

CELTIC PILGRIMAGE

9th to 14th November
2025



An opportunity to consider major themes
of Celtic Spirituality, on a contemplative
walk over five days.

The route follows the Rail Trail through the north-east of Victoria,
from Bright to Beechworth.

organized by the **Beechworth Uniting Church**
<https://beechworth.ucavictas.org.au>

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Requirements

1. A sealed envelope containing an emergency contact number, a list of current medication and significant operations or diseases.
2. Appropriate shoes for walking up to 20km per day on a hard surface.
3. Appropriate clothing, allowing for changes in the weather over 5 days, 80 km walk.(temperatures from 10° to 35°C, wet weather).
4. A sleeping bag or linen and blankets and mattress or camp bed for Gapsted & Everton Halls.
5. Water container.
6. Personal medication.
7. First aid kit.
8. A mug for hot drinks.

Optional

1. Camping gear.
2. Bathers for a swim.
3. Mobile phone (May not work in all areas)
4. Ear plugs.



This pilgrimage is an opportunity to re-create. It follows the tradition of the Celtic pilgrimages.

It acknowledges the desire of many people to take a break from the regular tensions and complexities of 21st century living.

- to walk simply, unburdened.
- to take time to reflect.
- to consider our life choices.
- to be at one with nature.

The emphasis is on the individual's pilgrimage. Social activities are not a priority.

Each day begins with Christian Worship and the introduction of the Celtic theme of the day. Material on the theme is provided for reflection during the day.

Program

The Pilgrimage begins on Sunday at 3pm with a Church service at the Beechworth Uniting Church (including blessing of the pilgrims) and Afternoon Tea

The Pilgrimage concludes on Friday afternoon at the Beechworth Uniting Church at approximately 4pm.

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided in a motel in Beechworth on Sunday, cabins at Porepunkah and Myrtleford and in halls at Gapsted & Everton.

Bedding (camp bed, "lilo" or roll up mattress) is required for the nights at the halls. Walkers may bring their own tents.

All gear will be transported between sites.

Meals

Continental type breakfast and hearty evening meals are provided each day.

The Sunday evening meal will be in Beechworth at the restaurant at the Grand Oaks Resort.

Lunches can be purchased en route (see note under "COSTS").

COSTS Fee: \$490 (Discounts are available for special circumstances. Please enquire.)

A deposit of **\$50 must** accompany the booking.

For direct credit. **BSB 803070 A/C No 100108939**
Please specify "**Celtic**" and **surname**.

We can no longer accept cheques.

Closing date for applications is September 30th.

Registration should be secured early, as there is a limit of **24** places and preference will be given to those who haven't been on the pilgrimage before.

The balance of the fee should be paid by the **10th October**.

Lunches

An additional \$40 may be paid with your final payment to cover salad rolls for lunch for 3 days, which will be delivered on the walk.

On the other 2 days, you will be responsible for your own lunch obtained from local shops.



Staying in Beechworth

If you would like to stay in Beechworth before the start of the Pilgrimage, or at the end of the Pilgrimage, you need to **book early** as accommodation in Beechworth can be limited.

Beechworth Information Centre

www.beechworthonline.com.au Free Call 1300 366 321