

The Papal Visit - 18th – 19th September 2010

Three Rivers Pastoral Area - Allocation of Places

We have received details of the allocation of places for the Diocese of Portsmouth for the two major events for the Papal Visit.

The Three Rivers Pastoral Area has been allocated:

100 places for the Hyde Park Prayer Vigil (due to begin in the afternoon of Saturday, 18th September and ending around 9pm).

70 places for the Beatification Mass in Cofton Park, Birmingham (due to begin at 09.30am on Sunday, 19th September).

Please write your name and telephone number on the list at the back of the church **BY SUNDAY 18TH JULY** if you want to go to either of the above events. **YOU CAN ONLY CHOOSE ONE EVENT, NOT BOTH.**

PLEASE NOTE: In making your decision about whether to apply and which event to apply for you should bear in mind the following:

- If the number of people in the Pastoral Area applying for places is greater than the number allocated then the first 100 (or 70) drawn from a hat will go
- A contribution from each pilgrim will be expected: £25 for the Beatification Mass; £10 for the Hyde Park Prayer Vigil.
- For both events pilgrims must go as a group in a coach provided by the organisers; there is no independent travel.
- The physical demands of both events will be considerable.
- For the Hyde Park Prayer Vigil, it is likely that departure from a central point in the Pastoral Area will be no later than 09.00am on the Saturday morning and the return will be very late Saturday evening. Travel from the coach drop-off point in London to Hyde Park will be by public transport and each pilgrim will be provided with a London zone Travelcard.
- For the Beatification Mass, departure from a central point in the Pastoral Area is likely to be in the early hours of the morning of Sunday 19th September – probably earlier than 03.00am. Pilgrims will have to walk from the coach drop-off point to Cofton Park and back after the Mass. There are also likely to be long periods of standing and waiting.