

Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage is a journey made for religious reasons, alone or with others to a sacred place.

Reasons for going:

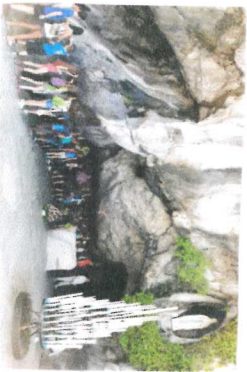
- Grow closer to God and strengthen faith.
- Seek a cure for an illness.
- Gain a better understanding of their faith.

Lourdes

France

- Place where St Bernadette had visions of the Virgin Mary.

• Spring built there believe to have healing powers.



• Commercialised, very touristy; busy.

• People go to be healed.

Iona

Scotland

• Follow the path of Columba & his Christian missionaries.

• Visit different sites of historical & spiritual significance.

• Vail between heaven & hell-thinnest.

• Peaceful / Reflective.

• Physically demanding.



Celebrations

Festivals have an important role helping Christians remember the major events in their religion.

Christmas

• Midnight Mass



• Christingle



• Nativity plays



• Exchanging of presents



• Christmas dinner

• Give to charity

Remembers the birth of Jesus - the founder of Christianity.

Easter

Easter follows Holy Week (remembering the suffering of Jesus).

Reasons for its importance:

• Jesus' resurrection proved Jesus was the Son of God.

• Jesus' predictions came true - all other teachings must be.

• No need fear death - eternal life again possible.

• Message of Easter - light over darkness.

Wine



Bread



Palm Sunday



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Sunday