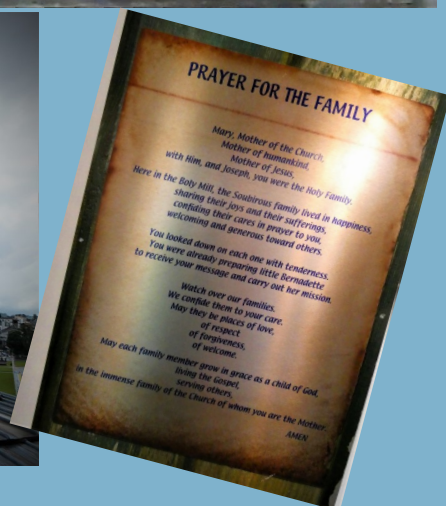
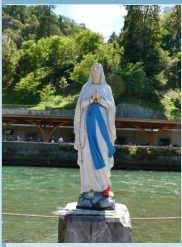


# Our Lady of Good Counsel 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parish Pilgrimage Lourdes 1943/2023





# 80th Anniversary LOURDES 2023



On the 3rd of August at the ungodly hour of 3am in the morning, a little party of us set out from the Parish to begin Our 80th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes.



We were joined by two other little groups on this unforgettable adventure, and by the end of our time together, we were just one holy happy throng of Pilgrims, with a real feel of family and a collective joy.

Every single person in our group young and old were simply magnificent, and it was a mixture of faith and fun, as you can see from the wonderful images accompanying this amazing spiritual Odyssey.

It was wonderful to have Pat & Ger there too, and special thanks to Pat for these wonderful images. He also had some fantastic videos, and we hope to put a link to these on our website, as well as a library of wonderful photographs, which won't fit on this special edition of our newsletter.

A series of wonderful churches illuminating the relationship between Our Lady and Bernadette, and the call to believe, to faith, over indulgent feisty nuns, and the magic of the Grotto enchanted us all, but I still have sore ankles, private joke. Beware nuns with sticks LOL!

We concluded these wonderful few days by placing a sizeable candle near the Grotto in thanksgiving for 80 years of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. Before we blessed it everyone was invited to touch the candle together, and bring to their mind loved ones back home, or in heaven. In thanksgiving we remembered Fr. Dan, all our Volunteers, Deirdre & Rita, and the Leadership team in the Parish and Community. Remembering a man who was part of both, we sent a silent prayer skyward for Peter Burke and so many gone before who made Our Parish what it is today.

May Our Lady's gentle light continue to shine in the hearts of her children who need her most in this time.

Now, why not join Fr. Dan on his Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 23rd September, so we continue our 80th Celebrations.

Every blessing for now, and special thanks to all the Pilgrims for everything.

Fr. Dave.



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