals the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst.”

Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI

**A RELIC IS A PART
OF THE PHYSICAL
REMAINS OF A SAINT
AFTER THEIR DEATH,
OR AN OBJECT WHICH
HAS BEEN IN CONTACT
WITH THEM.**

The veneration of relics is rooted in the natural human instinct to treat anything connected with those we love, who have died, with care and reverence. From the earliest days of the Church, the bodies of saints were held in special veneration, and in Rome, prayers were said and Masses celebrated in the catacombs, the burial places of saints and martyrs. Simply put, relics help us feel close to a holy person, making the communion of saints more real and fostering in each of us a desire to be like them – to be holy.

RECEIVING A PLENARY INDULGENCE

The Relic Tour of St Bernadette offers pilgrims the opportunity to receive a number of enriching graces and blessings, including a Plenary Indulgence. A Plenary - meaning full - Indulgence is the result of the abundance of God's mercy, which He offers us and all humanity through Jesus Christ and through the Church. Receiving this Indulgence is a sign of **"our turning away from sin and our conversion to God"** (Pope St John Paul II).

This Indulgence, this gift, is available in a special way for those who visit the relics of St Bernadette this Autumn. You can receive the Indulgence by:

- Visiting the relics
- Having a real contrition for, and a detachment from, sin, including all venial sins
- Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receiving Holy Communion
- Praying for the intentions of the Holy Father for example:
the Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory be...

The indulgence can be received for ourselves, or for the benefit of others, living or departed.

SENDING YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS TO LOURDES

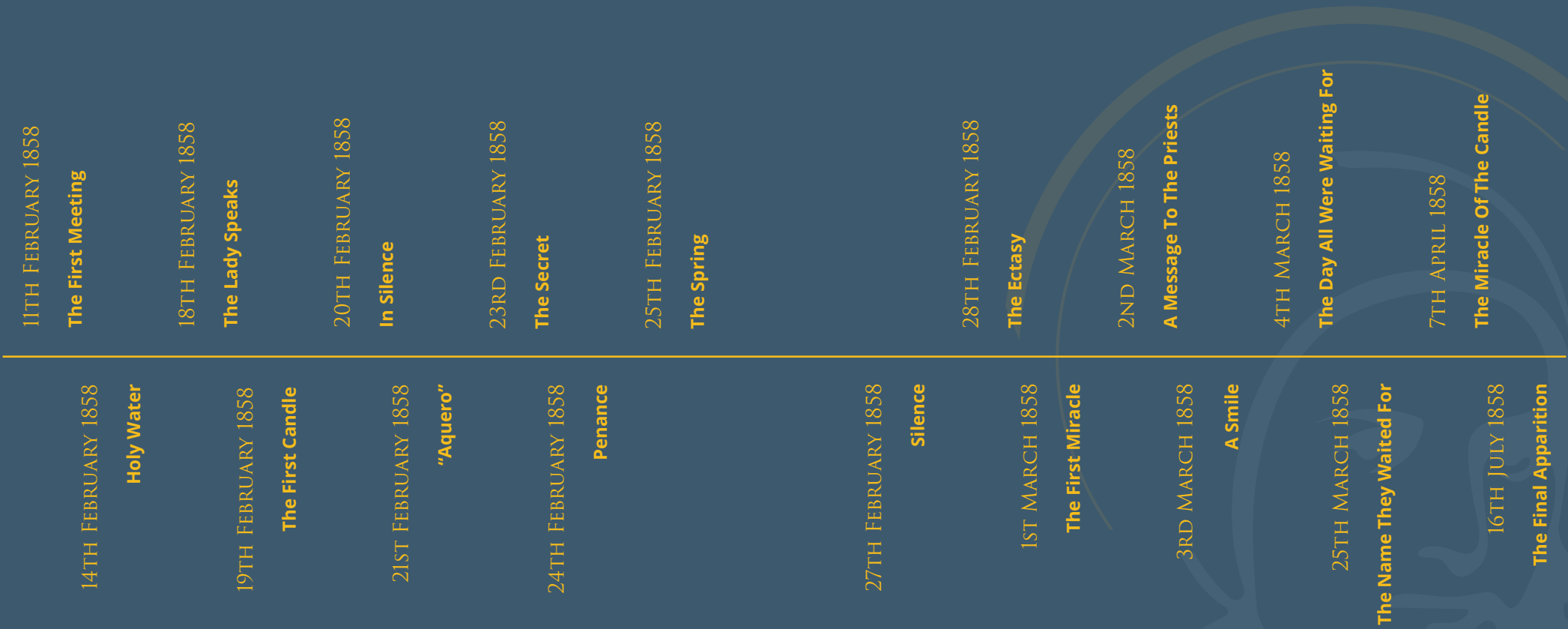
Lourdes holds a very special place in the hearts of people across the world. Prayer Intention cards will be freely available to pilgrims at churches and cathedrals throughout the Tour, with the prayers of people across our family of faith accompanying the Relics as they journey back to Lourdes, to be placed at the feet of Our Blessed Lady at the Grotto of Massabielle.



"I SHALL DO EVERYTHING FOR HEAVEN,
MY TRUE HOME. THERE I SHALL FIND
MY MOTHER IN ALL THE SPLENDOUR OF
HER GLORY. I SHALL DELIGHT WITH HER
IN THE JOY OF JESUS HIMSELF"

-ST BERNADETTE

ST BERNADETTE
STORY TIMELINE

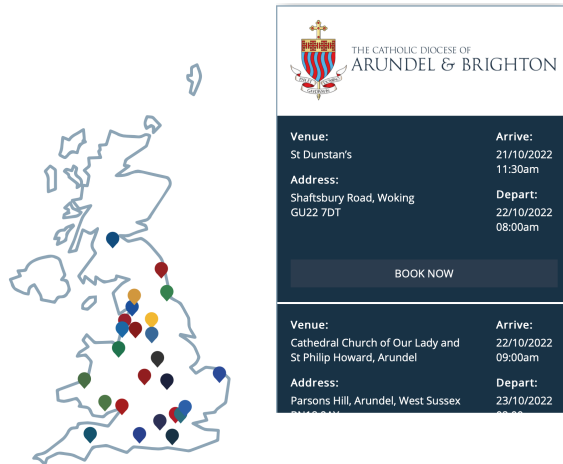


REGISTERING TO ATTEND THE TOUR

To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, and to allow venues taking part in the Relic Tour to prepare for the large numbers who will travel to them, we strongly encourage individuals and groups register their attendance at their earliest convenience choosing a free, dedicated timeslot at their chosen church or cathedral, as demand is likely to be high.

1. CHOOSE A LOCATION

Select the diocese you wish to visit by either selecting the coloured pin on the map, or scroll through the list on the right hand side to find your desired location.

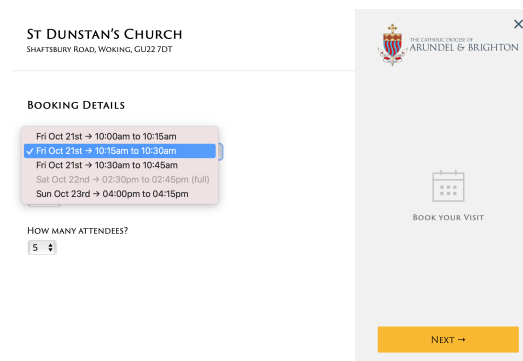


Select BOOK NOW to take you to the next step.



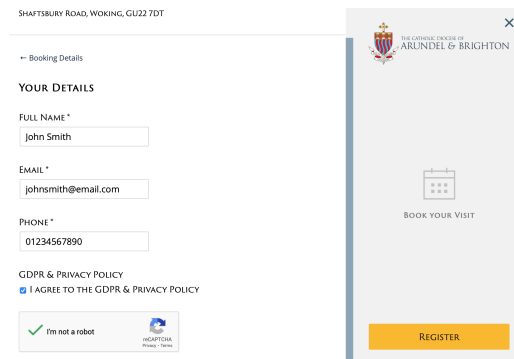
2. SELECT A DATE & TIME

Select a day and time slot from the first drop down menu.



3. SELECT THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES

Let us know if coach parking is required and select the number of attendees in your party.



VISIT:
STBERNADETTE.ORG.UK/THE-TOUR/

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH
SHAFTSBURY ROAD, WOKING, GU22 7DT

BOOKING DETAILS

WHEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND?
Fri Oct 21st → 10:00am to 10:15am

WILL YOU REQUIRE COACH PARKING?
No

HOW MANY ATTENDEES?
5

BOOK YOUR VISIT

NEXT →

4. ENTER YOUR CONFIRMATION DETAILS

Fill in the requested details and tick the 2 boxes at the bottom of the window.

5. YOUR REGISTRATION IS COMPLETE!

You should now receive an email to confirm your booking.

THANK YOU FOR REGISTERING
Please check your email to view your booking details.



A PILGRIM REFLECTS

"Pilgrimage is a journey of the heart. A pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the ways in which, in a short week, you may find that you travel further and deeper in your heart than in any other week of your life."

"How to describe such a place? The best way to understand it is to go there, if you can. It is hard to put it in words; in Lourdes, people come to life. We are led to a deeper love and faith through our service to the sick and disabled as a helper, medic or as an accompanying pilgrim, young or old."

"We live a foretaste of heaven when we do what Jesus asked us to do and bring the weak and poor to the centre of our lives. In the process, we discover our own vulnerabilities. This gives rise to a real connection with other human beings and the chance to discover healthy and lifegiving habits – of frequenting the sacraments, taking the time to pray, and learning the joy of responsibly serving others. It also leads to a realisation that as church and community, we can make

an impact on people's lives. Our faith is not restricted to attending church services it is about building a more just and fairer society, for this reason, we say that Lourdes is love in action."



"As we welcome the relics of St Bernadette... we are also reminded of the special significance of Lourdes as a place of pilgrimage and of love, where people of all ages serve and care for the sick and the most vulnerable in our society. I would encourage those who are able to, to consider continuing the journey begun by the relics of St Bernadette, joining with people from their parishes and dioceses to travel on pilgrimage to Lourdes."

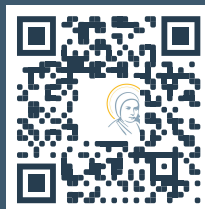
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OUR INVITATION

We hope that your personal encounter with St Bernadette during the Relic Tour pilgrimage might inspire and encourage you to visit the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France.

Details about organised pilgrimages from your diocese can be found by scanning the QR code or visiting:

stbernadette.org.uk/continuing-the-journey/



We hope to meet you in Lourdes one day. Come and see!

JOURNEYING TO LOURDES ON PILGRIMAGE

The Relic Tour of St Bernadette offers a spiritually enriching opportunity for people across our community of faith to gather together in prayer at churches and cathedrals across three nations. Travelling on pilgrimage to Lourdes and visiting the Grotto where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette, provides an important, spiritually enriching opportunity to continue this journey.

The life and legacy of St Bernadette has touched the lives of people across the world. 160 years after the first pilgrimages to this special place began, Lourdes is one of the busiest Christian pilgrimage sites in the world, with the Catholic Church acknowledging 70 miracles as having taken place there. The dioceses and groups listed below offer an opportunity to be part of the Lourdes pilgrimage experience, journeying in faith with pilgrims of all ages and backgrounds from across England, Wales, and Scotland..

ENGLISH DIOCESES

Arundel and Brighton
lourdes.abdiocese.org.uk
Birmingham
www.birminghamdiocese.org
Brentwood
www.dioceseofbrentwood.net
Clifton
www.catholicassociation.co.uk
East Anglia
www.catholicassociation.co.uk
Hallam
www.hallam-lourdes.com
Hexham and Newcastle
www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk
Lancaster
lancasterlourdes.co.uk
Leeds
www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/pilgrimages/
Liverpool
www.liverpool-lourdes.org.uk/pilgrimage
Middlesbrough
middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/lourdes
Military Ordinariate of Great Britain
www.rcbishopricforces.org.uk
Northampton
www.catholicassociation.co.uk
Nottingham
www.dioceseofnottingham.uk
Portsmouth
www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/lourdes
Plymouth
www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk
Salford
www.salfordlourdes.co.uk
Shrewsbury
www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org
Southwark
www.catholicassociation.co.uk
Westminster
rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/

WELSH DIOCESES

Welsh National Pilgrimage
www.welshnationalpilgrimage.com
Wrexham
www.rcdwxm.org.uk

SCOTTISH DIOCESES

St Andrews and Edinburgh
www.edinburgh-lourdes.com
Dunkeld
www.dunkelddiocese.co.uk/
Galloway
www.gallowaydiocese.org.uk/
Glasgow
www.rcag.org.uk/
Motherwell
www.rcdom.org.uk
Paisley
www.rcdop.org.uk

OTHER PILGRIMAGES

Across
www.across.org.uk
Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage
www.ampleforthlourdes.org.uk
The Catholic Association
www.catholicassociation.co.uk
HCPT
www.hcpt.org.uk
Jumbulance Trust
www.jumbulance.org.uk
Order of Malta
www.orderofmalta.org.uk
OMV - The Order of Malta Volunteers
www.omv.org.uk
Society of Our Lady of Lourdes
www.soll-lourdes.com
The Raphael Pilgrimage
www.raphaelpilgrimage.org.uk

LET US PRAY

Prayer to Mary

by Fr Léonce de Grandmaison

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
preserve in me the heart of a child,
pure and clean like spring water;
a simple heart that does not remain absorbed ...
in its own sadness;
a loving heart
that freely gives with compassion;
a faithful and generous heart
that neither forgets good
nor feels bitterness for any evil.
Give me a sweet and humble heart
that loves without asking
to be loved in return,
happy to lose itself
in the heart of others,
sacrificing itself in front
of your Divine Son;
a great and unconquerable heart
which no ingratitude can close
and no indifference can tire;
a heart tormented by the glory of Christ,
pierced by His love
with a wound that will not heal
until heaven.

VISIT THE ST BERNADETTE RELIC
TOUR WEBSITE TO DISCOVER:

Where and when you can visit the Relics

How to keep the tour in your prayers

Opportunities to journey to Lourdes on pilgrimage with your diocese
and much more...

stbernadette.org.uk

