

Caution and Care

When you arrive at the celebration there will be security checks and your cooperation would be much appreciated. The security staff and stewards will try to make your entry as smooth as possible. Please bear with us if there are queues.

**YOU MUST BRING SOME FORM OF PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION
E.G. PASSPORT OR DRIVING LICENCE.**

Please take particular care with uneven ground conditions and wear comfortable shoes and clothes suitable for all weather conditions.

Please keep an eye out for any unattended packages and keep your belongings with you at all times. In case of concern please contact the on-site stewards.

Sound pressure levels may exceed 96 decibels.

Please be considerate of neighbours when entering or leaving the site.

Litter presents a hazard for all Pilgrims, so please dispose of litter with care at the points provided.

In the event of an emergency follow the directions of the stewards. The public announcement system and screens will be used to communicate messages as necessary.

If you are feeling unwell and need medical attention please make yourself known to the on-site stewards or first aid teams.

Core Legal Information

Access to the site of a celebration implies that you consent to your image being recorded, broadcast and used in relation to the Visit, and for the purposes of crime prevention and public safety. Professional photographic or recording equipment is prohibited at the event except for accredited media persons.

In order to operate safely the organisers need to reserve the right:

- to refuse admission
- to search those entering the site
- to eject people from the site
- to require all those attending to agree to comply with directions and instructions given on site by those responsible for safety

The Pilgrim Pass is issued exclusively to officially registered Pilgrims. Any transfer or sale will invalidate the Pass and entry will be refused.

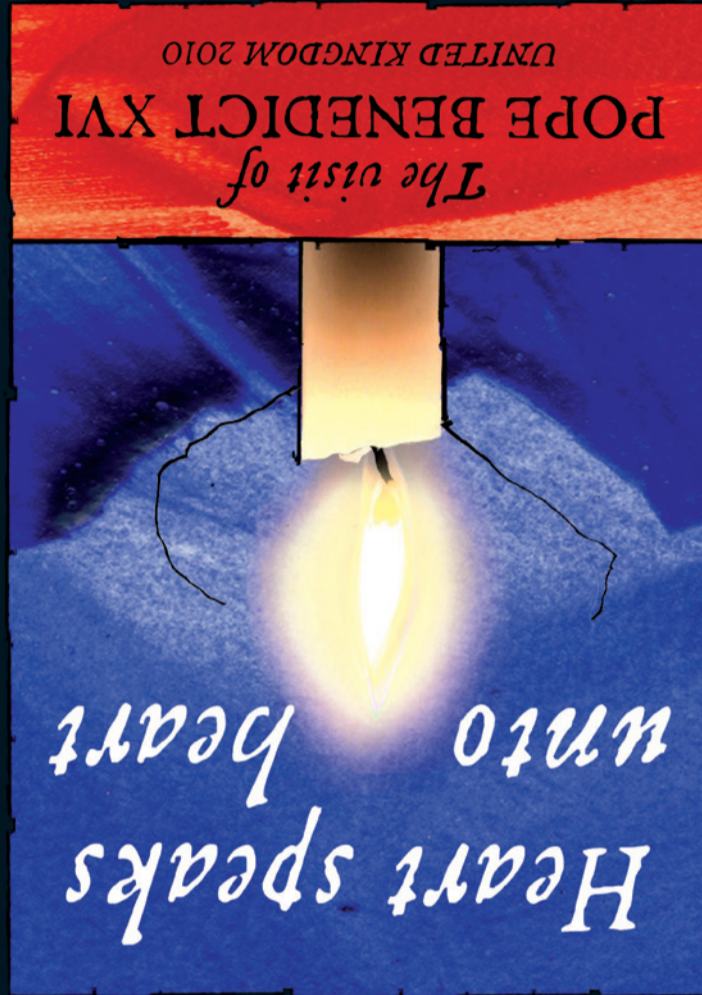
Reproduction of the Pilgrim Pass may constitute a criminal offence.

There will be an on site lost property facility on the day. After the event lost property will be retained at Strathclyde Police Custodiers Department, Pitt Street, for a period of six months.

In the event of cancellation or change to the Holy Father's itinerary Her Majesty's Government, The Catholic Bishops' Conferences and the Event Producers will not be responsible for any loss or liability for compensation. The organisers accept no liability for any loss, injury to person or damage to property resulting from the event except death by negligence of the organisers.

Bellahouston Park Mass

The Pilgrim Passport



Departure Information

Parking Location	
Coach ID	
Departure Time	
Pilgrim Group Leader	
Pilgrim Group Leader Mobile	
Other Important Notes	

Contact Information

If you have any comments or questions after the Visit please contact us and we will respond as best as possible.

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Welcome



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You are most welcome to the Pilgrim Journey and to join a celebration with Pope Benedict XVI during his Visit to the United Kingdom.

To be a Pilgrim is a privileged opportunity to be present with the Holy Father and fellow Pilgrims in praying together and celebrating the Church's liturgy.

You are also representing your local community and you will return renewed, taking home the experience and message of the Holy Father.

It is hoped that you will be enriched by your Pilgrim Journey and that you will be sustained in your faith.

To help everyone make the most of this unique Visit these notes have been prepared to offer general guidance. Please read them in conjunction with the more detailed information that you will receive from your Pilgrim Leader.

A pilgrim is a person who undertakes a journey to a sacred place or event as an act of religious devotion.

Pilgrimage should be a lasting and deeply spiritual experience but this will not be so unless it is approached in the right spirit.

We are making our way forward towards God as one family under his guidance and inspiration. Therefore we need to prepare for our pilgrimage by prayer, reflection and above all, a deep and sincere desire to find God and to love Him more deeply.

Bellahouston Park Mass

Thursday 16 September



BENEDICT XVI
SCOTLAND

2010

Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, was the venue for the 1982 visit of Pope John Paul II. It is a place with a special memory for the Church in Scotland. The events leading up to the arrival of Pope Benedict XVI on 16 September will rejoice in the life of the Church in Scotland. Representatives, young and old, will celebrate that the Church in Scotland is involved in all areas of life.

In celebrating Mass Pope Benedict will give witness to his role in leading the Church throughout the world. Some of the largest gatherings in recent world history have been at celebrations of the Eucharist presided over by the Pope.

General Guidance

Pilgrim Groups

As a Pilgrim you are part of a group and in keeping with time honoured pilgrimage traditions, you are asked to take care of each other and those around you, especially those with less mobility and special needs. We recommend that you stay together as a group at the gathering and coordinate meeting-up before you begin your journey back home.

Access to the Papal Liturgies is exclusive to pre-allocated Pilgrims in Pilgrim Groups.

The Pilgrim Journey

Each of the places to be visited by the Holy Father is different, and so precise arrangements will be provided to your Pilgrim Leader who will have a coordinating role for your group.

Please be prepared for a very long and onerous journey to the celebration and home again. As there will be many people attending the liturgy, it may take several hours for people to enter and to leave the site following the Mass.

Pilgrim Picnics

You are welcome to bring a Pilgrim Picnic with you and please think about food and water for the whole of your journey (water will be provided on site, but you may like to also bring your own). Please consider bringing non-perishable foods, and foods that do not need to be kept cool.

Why not make arrangements to share picnics as appropriate?

On a very practical point, please bring only plastic cutlery and non-breakable cups and plates (no glassware or china), with food and drink being in plastic containers. Alcohol is not permitted.

Hampers and cool boxes should not exceed 20"x13"x8" (51cm x 33cm x 20cm).

Magnificat

Please do not forget to bring your copy of the Handbook for the Papal Visit prepared by *Magnificat* so that you can follow the liturgy and pray, using the texts provided.

Pilgrim Pack

Your Pilgrim Pack can be used for sitting or kneeling on. Please feel free to stand, sit or kneel during the celebration as appropriate, always bearing in mind those around you and the ground conditions.

Further Information

The Papal Visit 2010 website www.thepapalvisit.org.uk will have up to date information on the Pilgrim Journey. Any questions should be directed to your Pilgrim Leader who will be able to contact the organisers as necessary.

Pilgrim Passes

To gain access to the event site you will need a Pilgrim Pass. This will be distributed by your Pilgrim Leader on departure from your Pilgrim Point.



Liturgical Information

The gatherings with the Holy Father are joyous occasions. They are also times and opportunities for prayer and worship. Please help to create an atmosphere in which we can pray, listen and participate together.



Responses and Singing

Please join in fully with the prayers, hymns and responses of the celebration. All the texts you will need are in the Handbook.

Silence

There will be times when announcements will be made over the address system and on the screens asking for a moment of silence. Please pay attention to them and observe the silence as requested.

Holy Communion Instructions

At the Masses celebrated by Pope Benedict, please follow the instructions of the marshalls. Holy Communion will be brought throughout the sites to places indicated by the marshalls. Please -

- make space for the ministers as they pass and do not begin to receive Holy Communion until directed
- go to Holy Communion in as orderly a manner as possible, always taking care to help each other
- make space for the marshalls and ministers as they return from distributing Holy Communion

Personal Preparation

You are welcome to bring:

- ✓ Banners and flags
- ✓ Blankets for the ground
- ✓ Small folding chairs, cushions and kneelers for comfort
- ✓ Torches
- ✓ Cameras

You will need to bring:

- provision for all weather conditions including wet weather (rainwear) and provision for sunny conditions (hats/caps, clothes to cover-up, sun cream); please be aware that the sun can burn even on a cloudy day. Please remember that overnight temperatures may drop significantly at this time of year
- medication as needed for the duration of your time away from home (please plan for being on site longer than expected)
- emergency contact numbers and details of any medical conditions you may have and medication you are taking
- your Papal Visit Handbook
- your Pilgrim Pack and identification



Please try to minimise what you will need to carry as in some cases you may have to walk a very long way.

Give your mobile number to your Pilgrim Leader; it would be a good idea to exchange mobile numbers within your Pilgrim Group.

Pilgrim Passes need to be worn at all times and should be fitted on departure from your Pilgrim Point. Cut or defaced Passes are void and cannot be replaced.

If you become unwell prior to the Pilgrimage, please remain at home and inform your Pilgrim Leader, in the interests of your own health and others'.

Please regularly check www.thepapalvisit.org.uk for up to date information.

What not to bring

There are a number of things that you should not bring with you as they could pose a threat to yourself or others:

- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Gazebos
- ✗ Canopies
- ✗ BBQs
- ✗ Animals (except registered assistance dogs)
- ✗ Open flames (e.g. candles)
- ✗ Musical instruments
- ✗ Whistles
- ✗ Bicycles
- ✗ Standing platforms
- ✗ Glass items of any type
- ✗ Compressed gas cylinders and other fuel containers

Please be aware that these items will be removed by stewards at the entrance to the site and may not be returned at the end of the event.

On site

There will be:

- Catering for a wide variety of tastes (before and after the liturgies)
- Access to standpipes for drinking water - if you intend to use these, please bring a water container
- Toilets and wash facilities throughout the site (you may like to bring hand sanitising liquids/gels, although these should not be used in place of washing hands with soap and water)
- First aid provision
- A visitor welfare point to deal with
 - lost property
 - enquiries
 - lost people
 - general information
- An outstanding range of official merchandise

Leaving the site

You are able to leave the site either individually or with your Pilgrim Group at any time BUT if you choose to leave early, readmission will not be possible.

