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2019 Reunion – Newcastle

Our 2019 Reunion will be hosted by the Hospitaliers of the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese in Newcastle Upon Tyne over the weekend of Friday 8th – Sunday 10th November.

The reunion Mass will be celebrated in Saint Mary's Cathedral, followed by lunch and the AGM in the nearby Jurys Inn hotel.



The Cathedral and Jurys Inn hotel are both close to the Newcastle Central Station and the Metro Station, which has a direct link to Newcastle International Airport. For those travelling to Newcastle by car the Times Square car park is next door to the hotel and offers specially discounted parking rates to hotel guests.

Full details of the reunion and a booking form are in this newsletter.



Reunion 2019 – Programme

Welcome

We look forward to welcoming many members of the Hospitalité to the 2019 Reunion. We will also be pleased to welcome any stagiaires who are in their period of formation and have not yet become full members of the Hospitalité. Any member or stagiaire may also invite guests to join them at the reunion.

Friday 8th November

For members wishing to stay in Newcastle on Friday and / or Saturday evening we have negotiated a special rate in the Jurys Inn Hotel. (See Hotel Accommodation).

Dinner can be purchased in the hotel restaurant until 9.00pm and there are many good pubs and restaurants nearby.

To enable members and their guests to get together on Friday evening a room in a local pub will be organised – details will be circulated prior to the reunion.

Saturday 9th November

Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral, Clayton Street West, NE1 5HH.

9.00am

Registration in the Cloister Café at the Cathedral.

Tea and Coffee and other refreshments are available from The Cloister Café from 9.00am.

10.30am

Mass in the Cathedral, Celebrant Right Reverend Robert Byrne C.O. (Congregation of the Oratory of St Phillip Neri) who was installed as the 14th Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle on 25th March 2019, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

The music at the Mass will be led by the Hexham and Newcastle Lourdes Pilgrimage Choir.

The Mass will be offered for deceased members of the Association. Members are asked to inform Mick Davison about any members who have died since our last reunion so that their names can be included in the bidding prayers for the Mass.

12.30pm

Two course lunch (main course and desert) in the restaurant of the Jurys Inn Hotel.

2.00 pm

Annual General Meeting of the Association. The meeting will finish no later than 5.00pm.

For those members and guests staying on Saturday evening arrangements will be made to gather in a local pub to enjoy Geordie hospitality in each other's company.

Sunday 10th November

Breakfast in hotel and depart

For those wishing to attend Mass before leaving Newcastle there are Masses in the Cathedral at 8.00am and 10.00am and 11.30am.

Reunion 2019 – Bookings, Costs and Accommodation

Registration and Administration Fee

The Registration and Administration fee for the reunion is £20.00 per person, this covers the overhead costs of the reunion, including, the costs of accommodating our guests from Lourdes, room booking fee for the meeting, printing and stationery (Order of service for Mass, conference packs etc, etc).

Lunch

Lunch will be a two course (main course and desert) served in the restaurant at the Jurys Inn Hotel at a cost of £14.00 per person. If you require a vegetarian, vegan, or other special diet menu please indicate this on the booking form.

Bookings

A booking form is enclosed with this newsletter or is available online at www.hndlgb.com

Please complete the booking form and return it with payment of £34.00 per person as soon as possible. Cheques should be made payable to “HNDLGB”. You may post-date your cheques for 1st November 2019 as cheques will not be banked before that date.

Hotel Accommodation

Our hosts have negotiated a discounted rate with Jurys In Newcastle (Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne (NE1 4AD). On Friday and Saturday evening bed and breakfast will cost £69 per room per night for single occupancy or £79 per room per night with twin occupancy. If anyone wants to stay for the full weekend the cost of bed and breakfast on Sunday evening will reduce to £59 per room for single occupancy and £69 for twin occupancy. The hotel offers guests specially discounted parking rates in the Time Square carpark, which is next door to the hotel.

The Association has a block booking of rooms at the above prices. The hotel will hold this block booking until 6th October, to reserve a room at these discounted prices you need to book before 6th October. Please book as early as possible.

Anyone requiring hotel accommodation should make their bookings directly with Jurys Inn. Bookings at the discount rate can only be made by telephone (0191-201-4305) between the hours of 09.30 – 17.00, quoting booking reference “LOURDES 081119”. Please note these rates will not be available on the Jurys Inn on-line booking site. When booking hotel accommodation, you will be required to provide the hotel with credit card details at the time of making your booking, but the credit card will not be charged until you check out from the hotel.

Your Contact Details

We do our very best to keep our records up to date, but people do move to a new house from time to time and more frequently change their e-mail address. If you have changed your postal or e-mail address, please let us know.

If you have received this newsletter by post but have an e-mail address, we would be very grateful if you would provide us with your e-mail address. Please send an e-mail to hndlgb@gmail.com With the costs of postage, stationery and printing it costs over £1 for every newsletter we send by post by comparison maintaining the website and sending emails to tell people the newsletter is available on-line costs a few pence. If you have an email address, please sent it to us.

If you do not have an email address don't worry, we will not cut you off and will continue to send you a newsletter through the post.

Farwell Bertrand

Bertrand Clerc-Renaud completed his term of office as President of the Hospitalité in February this year. We would like to thank Bertrand for his leadership and friendship it has been our privilege and pleasure to welcome Bertrand to many of our reunion during his term as President.

At a reception in the Abril St Michel that followed the annual meeting of the Hospitalité in February Mick Davison presented Bertrand with an engraved hip flask and a bottle of his favourite amber liquid from Scotland as a thank you from the Association.

Welcome Daniel

Daniel Pezet became President of the Hospitalité in February. Daniel writes:

Dear Hospitalité friends, brothers and sisters,

I am always happy to see the joy of hospitaliers when they arrive in Lourdes. The joy of rushing to the Grotto "to say hello to Mary", the joy of meeting hospitalier friends once more and, finally, the joy of being a pilgrim again.

I am a pilgrim because I am on the move. I have become master of my own time again. Time to live a powerful spiritual experience, time to meet God, time to listen to His word. Just as on the 'Camino' to Compostella, being a pilgrim in Lourdes leads to beautiful encounters. Other pilgrims, who will touch me with their witness, their suffering, their courage, their searching, their humility. In short, I will open myself up to God, I will open myself up to others.

And then there is my service as a hospitalier, the service of others. Giving, giving again, always giving and receiving so much. Feeling that sensation of wholeness, another word for happiness, complete fulfilment. My life as a Hospitalier-Pilgrim is one of contentment, it has meaning.

In prayerful union, please be assured of my devotion and faithful friendship.

Daniel Pezet

Paying your Hospitalité Cotisation through the British Hospitalité Trust

As members of the Hospitalité we are required to pay an annual Cotisation (membership subscription). Everyone, except those who through age have retired from actively working, are required to pay this annual subscription to continue as members. The most important thing to remember about paying your Cotisation is that it ensures you are insured while carrying out your duties with the Hospitalité. If you are in doubt about whether your subscription is up to date we recommend that you arrange to pay through the British Hospitalité Trust (BHT).

The BHT assists the work of the Hospitalité (HNDL) by collecting the annual cotisations (subscriptions) of British members. As a registered UK charity the Trust is able to reclaim any UK tax that has been paid on these subscriptions. The tax reclaimed under the Gift Aid Scheme is then used to support the work of the Hospitalité. If you are not already paying your subscriptions through the Trust you can get full details including a standing order form and Gift Aid declaration form from the BHT web-site, www.britishhospitalitetrust.co.uk.

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