

# FRIENDS OF THE HOLY FATHER

## A PILGRIMAGE TO EAST ANGLIA

### PART 1 - ESSEX, SUFFOLK and the borders of CAMBRIDGESHIRE

01 to 05 JULY 2019

#### PROGRAMME

This programme (subject to change) should be read in conjunction with the notes kindly produced by Dr Michael Straiton.

- Mon 01** Arrive at Colchester City Centre (Castle) Premier Inn by 1.30 pm. Afternoon guided walk of Roman **Colchester** including the Roman undercroft in the castle and **Saint Helen's Church** where we hope to receive permission to celebrate Mass. Welcome drink. Dinner and optional evening stroll alongside the river.
- Tue 02** Full-day excursion to **Ipswich** for a morning visit to the ecumenical shrine of **Our Lady of Grace** in **St Mary of the Elms Church** where we hope to receive permission to celebrate Mass. Late morning transfer to visit **Sutton Hoo** (where there is a café for those requiring lunch). Afternoon return to Colchester. Dinner.
- Wed 03** Full-day excursion for a visit to **Ingatestone Hall** with lunch and Mass at **Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Stock** where *Bishop Thomas McMahon* is the parish priest. Afternoon transfer to the Premier Inn Town Centre at **Bury St Edmunds**. Dinner.
- Thu 04** Morning walking tour with *Canon Mark Hackeson* and Mass in **St Edmund's Church**, one of the most historical Catholic parishes in East Anglia with the tradition going back to the time when Catholics had to gather in secret. The original chapel on the site in Westgate Street was and remains hidden behind the large Georgian presbytery dating from 1760. Only in 1791 was it officially licensed for Catholic worship by those in authority. The present more imposing classical church was built in 1837. Afterwards free time to enjoy this market-town. Afternoon visit to **West-Stowe Anglo-Saxon village**. Reception and Dinner.
- Fri 05** Morning transfer to Ely to join daily Mass at **St Etheldreda's Catholic Church** in the city before having a guided-tour of **Ely Cathedral**. Mid-afternoon transfer to Ely Station (the coach will also return to Bury St Edmunds if required).

#### ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been reserved at the Premier Inns in Colchester (within walking distance from the railway station and city centre) and in Bury St Edmunds.

Accommodation is provided in 20 double rooms which may be used on a single use, double or twin-bedded basis. Please be advised that twin-bedded rooms consist of one double and one sofa-bed.

The Premier Inn meal deal consists of a two course dinner (choice from menu), a drink (17.5 ml House white or red wine, Pint of Carling, Pint of House Bitter, Large Pepsi, Diet Pepsi or Lemonade) and unlimited cooked or continental selection breakfasts.

**COST : £695** (sharing accommodation) / **£895** (single occupancy) per person inclusive of:

- 2 nights accommodation at Premier Inn Colchester (City Centre)
- 2 night accommodation at Premier Inn Bury St Edmunds (Town Centre)
- 4 breakfasts
- 1 lunch
- 4 dinners
- coach transportation on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoon and Friday
- entry charges and Mass offerings
- guide and coach driver fees/tips

The following are not included:

- travel to Colchester and from Ely
- refreshments and drinks outside of meal deal and one lunch
- personal expenditure.

## **TRAVEL TO COLCHESTER AND FROM ELY**

\*Travel to Colchester and from Ely is not included in the pricing as with so many Railcard options (eg senior and family Railcards) these are cheaper than arranging a group fare. Obtaining your own tickets also allows for greater freedom in travel, in for example, obtaining a through fare from your local station and on the London underground should you need to cross the city). Furthermore you may wish to arrive earlier or extend your visit by staying for longer in Bury St Edmunds, Ely or Cambridge.

Booking train tickets for July 2019 should open mid-April 2019 You may either book online at [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or from your local station ticket office/travel centre.

## **BOOKING**

To book please send a £50 (non-refundable) deposit to **Anthony Coles** (address below) or you may give this to **Mary Maxwell c/o Westminster Cathedral, 42 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QW** - [marymaxwell@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:marymaxwell@rcdow.org.uk).

The balance of the cost of this visit is then due by 01 May 2018. All payments made or due are non-refundable after this date.

Please make all cheques payable to *Anthony R Coles Travel & Conferences*.