

POPE JOHN PAUL II

CANBERRA

Monday 24th November 1986



*I am
the way
the truth
and the life*

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THE VISIT

- On the afternoon of Monday, 24th November 1986, Pope John Paul II will step from his aircraft at Canberra Airport and kiss the ground of our country, Australia.
- The Holy Father will be welcomed by the Australian Government as a Head of State and by the people of Australia as a Pilgrim Pope bringing a message of Peace and Love.
- After leaving the airport, the Pope will travel to the National Exhibition Centre (the Showground) on the Federal Highway to celebrate an Open Air Mass with an expected congregation of 135,000
- The Blessed Eucharist will be distributed.

TIMINGS

- The Liturgical processions of band, choir, acolytes and concelebrant priests will commence about 3 pm. The Holy Father arrives at about 4.15 pm. Mass concludes at about 7 pm.
- The National Exhibition Centre will open at 9 am Monday, 24th November.

INFORMATION

- Entrance to the National Exhibition Centre is **FREE** and open to all people.
- Food, toilets and first aid will be available throughout the day.
- To ensure that the maximum number of people can see the Holy Father, in safety and comfort the congregation will be housed in enclosures. The tickets issued will entitle you to space in the enclosures.
- Tickets make it easier to place Parish members in the same enclosure.
- Tickets will also be available on the day.
- You will need to bring your own small seats.
- Parking details and location of enclosures will be on the tickets when issued.
- Special, although limited, provision is being made for people with some disabilities . Details of needs should be provided on the application form.

APPLICATION FOR FREE TICKETS

Name:

Address:

Parish:

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Number of tickets: []

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* Insert numbers please.

A ticket for each person, including children, should be requested.

Return this application to your Parish for processing.
If postage of tickets to home address is required please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.



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Provision for Handicapped.

Some provision is being made for the handicapped. If you require special facilities please let us know.

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Wheelchair space Hearing Impaired Visually Impaired Other

Other: Specify:

Intended Travel to NATEX: (Showground).

A.C.T. Bus Service (ACTION) intends providing a user pay service from Canberra parish churches direct to the NATEX and return. To help with parking arrangements would you tell us **how** you intend to travel to the NATEX, regardless of where you are coming from.

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Car Coach Action Bus

YOU ARE ALL INVITED

COME ALONG

SEE THE POPE

ATTEND MASS

A FAMILY DAY

INVITE A FRIEND

STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH

THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE
LIFE

TAKE HIS HAND OF HOPE

- The Theme for the Papal Mass is

*“Christ, the Way, the Truth
and the Life”*

The emblem on the cover shows Australia, the land of the Holy Spirit and will be depicted on a large hanging, designed by Margaret Perry-Caster, on the altar at the Canberra Papal Mass.