

What's a Eucharistic Congress?

Once every four years, the world's Catholics and friends of the church are invited to gather to:

- promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church
- help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy
- draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist.

The most recent Congress was held in Quebec in 2008 and was a source of encouragement and renewal for the many thousands who took part. In 2012, this international event takes place in Dublin, taking the theme "**The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another.**"

This marks the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council publishing *Lumen Gentium*, the great reflection on what it is for the Church to BE church.

So what's happening in Dublin?

The daily celebration of the Eucharist is at the very heart of the Congress. But there's a much wider programme, too! Each day there are prayer events, and opportunities to explore our faith through public talks, and artistic and cultural events. The Congress begins with a Mass on Sunday 10th June (Corpus Christi Sunday) and then each weekday has its own theme shaping that day's events.

The Congress closes with a celebration of Mass in Croke Park on Sunday afternoon, 17th June.

The Cardiff Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage from the Archdiocese of Cardiff is travelling out to Dublin on Wednesday 13th June 2012 and returning on Monday 18th June. You are invited to join part or all of the pilgrimage!

Wednesday 13th June

Full-package pilgrims gather at Llantarnam Abbey, Cwmbran, for a short prayer to begin the pilgrimage at 6 a.m., then we travel by coach to Holyhead.

It is also possible to **join the pilgrimage** at **Holyhead** for the ferry crossing. Such pilgrims must rendezvous with the main group by 12.45 p.m.

Pilgrims **making their own travel arrangements into Ireland** should meet the Cardiff group either for Mass at Corpus Christi Church, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, at 6.00 p.m. or for supper at the Dublin Airport Hilton Hotel at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 14th June

Pilgrims today have the option of making a pilgrimage to Knock (£20 additional charge) or taking part in the main programme of Congress activities, as listed online: iec2012.ie

Friday 15th & Saturday 16th June

On these days, pilgrims may take part in the full range of activities offered as part of the Congress: lectures, prayer, and cultural activities.

Sunday 17th June

After a leisurely morning, pilgrims will depart the hotel around noon for the closing Mass at Croke Park Stadium. The whole group will return to the hotel around 6.00 p.m. to share a meal.

Monday 18th June

On this final day the group will celebrate a closing Mass at 10.45 a.m. at the chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball, Santry. The pilgrimage thus concludes for those pilgrims **making their own travel arrangements**.

The main group then crosses from Dun Laoghaire Port and is due in Holyhead at 3.14 p.m., when those who **joined the pilgrimage** at **Holyhead** must make their own homeward arrangements.

Depending on road conditions, the **full-package pilgrims** can expect to return to Llantarnam Abbey sometime between 7.45 and 9.15 p.m., when the whole pilgrimage will conclude with a short prayer in the chapel.

Llantarnam Abbey, near Cwmbran, has generously allowed use of their car parking facilities. You may leave your car at Llantarnam Abbey for the duration of the pilgrimage. If you would prefer to stay at Llantarnam Abbey on Tuesday night, rather than travel early on Wednesday morning, the Abbey has agreed to reserve a limited number of guest rooms for use by pilgrims. If you wish to make use of this facility, please make your own arrangements for booking and paying (£25) with the Abbey – rooms subject to availability.

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DEPOSITS and BOOKING DEADLINES

All places are subject to availability. The entire cost of your chosen package must be sent to secure your place, but you may check availability and provisionally book a place by contacting Rev Gareth Leyshon. Alternatively, if you book in writing and send a cheque, if space is not available, then your payment will be returned.

Cheques should be made payable to "Archdiocese of Cardiff" and sent with your booking form to:

Dublin Pilgrimage
Archbishop's House
41-43 Cathedral Road
CARDIFF
CF11 9HD

Enquiries ONLY CONCERNING the receipt of booking forms and cashing of cheques should be directed to the Treasurer's office at Archbishop's House:

Tel:- **029 2037 4148** Fax:- **029 2037 9036**

E-mail: finance@rcadc.org

ALL GENERAL ENQUIRIES should be directed to:

Rev Gareth Leyshon – 01443 402 439

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

If pilgrims are accompanied by under-16s, the Archdiocese of Cardiff can take no responsibility for such minors, and they will be charged at the full rate for all activities. The Congress is not designed with under-16s in mind. Minors must at all times be supervised by their responsible adult. The Dublin organisers stipulate that **Any Pilgrims who are under 16 and not accompanied by an adult on the day will not be allowed access to the Congress.**

The Dublin and Cardiff organisers reserve the right to alter any of the arrangements for this pilgrimage; including cancellation of the event should unforeseen circumstances require such action.

Given the volatile state of the Eurozone and the international fuel market, the Archdiocese of Cardiff reserves the right to apply a surcharge to pilgrims before travelling if the costs of fuel or the exchange rate would otherwise cause the pilgrimage to make an overall loss.

All cancellations must be sent in writing or email to Rev Gareth Leyshon; cancellations will not be accepted by telephone. Substitutions of one name for another can be made for no additional charge.

No refunds can be guaranteed for cancellations made after 30 January 2012. The Archdiocese of Cardiff may, at its discretion, refund those costs recoverable by cancelling hotel or ferry bookings made on behalf of pilgrims.

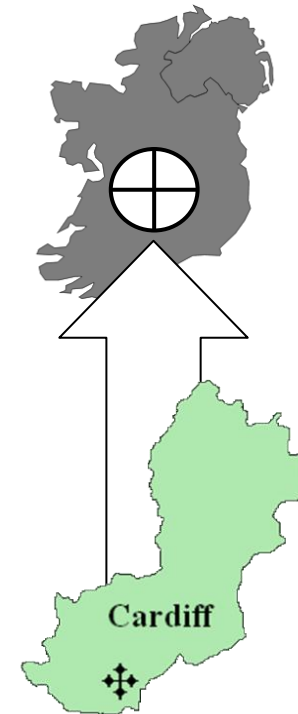
Pilgrims are advised to have their own travel and health insurance in place. Neither the Dublin nor Cardiff organisers can accept any responsibility for costs resulting from emergencies due to health or personal circumstances.

The pilgrimage has been costed with the intent of breaking even. Any surplus made at the end of the trip may be set aside to subsidise future pilgrimage activities for young people.

DATA PROTECTION NOTICE: The Archdiocese of Cardiff will hold personal data supplied by pilgrims securely, on paper or in electronic form, where it will be destroyed 2 years after the conclusion of the pilgrimage. Submission of a booking form indicates consent to hold and handle your data.

CARDIFF ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

To the International Eucharistic
Congress in Dublin



13-18 June 2012

INFORMATION

