

IRISH TRUST – ON TOUR Friday 9th April 2010



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IHCPT Office in Lourdes - Hemicycle

Opening Times

Monday - Friday 09.00 – 12.30 & 14.00 – 18.00

Contact Bernadette at 00-33-6-387-39253

Grotto Mass

It was a beautiful morning down at the Grotto for the deceased carers and benefactor's Mass at 8:30am.

The Mass was celebrated by Richard Scriven, together with Bishop Tony Farquhar and many other chaplains from the Irish groups. The music and hymns added beautifully to the early morning service.

Richard in his homily asked us to seek to renew ourselves, not just by changing structures but also to renew our hearts.

Mary is the supreme example for us, she is truly the first Disciple, who truly lived Hope, Faith, and Love.

We are in here in Lourdes, the school of Mary where we learn to pray the Rosary, maybe it would be more cool to say we are here this week on an "in-service" week.

May we return home renewed, strengthened and encouraged. It has been good to recharge the batteries. May Mary, beneath whose gaze we stand, watch over us, bring us again to her Son, hold us in prayer before the Father.

Farewell

Thank you to everyone for your participation, effort, involvement and energy during the week. The weather was very kind to us with glorious sunshine every day except Wednesday. Please be mindful of the traffic in the last day or two, watch out for each other and have a safe journey home.



IHCPT Merchandise

The shop will be open until **6pm on Friday** and will **NOT open on Saturday** so please get down now to do your shopping with us.

- Buy-A-Brick for Kilrane. Thank you for your wonderful support of this – we have raised over €2,000 to date.
- Kilrane is only a 10 minute drive away from Rosslare ferryport so all our HCPT friends are welcome to use our new 17 bed respite facility which will open this Summer.
- Mass cards are now available.



Wheelchair Transfers

- The minibus driven by Pat Jordan is now fully booked for most flights.
- There is still space on the minibus for 2 wheelchairs for the second Cork Flight FP0222W due to depart at 17.35. Please contact Bernadette if you would like a minibus transfer for this flight.
- For all other flights, any group who have a wheelchair user that is unable to travel on their transfer coach should book a wheelchair taxi through their hotel.

Risk Assessment

There are still a couple of groups who have not returned their Fire Drill, Risk Assessment and Room Sharing Record forms. It is absolutely essential that these forms are completed and returned to HQ as soon as possible and no later than Friday 5pm.

Lost Property

- Blue jacket left at Nurses & Doctors meeting in Alba Hotel Monday night.
- A part of a wheelchair from the second Dublin flight.
- Both can be collected from the Hemi.

Birthdays

- Happy 21st Birthday to Conor Fitzpatrick in group 309. He got 21 presents from his group and 21 kisses from the girls in his group.

Birthdays

- Happy Birthday to Mary Kelly from Mocky group 61!
- Happy Birthday to Fr Charles Davy group 189.
- Happy Birthday to Catherine Curran, group 113.
- Happy Birthday to Sinead O'Leary group 66 whose birthday is today!
- Happy Birthday to Christopher Dimond group 129 whose birthday is tomorrow.

Messages

- To group 103 and 113 and 191, thank you for welcoming group 145 helpers into your groups. We all had a great time.
- Group 95: many thanks to all carers, especially our new carer Margaret and our group nurse Pat, for helping to make a special week in Lourdes for our young people. Also a special word of thanks to our chaplain Fr Michael and deputy leaders Anne Marie and William for all your support and advice during the year. To Michael for waking us when needed, Bernie for your wisdom, Ruth and Tara for your enthusiasm and Caroline for being there when needed most.
- Group 70: Clodagh says group 139 rock and brillo to meet Ewen's parents.
- Group 61: lots of love to our fantastic kids, from Majella.