

Commitment

General

- All pilgrims should uphold the Christian ethos of the pilgrimage.
- Pilgrims should not bring the pilgrimage into disrepute: either through their actions or language. Care should be taken about Social Media and other forms of media/communication.
- All pilgrims should participate fully in the activities of the Youth Pilgrimage, both before and during the time of the pilgrimage.

Pre-pilgrimage

- Pilgrims must attend preparation meetings for your coach. If you cannot attend a meeting you should inform the coach leader in advance. Please be aware that missing preparation meetings may result in you not being able to travel to Lourdes.
- Pilgrims should make every effort to attend the two Youth Alive celebrations (Advent and Lent) and the Lourdes Departure and Reunion Masses.
- Pilgrims should abide by the agreed payment schedule (if under 18, parent/guardians are responsible for ensuring that the payment deadlines are met). Please be aware that significantly delayed payments may result in a pilgrim being unable to travel to Lourdes.

Journey to and from Lourdes

- Pilgrimage ID to be worn at all times
- Pilgrimage t-shirts (and hoodies and coats) can be worn
- No alcohol to be drunk at any time
- No non/low alcohol to be drunk at any time
- No alcohol to be bought at shops or duty free (without prior permission of the coach leader)
- Smoking / vaping allowed in designated non-restricted areas only. Please be respectful of other members of the pilgrimage and the wider public.

In Lourdes

- Pilgrimage ID to be worn at all times (on duty, off duty, day off, free time, evenings)
- Attire should be suitable for a pilgrimage even in free time/nights/day off
- Appearance of the pilgrimage uniform (yellow t-shirts, hoodies, coats, poncho) should not be altered / defaced.
- Pilgrims must stay in their own rooms at night.
- No alcohol (or non/low alcohol) to be bought at shops (unless permission has been granted by the coach leader in advance).
- Alcohol that has been bought with permission for gifts or use at home should not be kept in pilgrim rooms.

On Duty in Lourdes

- Pilgrimage ID to be worn at all times
- Pilgrimage uniform to be worn at all times: Yellow t-shirt or hoody or coat

- Pilgrimage uniform should be outer garment (poncho, hoody, coat or t-shirt)
- Sensible shoes / trainers (not flip-flops)
- Shorts/Skirts should be (approaching) knee length or below.
- Leggings can be worn if appropriate
- Staff reserve the right to decide on what is appropriate clothing and footwear and can ask a pilgrim to change.
- Do not accept money from any assisted pilgrim
- Do not take assisted pilgrims to the toilet. Approach a member of staff or member of hospitality.
- No alcohol (or non/low alcohol) drinks
- Smoking / vaping permitted but away from any assisted pilgrims and being aware of other members of the pilgrimage and wider public. Do not leave assisted pilgrims to go for a cigarette / vape.

Off Duty in Lourdes

- Pilgrimage ID to be worn at all times
- No alcohol (or non/low alcohol) drinks
- Smoking / vaping permitted but away from any assisted pilgrims and being aware of other members of the pilgrimage and wider public.

Nights in Lourdes

- At night coaches can go to a bar or café. Pilgrims must stay with their coach at night and not leave the bar or café unless permission has been granted by the coach leader.
- If friends / parishioners / assisted pilgrims etc buy a youth pilgrim an alcoholic drink as a thank you / gift please inform staff members.
- Last orders and leaving the bar time should be respected. On leaving the bar all pilgrims should be quiet and respectful.
- Alcohol is only to be bought / drunk by those over 18.

On normal nights:

- Limit of 2 Demis (half pints)
- Wine can be drunk in place of a Demi. One small glass = one Demi.
- Drinks should be bought one at a time.

Over 18 nights:

- Any drink other than shots.
- Spirits should be drunk with mixers.
- Drinks should be bought one at a time.