

# THE DAILY REDSHIRT



Still free, still awesome!



## Reminders... Wednesday



In this issue we focus on how people are finding the experience of Lourdes 2011...

### HEALING

[A reflection by Sarah and Lottie]

On Tuesday we will have the Anointing of the Sick which is one of the Seven Sacraments of the Church. People who are ill may wish to be cleansed to allow them to strengthen or recover.

This Sacrament also provides forgiveness for sins which can also allow people to strengthen their relationships with God.

Pilgrims who want any of these things make themselves known by coming to Lourdes and attending the anointing, just as people made themselves known to Jesus and came to him to be healed.

Jesus asked for the sick to come to him so that he could heal them. By asking for this Sacrament they are answering this request.

So far, sixty-seven miracles have taken place in Lourdes. It is the pilgrims' faith that encourages God to perform these miracles.

Sick pilgrims put their trust in God to strengthen them - severely ill pilgrims often travel large distances to come to Lourdes. This shows an amazing trust in God.

### The Redshirts Presentation

This is going to be at 2.30 in the Underground Basilica - not at 4.30 as it says in your booklets or at 5.30 as it says in the basilica :)

Come along and hear the Redshirts share their thoughts about the theme of our pilgrimage this year. This is always a popular part of the week in Lourdes.

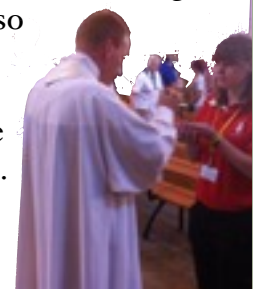
### Poetry by Fr. Rob

Fr. Rob Esdaile, the Chaplain to the Redshirts has written a book of poetry.

Copies are being sold this week in Lourdes. It is called 50/50. 2 Euros from each copy sold will go toward Lourdes charities.

### THE LAST FEW DAYS IN LOURDES

Since the last edition of the Daily Redshirt on Sunday a lot has happened on the A&B pilgrimage. We have had some lovely Masses, the torchlight procession, the Blessed Sacrament procession (led by Bishop Kieran), and a load of different activities in smaller groups. The family group have had a day at the City of the Poor, some pilgrims have been to the baths, some to the water walk, and many people have been getting up really, really early to do the high stations. The Redshirts led this on Monday morning. Almost sixty of us get up to lead a series of reflections we prepared the night before. It was great to see so many pilgrims there. We are now past the half way point in the pilgrimage and will be heading home in a few days. Those few days are going to be great though!!



## SO, HOW'S IT GOING...?

..a few **Vox Pops!**

*"It's going brilliant. It's wicked. I am enjoying helping everyone. The highlight so far has been the water walk."*

**(Shannon, Roissy)**

*"My highlight of the week so far, I think, was having all the Redshirts turn out to the music practice the other night when we didn't think we were going to have very many instrumentalists. That was fab!"*

**(Anne Ward, Music Co-ordinator)**

*"The week is going well. It's hard work, but really good work. You are tired at the end of the day, but it's worth it when the person tells you what was special about the day and what they did and how much they appreciated it all."*

**(John Watts, Espagne)**

*"The week is going very well. I'm feeling very refreshed - I've just been to the baths."*

**(Molly Bishop, Padoue)**

*"I'm absolutely loving the week. Thank you!"*

**(Karin Harvey, St. Sauveur)**

*"My highlight of the week has been the Blessed Sacrament procession. It was lovely to hear everyone singing in Latin."*

**(Chris Emms, Roissy)**

*"So far the week has been absolutely splendiforous!"*

**(Marie Jackson, St. Sauveur)**

*"I work in the Accueil. My favourite part of the week was when Ron Littlewood was signing. He was with [Will - we think] and watching them together was so moving, I cried!"*

**(Yvonne Geaves, St. Rose/ Accueil)**

*"My highlight of the week has been the Blessed Sacrament procession."*

**(Sarah Cummings, St. Sauveur)**

*"It's good. My first time. Just been to the baths. That has probably been my highlight so far."*

**(Richard Bauerman, Roissy)**

*"We've just come back from the baths. It's been fantastic. We did the water walk as well. We've had a fantastic couple of days. The young men and girls are wonderful and our leaders are fantastic. The food is good too."*

**(Eileen, Roissy)**

*"The week is going very well. The highlight is today. I've just been to the baths"*

**(Dr. Salvo Xerri, Padoue)**



**A**s this is a redtop publication (get it?) we have engaged in a bit of phone-hacking to get our stories (Ray has already resigned). Here is a selection of what we have found:

*"Hi Ian, it's Kieran here... you'll have to do Mass today! I'm going to have fun with the family group. They've got face paints and everything!"* **(Fr. Ian Byrne's voicemail)**

*"Bonjour Mr Harvey. It's Photo Lacaze here. Unfortunately, no, we can't remove that photo of you. I guess you'll just have to look interested during*

*Mass in future!"* **(Nick Harvey's voicemail)**

*"Mr Simon. It's SNCF here. Can you please tell your pilgrims not to have games of cricket in the train corridors. Thanks."* **(Adam Simon's voicemail)**

*"Mr Mooney. Hi, it's the sanctuary authorities here. We can hear the Redshirts as far away as Bartres. I think the locals deserve not to hear Days of Elijah all night!"* **(Ray Mooney's voicemail)**

*"Err... Hi Kieran. Cardinal Cormac here. It's been great and all, but A&B is just a little too crazy for me. So, err... I'm defecting to Shrewsbury... Loving the hotel room, by the way!"* **(Bp. Kieran's voicemail)**

*"Anne... it's Bishop Kieran. I'm sorry but we simply cannot continue to use gangster rap tracks as hymns. You know full well that Fr. David just can't resist the temptation to breakdance, and it's not pretty!"* **(Anne Ward's voicemail)**

*"Hi John... Photo Lacaze here. Are you sure you don't want a job?"* **(John Sexton's voicemail)**

**News from back home:** England win 2nd Test Match!!

