



With the
Diocese of East Anglia
Information Pack 1

We are now starting to plan our diocesan pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal in 2023. This is the first information pack with as much information as we know so far. In due course subsequent information packs will be compiled with the latest information available.

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Contact Information

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Introduction to World Youth Day

In 1984 Pope John Paul II invited young people to a special gathering on Palm Sunday in Rome. Three hundred thousand young people attended this Youth Jubilee. In 1985 - the United Nations International Year of Youth - Pope John Paul II extended a second invitation to young people. This time 450,000 attended this second international youth gathering held on Palm Sunday in Rome.

These events in 1984 and 1985 inspired the Pope to create World Youth Day (WYD) to be celebrated at diocesan level every year (initially on Palm Sunday and more recently on the Feast of Christ the King) and on an international level every two to four years. It's much more than a day – usually up to two weeks. This brings together young Catholics from around the world to celebrate their faith and learn more about it – it's an encounter of the young people of the world with the Pope and the Christian community of the host country. Recently international World Youth Days have been held in Cologne, Sydney, Madrid, Rio, Poland and Panama, sometimes with more than a million people attending the final Mass.



Over 3 million attended the final Mass
in Poland in 2016

The WYD Website

For general information check out the official World Youth Day 2023 website. It also features the official WYD 2023 song which is worth listening to and getting to know as you will hear it a lot if you come!

<https://www.lisboa2023.org/>

The WYD 2023 Theme

Each World Youth Day has a unique theme and logo. The theme of WYD 2023 is taken from Luke's Gospel, when Mary hears the Angel Gabriel's message and rushes to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

"Mary arose and went with haste"

Luke 1:39

The Logo – explained by the designer

The logo of the WYD Lisbon 2023, inspired on the theme, has the Cross as a main element. This is crossed by a path where the Holy Spirit arises. It is an invitation for young people so that they do not stand still and asking them to be the main characters in building a fairer and more fraternal world. The colours (green, red, and yellow) evoke the Portuguese flag.



The Cross

The Christian Cross, sign of the infinite love of God for humankind, is the main element, where everything is born from.

The Path

The passage of the Visitation is the theme of the WYD Lisbon 2023, and it reveals us that Mary was ready to live according to God's will, being available to serve Elizabeth. This movement underlines the invitation made to the young people to renew their "inner strength, their dreams, the enthusiasm, the hope and the gratitude" (Christus Vivit, 20). Next to the path there is also a shape that evokes the Holy Spirit.

The Rosary

The choice of the rosary celebrates the spirituality of the Portuguese people in their devotion to Our Lady of Fátima. This is placed on the path to recall the pilgrimage experience which is so remarkable in Portugal.

Mary

Mary is depicted as a young girl to represent the figure of the Gospel of Saint Luke (Lk 1, 39) and to enable a resemblance with the youngest. The drawing expresses how young she was, someone who was not a mother yet, but who is carrying the light of the world inside her. This figure has a slight inclination, to show the compelled attitude of the Virgin Mary.

*This is definitely one of the most unforgettable moments of my life.
Claudine Alicante, East Anglia WYD Pilgrim*

General Information

Who is organising the East Anglia Pilgrimage to World Youth Day?

The East Anglia Pilgrimage to WYD is organised by the Diocesan Youth Service, comprising of Hamish MacQueen – Director of Youth Service (who has led groups to 7 World Youth Days, and helped plan groups going to a further 2); Fr. Luke Goymour – Chaplain to the Youth Service; and Ciaran Losasso - Ignite Team Leader. We are also grateful to Mrs. Rebecca Bretherton - Diocesan Safeguarding Administrator, who has kindly agreed to be part of the planning group.

When is World Youth Day 2023?

World Youth 'Day' is much more than a day. The first part is usually 'Days in the Diocese' usually in a diocese of the host country. This gives young people an opportunity to experience the faith and culture of a country other than their own. The following week there is a programme of activities based around the city hosting WYD. These include talks, concerts, plays, exhibitions, workshops etc. – in fact it's impossible to capture the diversity of activities without experiencing it! The week culminates in an all-night vigil and Mass with the Pope. A **provisional** itinerary is as follows:

Tuesday 25th July	Leave UK
Wednesday 26th July	Days in the Diocese Programme
Thursday 27th July	Days in the Diocese Programme
Friday 28th July	Days in the Diocese programme
Saturday 29th July	Days in the Diocese programme
Sunday 30th July	Days in the Diocese programme
Monday 31st July	Travel to Lisbon
Tuesday 1 st August	WYD Programme including Opening Mass
Wednesday 2 nd August	WYD Programme
Thursday 3 rd August	WYD Programme including Welcome of Pope Francis
Friday 4 th August	WYD Programme including The Way of The Cross
Saturday 5 th August	Overnight Vigil with Pope Francis
Sunday 6 th August	Closing Mass with Pope Francis
Monday 7 th August	Travel back to UK

**PLEASE NOTE THIS ITINERARY IS PROVISIONAL.
IN PARTICULAR DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL DATES MAY CHANGE**

Thank you for one of the best weeks of my life.
Dom Bennett, East Anglia WYD Pilgrim

Where is Portugal and where are we going in Portugal?



Diocese of Viano do Castello
Where we will probably do
'Days in the Diocese'

The Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima
where we hope to visit

Lisbon, the host city of WYD 2023

Where are we staying for Days in the Diocese?

We will probably spend Days in the Diocese in the Diocese of Viano do Castello which looks like it will offer a fantastic experience. We already have a relationship with a priest from that diocese and are grateful for his warm invitation. We will hopefully stay in a retreat house or student accommodation but this has yet to be decided. We also hope to visit the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.

Where are we staying in Lisbon?

This has yet to be decided but it will probably be a hotel on the outskirts of Lisbon.

How are we getting there?

We will probably fly although if coach is significantly cheaper, we will consider going by coach. However, we travel we will build carbon offsetting into the cost. Flying takes 2-3 hours, travel by coach will take more than 24 hours!

How old do you need to be and is there an upper age limit?

The pilgrimage is for those who will be 16 or over by July 25th although in exceptional circumstances, (such as if a parent is accompanying) we may allow 15 year olds. There is no upper age limit but anyone over 35 would be expected to come as a 'leader' rather than a 'young person'.

How do I book a place?

Please read the 'Booking a Place Terms and Conditions'. You can book online from 1st April at www.rcdea.org.uk/youth and send your deposit of £100 by April 5th. We need to confirm accommodation numbers at the beginning of August 2022, so after July 31st, bookings will only be accepted on a first come first served basis subject to availability.

What about Covid and other world events that may affect the pilgrimage?

We will always follow advice from the Government and Bishops Conference, taking any necessary precautions. Financially, the diocese will do everything we can to ensure your money is safe in the unlikely event that WYD is cancelled or it is not safe to go. However, we also advise you to ensure your travel insurance policy covers you for this.



East Anglia Group at WYD in Poland in 2016

How much will it cost?

At the moment it's not possible to give a definite figure as we are waiting on airline prices to be released and the WYD Registration Fee. We are working on an estimate of **£1400** which we think is realistic.

Until we can give a definite figure, any money you pay will be completely refundable.

Why is it so expensive?

On the announcement of which city WYD will be held in, accommodation and flight costs can increase dramatically, (sometimes up to five times).

Also, we have taken a decision that the diocesan group will go in 'reasonable accommodation'. By that we mean a bed, washing facilities and close enough to the centre of Lisbon to be able to travel in and out of each day in time to take part in all the activities. It is possible to book space on a school gym floor, more than two hours drive away and with a cold hose pipe as a shower between 50 people, much much cheaper, but that isn't the experience we want to offer. Of course, that is an extreme (but true) example and our aim has been to find the optimum accommodation, in terms of distance from Lisbon, comfort and price.

If you do want to go independently, there is nothing to stop you but you will miss out on the experience of going with an organised group.

Although it's expensive, please bear in mind, the complete pilgrimage is almost two weeks long and nearly everything will be included. That's:

- Travel to and from, and within Portugal
- All food and accommodation while in Poland
- Registration fee and Solidarity fee for World Youth Day
- Group t-shirts
- A ticket to Flame 2023 as one of our preparation events
- Free admission to the Ignite Festival – our annual youth Diocesan festival held in Norfolk

The only thing we are not including is travel insurance as experience has taught us different people want different levels of cover etc. **However, it is compulsory you have at least a basic level of travel insurance.** You should be able to get this for under £30 (e.g. The Post Office) or you may already have it on a family policy or free with a bank account.

We know this is expensive particularly in the present financial climate but please don't let the cost put you off – it's worth it!

Parishes and people can be very generous supporting young people going on pilgrimage and in the past, we have been amazed by their generosity!

We also have many ideas for fundraising and a staged payment plan – see the next pages.

I feel this trip has changed my faith for the better and has gone as far as to change my life.

Joseph Kalusza-Gilbert, East Anglia WYD Pilgrim

Making Payments

When you book we ask for a deposit of £100. In addition to this there are cut off dates (stated below) by which time you must have paid a certain amount. This is because the diocese needs to make payments to secure accommodation etc. on your behalf. You can either make payments in lump sums to meet these dates or spread the payments over several months as suggested below.

Amount

Payment date

£100 initial deposit

By 5th April 2022

£100

By 5th May 2022

£100

By 5th June 2022

£100

By 5th July 2022

£100

By 5th August 2022

By 5th August 2022 you need to have paid a total of £500

£100

By 5th September 2022

£100

By 5th October 2022

£100

By 5th November 2022

£100

By 5th December 2022

By 5th December 2022 you need to have paid a total of £900

followed by a break as Christmas is an expensive time!

£100

By 5th February 2023

£100

By 5th March 2023

£100

By 5th April 2023

£100

By 5th May 2023

£100

By 5th June 2023

By 5th July you need to have paid the total, if the cost exceeds £1400

Remember until we are able to give a definite figure, any payments you make will be completely refundable and you will be able to cancel your place.

You can pay for the pilgrimage in three ways:

1) Card Payments – follow the link on the Diocesan Website which will go live with the booking form on April 3rd

2) Direct Bank transfer

Account Name: RC Diocese of East Anglia

Account Sort Code: 60-15-31

Account Number: 08741697

Reference: So we know who the payment is from, please ask your bank to use the reference WYD followed by a space, then your first initial, then a space, then your surname (or as many characters as possible). E.g. If your name is Fred Smith, your reference would be 'WYD F Smith'

3) Cheque

Please send a cheque made payable to 'RC Diocese of East Anglia' to Diocesan Youth Office, 21 Uppgate, Poringland, Norwich, NR14 7SH. Please write WYD followed by your name on the back of the cheque.

I expected to have a good time at WYD but it has been far better than I could have imagined.

May Harvey, East Anglia WYD Pilgrim

Fundraising

If you talk to people who have fundraised in the past for WYD, many will tell you how the money came in quicker and easier than they thought it would. We would like to suggest one possible plan is that you fundraise one third, you ask your family to consider paying one third and you ask your parish to consider paying one third. Clearly many families and parishes would not be able to afford this (especially if there is more than one person going from the same parish or family) but it might work for some of you.

You will probably find it easier to fundraise together with people in your parish or deanery. If using any of these ideas for fundraising, make sure you get all the right permission and have an adult around. Generally people are happy to help.

**Parish Talent Contests / Fashion Show / Do a gig / Run a 'Battle of the Bands' | Sponsored events e.g. walking, cycling etc | Window cleaning | Run a summer ball/Ceilidh for your parish | 100 / 200 club | Ask Christmas / birthday presents to be money towards WYD | Baby sitting | Auction of items or services | Treasure hunt and charge people to enter | Portugal themed party / Christmas party / Fancy dress party 'Night of Light' Party (an alternative to a Halloween Party celebrating the Christian meaning of 31st October) | Race Nights | Lawn mowing | Plant sale | Jars of coins | Put on a pantomime, small production and tour it around parishes | Coffee morning | Bag packing | Bucket Collections | Get people to sponsor you per mile – show this on a map | Car washing in parishes, supermarkets | Cake sales | Pancake parties | Carol singing
Make and sell Christmas cards**

For further information, why not talk to people who have fundraised for World Youth Day in the past or contact Hamish at the Diocesan Youth Office. In addition to the ideas listed above, we will organise a sponsored walk to Walsingham that in the past people have used to raise hundreds of pounds each towards the cost of going on WYD.



East Anglia Group at WYD in Panama in 2019

Booking a Place Terms and Conditions

It is important you think carefully about whether to come, discuss it with your parents and check your parish priest / school chaplain is supportive. To allow for this, the online booking form will not go live until **1st April 2022**. From this date, please go to www.rcdea.org.uk/youth and follow the links. You may find it useful to look over the application form and think about your answers before starting it. Also, please ensure you have read and understand the following:

- You must be age 16 or older by July 25th 2023. In exceptional circumstances, we may consider bookings from those who are under 16.
- You must have a valid passport by July 2023 and valid for at least 3 months after our planned departure date (valid until 7th November 2023).
- If you are not a UK citizen, it is your responsibility to apply for an appropriate visa if necessary.
- You must have arranged your own travel insurance by the time we leave and provide details.
- If you are over 18 at the time of travel you must be willing to have a DBS check (similar to a criminal record check) carried out by the diocese. This is because as we are likely to be mixed group of over and under 18 year olds, living very closely together for the duration of the pilgrimage.
- You must have a mobile phone with WhatsApp installed that you are willing to take with you to Portugal to receive text messages of arrangements each day. (If this poses a problem for you, please get in touch).
- You must let your parish priest / school chaplain know if you are booking a place and check they support your application.
- If you are booking a place, it is expected that you are already, or are willing to, start attending Mass regularly and involved in the life of your parish or the wider diocese. One way of being involved in the diocese is to join the Ignite Lite team who help run events and retreats. Please email our team leader, Ciaran Losasso on igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk for more information.
- Travelling to Portugal is part of it, but the Pilgrimage actually starts now! Through preparation meetings and other events, we journey together, getting to know each other, preparing spiritually and practically. If you are booking a place, it is expected you attend preparation meetings (which will be publicised at least 6 weeks in advance). In addition it is compulsory you attend the following events (there is no charge) that will incorporate preparation meetings (Please keep the dates free):
 - Flame 2023- a national gathering of young people at Wembley Arena on March 4th 2023. Transport will be provided.
 - Our 2023 Diocesan Festival 'Ignite' leading into the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 29th April – 1st May 2023. (You are also welcome to attend this year's Ignite Festival for free but it's not compulsory – please see next page).
- After booking a place, please send a deposit of £100.
- You must also be able to meet regular payment deadlines as detailed on the previous page.
- Until we can give a definite guaranteed cost, any money you pay will be completely refundable if you decide to cancel. When we can give a definite guaranteed cost, you will be asked to sign a 'Commitment to Payment Declaration'.
- We're not looking for already made saints but we are looking for people who will genuinely find going on WYD will help their own faith journey and help in the service of Christ and the Church.

It can be, and often is, a faith - and life - enhancing event.

Fr. Michael Johnstone, WYD 1991, 2000, 2003, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2016 & 2019!

Events and Pilgrimages this Summer 2022

Ignite Festival 2022 - WE NEED YOU!

We need people to help steward at our Ignite Festival April 30th – May 1st 2023. You can come for free and still enjoy much of the festival! Live music, Inspiring talks, Passionate Prayer, Camping. Come and join the fun!



Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Iona 27th – 31st July (Provisional)

Join our five-day pilgrimage to the inspiring island of Iona, described as the birthplace of Christianity in Scotland. More details coming soon.



England's Way 11th – 14th August

Joining with Radio Maria England, this is a camp and walking pilgrimage to Walsingham for young people. More details coming soon.





Hope to see you in Lisbon!

