

## **HOLY LAND YOUTH PILGRIMAGE**

"Follow me"

A prayerful journey in the footsteps of Jesus

under the leadership of Bishop Mark Davies



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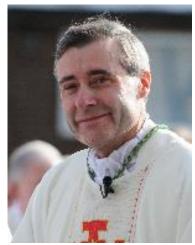
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### In the footsteps of Jesus

I am very happy to introduce our fourth Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The title of our pilgrimage in 2019 will echo those words first heard by the Sea of Galilee, "Follow me" (Mt. 4:19).



In this "Year of Holiness" being celebrated in Shrewsbury Diocese we are reminded that we have all received the call in Baptism to live the fullness of the Christian life and the perfection of love. As pilgrims we will be reminded how each of us has received the invitation to follow Christ as we re-trace his footsteps on earth from Bethlehem to Jerusalem to Galilee.

I look forward to our pilgrimage together,

### + Mark

Bishop of Shrewsbury"

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### **Our Itinerary**

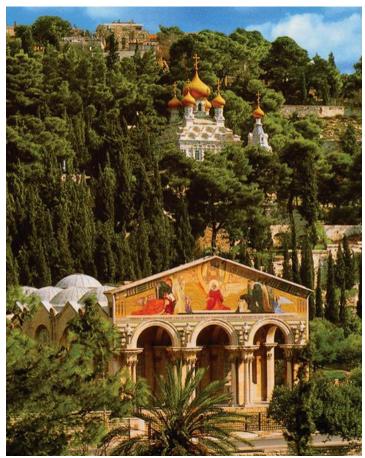
## Day 1, Monday 21 October Journey to the Holy Land

We gather at Manchester Airport for our morning flight to Tel Aviv. On arrival we will be met by our guide and driven to the town of Bethlehem and check-in to our hotel. This hotel will be our home for the next four nights. Time to relax and freshen up before dinner.



## Day 2, Tuesday 22 October Bethlehem & Ramallah

We begin our day after an early breakfast and visit the School of Joy which helps young people from the age of 6 to 23 with special needs or who have been abandoned. A real living example of the call from Jesus to help the poor and least able in society. We then celebrate an Opening Mass in the beautiful Church of St. Catherine before beginning our visit to the Church of the Nativity, the oldest church in Christendom, built over the cave that marks the spot where Jesus was born. Following Mass we will visit the Bethlehem University which is part funded by the Vatican to see the amazing work that they carry out. In the afternoon we leave Bethlehem and drive to the city of Ramallah, a young and vibrant city that is growing and is probably the westernised city in the occupied West Bank where we will spend the rest of the day meeting young people and learning something of how they live their lives under the occupation. We will return to



our hotel in time to relax and freshen up before dinner. Overnight stay in Bethlehem.

## Day 3, Wednesday 23 October Mount of Olives & Mount Zion

This morning we drive to the top of the Mount of Olives and stop for breathtaking panoramic view of the Old City and its magnificent medieval walls. We then visiting Beth Phage, the starting point of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We walk down the Palm Sunday path and en-route we visit the Church of Pater Noster which attests to the existence of a cave on the Mount of Olives associated with Jesus' teaching and the Ascension. We continue to the Church of Dominus Flevit, commemorating the site where Jesus wept over the destruction of the city, before visiting Gethsemane, where Jesus was betrayed by Judas. The Church of All Nations is built on the site and incorporates the "Rock of the Agony". Late morning we drive across the Kidron Valley and up Mount Zion to visit the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu, the House of Caiaphas, the



#### Day 3 continued

church of the cock—crowing and to view the recently excavated steps that lead to the Old City and possibly the very steps that Jesus walked. We then visit the Cenacle, the Franciscan Room of the Last Supper where we will celebrate Mass. Return to Bethlehem and our hotel in good time for dinner and overnight stay.



### The Old City & The Via Dolorosa

After breakfast we will leave our hotel to visit the Western Wall, the holiest site in Judaism and if permitted ascend the Temple Mount to view the Dome of the Rock and Al Aqsa Mosque. We then continue to the beautiful Crusader Church of St Anne's by the Pools of Bethesda where we will celebrate Mass before beginning the Way of The Cross along the narrow street of the Via Dolorosa including

the Ecce Homo Arch and convent, the Lithostratus "the pavement, built over the original Antonio Fortress which housed the of Garrison Jerusalem Roman overlooked the Temple Area. We then proceed through the Souks and over the roof of the Holy Sepulchre and through the Ethiopian Monastery to the Sepulchre. The Basilica was built over the tomb on Calvary. After a break for lunch we will be free to spend time in and around the Holy Sepulchre and the Old City or we will have the opportunity to drive to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum and park before returning to Bethlehem. Dinner and overnight stay in Bethlehem.



Day 5, Friday 25 October Jericho, the Judean Desert, The Dead Sea & Nazareth

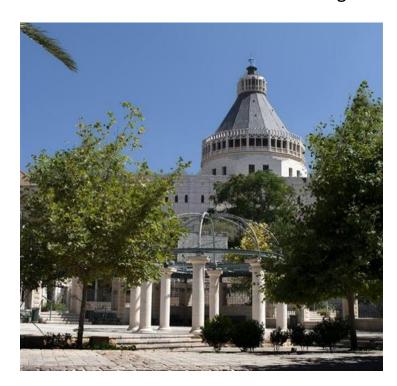
We leave Bethlehem this morning after an early breakfast and drive down through the hills of the Judean Wilderness to the Dead Sea basin. At 1400 feet below Sea Level it is the lowest point on the earth's surface. We will stop briefly for a view of the Dead Sea before continuing to Qasr al Yahud on the River Jordan, probably the very place where John baptised Jesus and where we too will have an opportunity to renew our own Baptismal vows. We then continue to the oasis city of Jericho, the city of palms to view the Mount of Temptation and the Greek orthodox monastery of Qarantal which clings precariously to the cliff face of the mountain. After a short break for coffee and light refreshment we leave Jericho and drive north following the Jordan River along the valley towards the

#### Day 5 continued

Sea of Galilee. We then head west towards Nazareth, breaking for lunch en-route. In the afternoon we will begin our tour of Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew up. begin with the Basilica of the We Annunciation, built over the site of the home of the Holy Family where we will celebrate Mass. We then visit the Greek Orthodox Church built over "Mary's Well" and the old Synagogue-Church. Late afternoon we visit nearby Cana, the site of Jesus' first sign and visit the Wedding Church built to commemorate Jesus First Miracle. Finally we proceed to the Sea of Galilee and our hotel in the city of Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee and check-in. Dinner and overnight stay near the Sea of Galilee.

## Day 6, Saturday 26 October Jesus' Lakeside Ministry

After breakfast this morning we begin to explore the sites connected with Our Lord's Lakeside Ministry. We begin by visiting the Church of the Primacy of St Peter to celebrate Mass overlooking the Sea of Galilee. We then visit the nearby site of Tabgha and the Church of the Loaves and Fishes, which commemorates the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand. We then drive up to the beautiful Church on the summit of the Mount of Beatitudes before breaking for





lunch. In the afternoon we board a boat and sail across the Sea of Galilee to the ancient fishing village of Capernaum for a Service of Reconciliation. We will spend some time here exploring this well excavated site including viewing the House of Peter, the excavations of an old synagogue with foundations that date back to the time of Jesus and quite possibly the site where Jesus may have often preached. Leaving Capernaum we drive to the exciting excavations Magdala, the home of Jesus' friend and follower. Mary Magdalene. Archaeologists have uncovered the remains of a 1c synagogue and the foundations of a fish farm, pier and salt dips that may have been used for curing fish. We will spend Holy Hour in the new Chapel that overlooks the lake before finally returning to our hotel in time to freshen up before dinner. . Dinner and overnight stay in Tiberias near the Sea of Galilee.





Day 7, Sunday 27 October Mount Tabor - Sea of Galilee

This morning we leave Tiberias after breakfast and drive west across the green and fertile Valley of Jezreel, the Biblical scene of Armageddon to the foot of Mount Tabor from where we continue by taxi to the summit to celebrate Mass in the Basilica built on the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus before Peter, James and John. From the roof terrace one can view the Valley of Jezreel, the mountains of Samaria, Mount Gilboa, Mount Carmel, the Golan Heights and on a clear day even snow-capped Mount Hermon. We then return to the Sea of Galilee and our hotel. The rest of the day will be free to relax by the Sea of Galilee or to explore the city of Tiberias. Dinner and overnight stay in Tiberias



Day 8, Monday 28 October Mount Carmel, Caesarea & Our journey home

After breakfast and packing our bags we say goodbye to the Galilee and drive in a



westerly direction to the Carmel mountain range to visit the church that commemorates the place where Elijah was challenged by the prophets of Baal. We will celebrate our closing Mass in the Carmelite Church. We then proceed down



to the Mediterranean coast to the Roman and Crusader city-port of Caesarea Maritima to visit the ancient harbour, it's fortifications, twin water aqueducts and reassembled theatre. Paul was imprisoned here for almost two years before his trial in Rome. For Christians it is a place of great significance, as it was here that Peter baptised the first Gentile, Cornelius the Roman Centurion. After a break for lunch we make our way back to Tel Aviv Airport and check-in for our return flight home.

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