

Irish Church Leaders' Visit -2008

Irish Church Leaders Steering Group- Jerusalem Inter-Church Center

Morning	Mon. 28 th Apr.	Tues 29 th <i>Bethlehem</i>	Wed 30 th <i>Bethlehem and Jerusalem</i>	Thurs 1st May (Ascension) <i>Jerusalem / Ramallah Israeli Holocaust Memorial Day</i>	Fri 2 nd May <i>Jerusalem</i>	Sat. 3 rd May
	Meet at Belfast City Airport, 7.30 am, to depart at 8.50 am <i>BD83</i> Via London (arrive 10.15 and depart 12.50 pm <i>BD761</i>	10:00 briefing by UN Office for coordination and Humanitarian Affairs (Ray Dolphin) 11.00 Transfer to Tantur Ecumenical Institute: Meet Rev. Michael McGarry and Sister Brigit, and Ecumen. Accomp. Teams. Also UK and Irish reps	Cardinal Brady, Tim B, and Eoin to Jerusalem to transfer to Gaza with Latin Patriarch, departing Jerusalem at 8am. Eoin Murray (Trocaire) visit to Catholic parish and local NGOs including and Constantine Dabbagh, ME Council of Churches). Re-join main group in Jerusalem, 4pm. Remaining 3 leaders go to:- (1) Bethlehem University: President? 9am and (2) Holy Family Hospital @ 11:00 with Mr. Tabash: Sr Sophie in the adjacent crèche might be included also for brief visit Then separate groups: Dr Finlay, Stephen/ Archbishop, Susan go to (3) Bible College (joint work with Musalala): Alex Awad Salim J. Munayer, director Musalah (11am) (4) Revd Cooper /Tim Dunwoody YMCA Beit Sahour projects with Nidal	Early morning meeting with Grand Mufti at 8:30 am at El Aqsa (Almost possible) Followed by brief visit to the Western Wall 11.00am Israeli Ministry for Religious Affairs	Breakfast with Irish and UK representatives, at Irish residence Parents' Circle – Kjell to confirm And/or... • Visit to East Jerusalem Wall / settlement or both....	7.55am Depart Tel Aviv <i>BD 762</i>
Lunchtime		Transfer to Bethlehem checkpoint with Ecumenical Accompaniment teams: prayer time and in Church of the Nativity (Welcomed by Greek Orthodox, the Mayor of Bethlehem and Open Bethlehem). possible visit to the crib of Bethlehem / Open Bethlehem to be included: 2.30 Late lunch with civic dignitaries and Lutherans / Casa Nova Hotel, Manger Square	Lunch with Local Palestinian Christian organizations 1 pm- 2.30pm • International center of Bethlehem • Wi'am (main speaker) • YMCA, • Syrian and Orthodox clubs. • Arab Educational Institute • Alternative tourism group • Rifaat Kassiss • Open Bethlehem – Laila Sansour • Badil – Ingrid Jaradat • Gassner • ATC-Samer Kokaly	1.30pm Minister Isaac Herzog, Minister for Welfare and Social Services meeting and gift presentation from Belfast	Lunch and discussion time – at Maision D'Abraham as the location and Archbishop Chacour as guest of honour (tbc).... (EAPPI, Jerusalem Interchurch Center, SABEL YMCA, YWCA Department Services for Palestinian Refugees Maher Turjman Pontifical Mission International Christian Committee Orthodox Club Caritas and Pontifical Mission	Arrive London (Terminal 1) 11.40; depart Terminal 1 13.25 <i>BD86</i>

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		<p>@Bethlehem INN</p>		<p>(Etc.) Laity Committee – George Sabhar Jerusalem Conference Christian Moslem department head- Richard Zaniniiri.</p>	<p>Arrive Belfast 14.50 pm</p>
<p>Afternoon</p>	<p>4pm Dheishah Refugee Camp: Al Feniqa Centre Include Badil rep: Ingrid Jaradat Gassner</p>	<p>Return to Jerusalem 3pm Bishop Muntib Younan, Leader of the Lutheran Church in the Holy Land. 4pm Patriarch Theophilos III Visit Church leaders and the Holy Sepulcher Church.</p>	<p>3pm TBC Ramallah: Meet with President's Mahmoud Abbas and special committee on Christian affairs. Youth Connections for Peace group from Zebadeh, with Fr. Fadi Diab, St Andrew's Church are confirmed Possibly PARC representative to come also? Leave Ramallah at the latest by 6.30 for Jerusalem.</p>	<p>Courtesy call to Ecole Biblique/ St Stephen's Basilica with Fr. Murphy O'Connor.</p>	
<p>Evening</p>	<p>Depart refugee camp in time for leaders to familiarize themselves with chapel, for service. 6:00pm Shepherd's Field Caves / Ecumenical Chapel "Keeping Watch" worship with local Christians and NGOs</p>	<p>6:30 Meet Bishop Suhel, Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem at St George's Cathedral for refreshment 7:30pm transfer for memorial ceremony at Yad Veshem or</p>	<p>7:30pm Swedish Study Center, Jaffa Gate Panel of Israeli activist movements: ICAHD: Jeff Halper Machsom watch B'Tselem Rabbis for Human Rights: Rabbi Arik W. Ascherman Ezra, Tayrush – Eoin Murray to confirm????</p>	<p>Synagogue service 18:30 and Sabbath meal after wards with Rabbi Levi Kellman</p>	
	<p>Followed by El Grotto Bedouin Tent meal/party – hopefully for all the participants in the service and with further opportunity for leaders to meet local Christians.</p>	<p>Late meal with Bishop Suhel</p>	<p>Followed by dinner near to Jaffa Gate for Irish group and any other guests who wish to join us.</p>		

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<p>19.55pm Arrive Tel Aviv . will be met by driver: transport arranged for all, including media. Transfer to Jerusalem: St George's Guest House, East Jerusalem: arrive about 9.15pm</p>	<p>Stay in Bethlehem – Casa Nova, Manger Square</p>	<p>St George's Guest House</p>	<p>St George's Guest House</p>	<p>5.30am Depart for Airport</p>	
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