

A PILGRIMS FUNDRAISING TOOLKIT

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We are delighted that you have decided to take part in the Cross walk and or Easter Triduum Retreat at Worth this year. We realise that for some it may be a challenge to fully afford this event. With this in mind, here are some ideas that we hope could help with this and have wider benefits for yourself and others. If cost is not a significant challenge for you, you might like to consider raising money to help others. If so please contact the booking secretary at St Bruno's.

1. **Consider fasting** from something during lent that will assist you spiritually and help you save some money. The whole of Lent is a preparation for celebrating the paschal mystery of Easter. So why not start your 'pilgrimage' now. Give something up beer, biscuits, a night out? Perhaps you could save £25 during lent?
2. **Find a Sponsor(s)** willing to make a donation. Is there an individual, or group of people you could approach who might like to make a donation towards the cost or help you raise the money towards the cost? This could be a great way to share your experience and draw others in to preparing for Easter. Perhaps your Parish Community or University Chaplaincy would be willing to do this? You could offer to remember them especially in your prayers during the pilgrimage and / or retreat. You could do a write up for them or give a short talk on your return or send photos during the event or a postcard on arrival. You may be surprised at how willing people may be to donate for such a good personal cause. Why not put out some feelers? Perhaps a number of people could contribute what they save in one week from their Lenten fast?
3. **Host a lunch**, dinner, tea or an evening entertainment or other fun event at home or elsewhere and make a small charge to raise some money. Why not do this on the 4th Sunday in Lent 'Laetare Sunday' (March 27th) when traditionally the Lenten fast is suspended. Or organise it for a big feast day with significance to you such as St Patrick (March 17th), The Passing of St Benedict (March 21st), The Annunciation of the Lord (March 25th). All these dates allow you to meet the April 1st Deadline for final payments.
4. **Sponsored Events.** The Worth Cross itself is a pilgrimage and so it should not be a sponsored walk, but you could raise money by seeking sponsorship for some other event or goal achieved during Lent.
5. **Do you have a Birthday** coming up? How about asking for a contribution towards Easter at Worth?

These are only a few ideas to get you started. Enjoy being creative and drawing in others in your journey of faith towards Easter.