

THE COST: £225 all inclusive

Priests and deacons may wish to apply to their bishop or diocesan CME officer for a grant towards the £225 cost, and the Priest Administrator is always willing to furnish a letter of support.

Due to the generosity of a benefactor, there is a special discount of £50 for ordinands, pastoral assistants and those in Orders for five years or less.

The pilgrimage begins with Evening Prayer at 5.30 p.m. on the Monday and concludes with the Mass at 8 a.m. on Friday.

Participants are welcome to arrive at any time after 3pm on the Monday afternoon.

To book a place on the pilgrimage, contact:

The Hospitality Department

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For further details or queries about the pilgrimage programme or to secure a letter of support, contact Venetia Davies on 01328 824204 or v.davies@olw-shrine.org.uk



THE PRIESTS' AND DEACONS' RETREAT PILGRIMAGE 2018

(Ordinands and Pastoral Assistants are also welcome)



NORTHERN LIGHTS:

The saintly fame of Aidan, Cuthbert and Hilda

Monday 5th February – Friday 9th February

Speakers include:

Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury
Bishop Philip North, Bishop of Burnley
Canon David Kennedy, Precentor of Durham Cathedral

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THE PROGRAMME

The pilgrimage includes a mixture of silence and talking, starting with Evensong on Monday at 5.30 p.m. Before supper there will be a Welcome reception at 6.30 with Compline and Introductory Address at 8.45pm

Each of the next three core days includes:

Mornings: *(in silence)*

- *Morning Prayer said privately*
- *Keynote address*
- *Hour of corporate silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament*

Afternoons: *(speaking)*

- *Free time*
- *Evening Prayer*
- *Sung Mass and Homily*

Late evenings :

Monday 8.45pm: Compline and Introductory Address
Tuesday 8.15 pm: Praying with Our Lady
Wednesday 8.15pm: Liturgy of Healing & Reconciliation

On Thursday evening there will be a dinner served with wine.

Chaplain to the Pilgrimage: Fr Rodney Marshall who will preach at the daily Mass.

THE THEME

'Northern Lights'

The lives and example of the saints inspire and encourage us, and during this annual pilgrimage retreat we will be reflecting on the lives of three of the great saints of the North of England, Aidan, Cuthbert and Hilda.

Their zeal for the gospel and spiritual courage and wisdom have much to teach us who are called to serve God's Church as priests and deacons.

In his famous work A History of the English Church and People, S. Bede says of S. Aidan "*that the highest recommendation of his teaching was that he and his followers lived as they taught*", of S. Cuthbert that he "*was afire with heavenly love, devoted to unceasing prayer and kindly to all who came to him for comfort*", and of S. Hilda that all "*admired her innate wisdom and love of God's service*".

Our keynote speakers will help us to explore the lives and saintly fame of these Northern Lights:

S. Aidan – Bishop Rowan Williams
S. Cuthbert – Canon David Kennedy
S. Hilda – Bishop Philip North

Charged with the joy and responsibility of preaching, teaching and serving God's people today, these days of quietness, prayer and fellowship provide an opportunity for refreshment and renewal as we follow in the footsteps of the saints and ask for the help of their prayers.