

**What is World Youth Day?**

World Youth Day is the largest youth event in the world. It is a six-day celebration hosted and organised by the Catholic Church with the support of the NSW and Commonwealth governments. Events will start on Tuesday 15 and finish on Sunday 20 July. A program of events will include the first visit by Pope Benedict XVI to Australia. Sydney will be the only city the Pope visits while in Australia.

**How do I register?**

If you are planning to attend any of the WYD events it is recommended that you register both yourself and, if necessary, your carer. To register please go to [www.wyd2008.org](http://www.wyd2008.org). If you require assistance to register, contact the WYD08 Call Centre on 1300 993 793.

**What are the benefits of registering?**

Registering ensures that both you and your carer have access to venues where major events are being held. These events include the Opening Mass, Papal Arrival, Stations of the Cross, Evening Vigil and Final Mass. The major event venues will be very busy and general public who are not registered may not get into the major venues, so registering will ensure that you have access to these events and the disability viewing area.

As a registered pilgrim with a disability, both you and your carer will be provided with a Pilgrim Passport which features a disability symbol. The presence of this symbol on your Pilgrim Passport will enable you and your carer to access the designated disability needs areas at major event venues within the CBD and Southern Cross Precinct, Randwick Racecourse. These areas are more closely linked to public transport services and onsite venue services.

The disability accredited Pilgrim Passport will also ensure that both you and your carer have access to the Accessible Bus Shuttle. This service will be available to registered people with a disability and seniors and will transport you and your carer from Pitt St at Central Station to Randwick Racecourse on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July for the Evening Vigil and Final Mass. A similar shuttle service will also be provided on the Sunday for people with mobility restrictions from Bondi Junction Station to Centennial Park.

**If I don't register will I be able to attend the Final Mass on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July?**

Registered pilgrims get priority access into Randwick Racecourse and once it is full the general public will be directed to Centennial Park to participate in the Final Mass. The Holy Father will drive through Centennial Park in the Pope-mobile prior to the Final Mass. For people with a disability and seniors, an Accessible Bus Shuttle will be operating between Bondi Junction station and Centennial Park. A designated disability needs area will also be available in Centennial Park for this event.

**A Guide to Transport and Government Services for People with a Disability**

The NSW Government has produced a guide for people with a disability. This guide is available at [www.wydca.nsw.gov.au/accessibility](http://www.wydca.nsw.gov.au/accessibility) in downloadable formats, including an audio readout loud feature.

**Not attending WYD08 but would like information on how local services and roads may be affected?**

Please log on to [www.wydca.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wydca.nsw.gov.au) for information about road closures, transport information and health and medical services. If you require further information please contact IDEA's (Information on Disability & Education Awareness Services) on 1800 029 904 (TTY: 02 6947 3377).

