



PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY - LISBON 2023

WHAT IS WORLD YOUTH DAY?

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and everyone is welcome!

It is celebrated at the diocesan level each year, and every two, three, or four years as an international gathering in a city chosen by the Pope, bringing together millions of young people to celebrate their faith and sense of belonging to the Church.

Since its first WYD in Rome in 1986, it has been a place of transformation, fostering a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. World Youth Day also seeks to promote peace, unity, and fraternity among peoples and nations around the world.

A typical day during the week starts with catechesis sessions. Pilgrims gather in language groups for a few hours; to hear from an International Cardinal or Bishop; to pray; go to confession and celebrate Mass. After that, pilgrims are free to explore the variety of festival events around the city: concerts; vocations events; social and cultural events; to name but a few!

Each evening there is usually a central event where all pilgrims will gather. These are; the official opening Mass; the welcoming ceremony for the Pope; and the Way of the Cross. On the Saturday of WYD, pilgrims pack up sleeping bags, food, and clothes to journey to the site of the overnight prayer vigil and closing Mass, together with what could be millions of other young Catholics from across the globe they sleep out under the stars.

WYD is a fantastic opportunity to grow in faith and personally encounter Christ, witness the Church on a global scale, meet with young Catholics from nearly every country, and to experience the warmth, friendship and culture of the host city's residents. WYD for many, is a once in a lifetime experience. Everyone who takes part in WYD has a fantastic time, many come back with a deeper knowledge and understanding of their faith, and confidence and renewed strength to live this out. Many discern a stronger sense of their vocation and calling in life and many make firm christian friends and retain a great sense of belonging to the church.





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PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION

We are travelling as a joint group on this pilgrimage along with young people, clergy and leaders from the Derry Diocese. In total we will be a group of 40 - 15 of us from across the Diocese of Clogher and 25 from Derry.

Pilgrimage Dates:

Departure from Ireland - Tuesday 25th July

Travel from Porto to Lisbon - Monday 31st July

Departure from Portugal - Monday 7th August

Price: **€1150 per person**

This will cover all transport (air travel from Dublin to Porto and returning to Dublin from Lisbon) transfers to and from airports and internal travel in Portugal, WYD registration, accommodation, Days in the Diocese, insurance, all food except during travel, preparation programme, WYD group t-shirt.

Payment Schedule:

€250 deposit with application form

A further **€400 to be paid by Wednesday 5th April 2023**

A further **€300 to be paid by Wednesday 17th May 2023**

Final **€200 to be paid by Wednesday 14th June 2023**

It is preferable that payments are made by electronic transfer to our Bank of Ireland account in the Monaghan Branch (details below). Payments can also be made by euro cheque.

Account Name: Clogher don Óige

Sort Code: 90-34-88

Account Number: 46752603

IBAN: IE86BOFI90348846752603

Please put the name of the pilgrim as a reference to this payment and email confirmation (e.g. screenshot) to info@clogherdonoige.org.

Euro cheques made payable to 'Clogher don Óige' with Pilgrim's name on reverse can also be sent to our Monaghan office.

Young people's Parish may be willing to financially support this pilgrimage. That could be with a direct financial contribution, or by facilitating/permitting pilgrims to undertake fundraising activities in the parish (eg. Coffee Morning/Raffle/Quiz sheets etc). Upon receipt of Application Form and payment of deposit Clogher don Óige will inform Parish Clergy and Parish Offices that a parishioner will be travelling on pilgrimage to World Youth day this summer.

**Any queries or questions should be directed to:
info@clogherdonoige.org**

