

Pilgrimage

The Annual Flatrock Penitential Pilgrimage is the initiative of St. Joseph's Prayer Group, a private association of lay Catholic faithful within the Archdiocese of St. John's, with the knowledge and permission of the local ordinary,

The primary purpose of the Annual Flatrock Pilgrimage is to bring the faithful together in common prayer and public witness

- ❖ *for adoration and reverence of the Blessed Sacrament, and to venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Joseph, Protector of the Church*
- ❖ *in penance and contrition for personal failings and for the sins of the world*
- ❖ *with sincere thanksgiving through the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and*
- ❖ *to plead for mercy on our own behalf and for the whole world.*

On Sept. 12, 1984 our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, visited this very grotto, and called on Catholics to make pilgrimages to their holy places. This pilgrimage honours, with filial piety, Pope John Paul II's expressed wish.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Text of Pope Francis' prayer: for the Jubilee Year of Mercy (courtesy of Vatican Radio)

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful
like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that
whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and
Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking
happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,
the words that you spoke
to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all
by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the
world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be
clothed in weakness
in order that they might feel compassion
for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them
feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of
us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be
a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the
oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary,
Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.

In this pilgrimage we offer penance in reparation for

... sacrileges against Our Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament;

... offenses against the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God;

... neglect of our devotions to St. Joseph, foster-father of Our Lord, head of the Holy Family, Protector of the Church – and after Mary, greatest of all saints, and model for all men;

... failings of the whole Church;

... sins that undermine the family and lead to eternal death;

... sins against Faith, Hope, and Charity;

... sins of omission (what we have failed to do);

... and for the Seven Deadly Sins: Pride, Covetousness, Lust, Anger, Gluttony, Envy, and Sloth.

New Format For 2015

The format for the
2015
Flatrock Pilgrimage
has been modified
from previous years.

The 2015 Pilgrimage
starts at 12:30 p.m.

There will be
NO
PROCESSIONAL
WALK
on Windgap Road
as part of
this year's Pilgrimage.

Instead, pilgrims are invited to
gather at the Grotto at 12:30
p.m. for opening prayers.

The usual prayers and hymns
will continue inside the Church
while Confessions are being
heard.

Mass and Benediction
will follow at 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 12,
2015**

**There will be no processional
walk down the Windgap Road.**

12:30 pm Pilgrims arrive at Grotto for
the Angelus and private or
small group devotions
(Stations of the Cross,
rosary, Chaplet of Mercy,
etc.)

1:00 pm Confessions will be heard
until Mass at 2:30 p.m..
Litany of the Sacred Heart
Litany of the Blessed Virgin
Litany of St Joseph
with other devotional
prayers and hymns

2:30 pm Holy Sacrifice of the
Mass, immediately followed
by Benediction

*An offertory collection will be
taken up during Mass for the
maintenance of the Grotto.*

For further information, call
753-2681 or 722-4842
Or visit our website

www.flatrockpilgrimage.org

*We wish to thank
Rev. Paul Lundrigan
for the use of St. Michael's Church
and the Grotto Committee for their care of
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto*

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**11th Annual
Flatrock**

Penitential

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Chaplain: Rev. Wm. J. Browne, sj

NEW FORMAT

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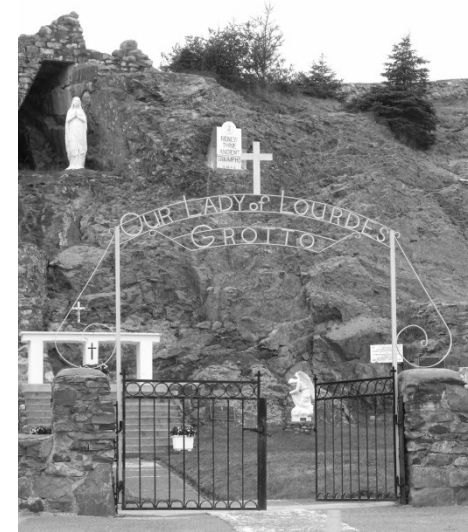


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