

## COSTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**COST: \$3,250.00 PER PERSON SHARING. SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT \$600 PER PERSON (Subject to availability)** This Price based on **Minimum of 20 paying participants**. Free place for Group Leader. **SMALLER GROUP: \$3,450.00 PER PERSON SHARING. Minimum 15 paying participants**

**Price includes** 4 nights accommodation in Ireland with full Irish breakfasts and dinners daily, 1 night accommodation in Royal Hotel, Oban with breakfast and dinner, 3 nights' accommodation at St Columba Hotel on Iona with breakfasts and dinners daily, final night at Glasgow Airport Hotel (Holiday Inn Express) with dinner and breakfast on departure. (Total 9 nights' accommodation with 8 dinners provided and one picnic lunch. Price includes transport by private coach from Glasgow Airport arrival to Glasgow departure. All ferries, ferry tickets, museums, entrance fees, guides, for this program. Price includes Marcus Losack's teaching, management and food and accommodation costs

**Price Excludes:** Air fares USA/Glasgow return.

Register now to secure your place with an initial deposit of \$300 dollars per person. **Cheques made payable to St Paul's Church** (Iona Pilgrimage) **50% of fees due March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. FULL BALANCE of fees by JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2020.** No refunds for individual cancellations after June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 unless replacements are found. Pilgrims are advised to take out travel (medical) and cancellation insurance.

**Special Condition:** \$50 (fifty dollars) gratuity per person will be collected by the group leader to be given to the coach driver with thank you card at the end of the Pilgrimage for driving services and luggage handling.

For further information and registration please contact The Rev Mary Frens 231 519 2792 (cell) or 231 924 0777 (home) **and/or** The Rev Mike Fedewa, Rector of St Paul's Church, Muskegon Tel: 616 617 6343 (cell).



## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PATRICK, ST. BRIGID AND ST. COLUMBA – A PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND AND IONA

**Dates: August 30-September 9 2020**

**Leaders: Rev. Marcus Losack, Rev.**

**Mike Fedewa and Rev. Mary Frens**

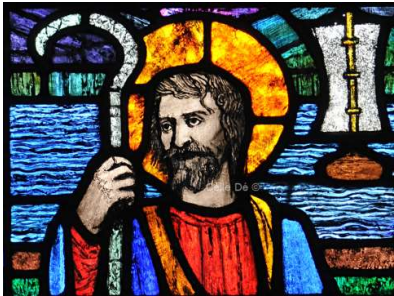
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August: Depart USA (O/N on board)**

**Monday 31 August: ARRIVE DUBLIN, IRELAND.** 8.30am. We meet as a group with our pilgrimage leaders at Dublin Airport, Arrivals Hall (**Terminal 2**) at 8.30am to board our private coach before we travel to **KILDARE:** 11am we visit **St Brigid's Well** with prayers at the well. **1pm Lunch at the Silken Thomas Inn.** After lunch we depart at **2pm** for our guided visit to **St Brigid's Cathedral** (site of St Brigid's famous fifth century early **Irish monastery**. See the **Round Tower** and remains of a Druidic **Fire Temple**. 4pm Check in to our accommodations nearby. 5pm Group **Meeting and Welcome** with overview of program and short evening prayer before **6.30pm Dinner and O/N** Silken Thomas Inn, Kildare (**LD**)

**Tuesday 1st September: MONASTERBOICE, TARA and THE HILL OF SLANE:** 8am Breakfast 9am Check out and Depart Kildare for 11am visit to **THE HILL OF TARA** (famous site of the Irish High Kings. Lunch at Tara. 2pm visit to **THE HILL OF SLANE** where St Patrick kindled the first Pascal Fire, and with ruins of St Patrick's Church and early monastery. After leaving Slane we visit Monasterboice (**Celtic High Crosses**) before 4pm check in to our hotel nearby O/N Boyne Valley Hotel, Drogheda, Co Louth. (**BD**)

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:** 7am Breakfast **8.50am** Depart for **NEWGRANGE Visitor's Centre** with video, and exhibition. Newgrange is one

of three famous **Neolithic Passage Tombs** in the Boyne Valley, dated 3200 BC. Lunch at Newgrange Centre. 2pm Depart **Newgrange for transfer via Belfast** to our hotel in **Bangor, Co Down, Northern Ireland** (site of famous ancient monastery where Saint Columbanus was resident before he left in 595 CE to establish the Irish monasteries in France, Switzerland and Italy. 7pm Dinner and O/N Marine Court Hotel, Bangor. **(BD)**



**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: SAUL, DOWNPATRICK AND INCH ABBEY.** 7am Breakfast 8.30am depart for Saul Church and Downpatrick. Today we take the short ferry crossing over the beautiful **Strangford Lough** to **Portaferry**. 10 am Prayers at **Saul Church** – built on the ancient site where St Patrick founded his first Church in Ireland in 432 CE. At **12am** we will meet Dr Tim Campbell (Director) for guided visit to the **St Patrick's Centre** with exhibition and Imax Video 1pm Lunch is provided upstairs at the St Patrick Centre in the cafeteria. After lunch we visit Down C (Church of Ireland – Episcopal) and the memorial **Tomb of St Patrick**. 4pm Depart via ruins of **Inch Abbey** and return to hotel for 7pm Dinner. O/N Marine Court Hotel, Bangor. **(BLD)**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** 7am Breakfast 8.30am depart for transfer via the Larne / Stranraer Ferry, to **Glasgow, Loch Lomond** and the **Western Highlands of Scotland to Oban**. This will be a beautiful travel day. En route we hope to visit the ancient site of **Dumbarton Castle** which is closely associated with Saint Patrick and his family. 5pm Check into Oban Hotel before 7pm Dinner O/N Royal Hotel, Oban **(BD)**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September: THE ISLE OF MULL AND IONA:** 8 am Breakfast. 9 am Check Out and some free time for shopping in Oban before we meet at 11.30am for 12am Ferry sailing to the Isle of Mull. The crossing from Oban to Craignure takes about 45 minutes. Arriving on Mull, we have a beautiful journey of about one and a half hours by coach along a single track road across the Isle of Mull to **Fionnaphort** where we board a small ferry for Iona. Pilgrims must be responsible for handling their own luggage on the Iona ferry, for the ten-minute crossing. Check into our Iona Hotel. Free time before 6.30pm Dinner and 8.45pm **Evening Prayers with the Iona Community at Iona Abbey**. O/N St Columba Hotel, Iona. **(BD)**



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September: IONA ABBEY AND THE IONA COMMUNITY:** 8am Breakfast. 10am **Eucharist at Iona Abbey** with the Iona Community. We meet afterwards in the Cloisters for tea with the congregation and other visitors followed by **Guided Tour of the Abbey (Marcus)** and St Michael's Church, St Columba's Cell, Relig Oran and Chapel (ancient burial ground of the Kings of Scotland including Duncan and Macbeth) **Tor Abb** (the Hill of the Abbot) site of St Columba's hermitage and scriptorium. Free afternoon until 6.30 pm Dinner; 8.45pm Evening Prayers in the Abbey. O/N St Columba Hotel, Iona. **(BD)**



**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September: IONA: PILGRIMAGE WALK TO SAINT COLUMBA'S BAY:** 7.30am Breakfast. 8.45am Morning Prayers at the Abbey with the Iona Community 10 am depart from hotel front garden for guided Pilgrimage Walk to **St Columba's Bay** with Picnic Lunch provided. Free time for explorations on Iona until...5pm Group Meeting for **Farewell Eucharist in St Michael's Chapel** 6.30pm Dinner. 8.45pm Prayers at the Abbey O/N St Columba Hotel, Iona. **(BLD)**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September: LOCH LOMOND AND RETURN TO IRELAND:** 7am Breakfast. 8.15am Check out for 8.45am Ferry from Iona to Fionnaphort. Coach Transfer across the Isle of Mull to Craignure for 10.30am ferry to Oban. Transfer **via Loch Lomond and Glasgow to Stranraer** for 5pm sailing to Belfast. Dinner on Board. Transfer to Drogheda for 11pm Check in to hotel at **Drogheda**. O/N Boyne Valley Hotel Drogheda **(B)**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September:** Early Breakfast and transfer to **DUBLIN AIRPORT** for Departures same day return to USA **(B)**

**Note: Key (BLD) denotes meals provided: B= Breakfast L= Lunch and D= Dinner.**