



## MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Life from Conception - No Exception!

# Coach Pack

Dear Coach leader for Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019,

Firstly, thank you for considering becoming a coach leader for March for Life UK 2019. By organising a coach from your area you may well be enabling individuals or families to attend this event who otherwise would be unable – what a brilliant way to spread the pro-life message! Some families find arranging transport too much of a chore when they have children whilst other individuals may feel uncertain about attending an event on their own – you can be the one to foster some community in your area and help provide others with what will be one of the most enjoyable, informative and meaningful days out of the year.

Here are a few simple steps to make planning a coach a little easier and ensure you get as much interest as possible:

**Step 1:** Pray and ask for help from God in this important task. When you undertake something like this which has the potential to be helping people spiritually you may well suffer spiritual attack so arm yourself with your spiritual weapons.

**Step 2:** If you know any other pro-lifers in your area ask them if they would be willing to help you spread the word about your coach and promote it.

**Step 3:** Phone up some coach companies and ask about costs for the day's hire as well as what time you would need to leave and a suitable pick-up spot (Drop off destination is outside Westminster Church House back entrance 25 Great Smith St Westminster SW1P 3BN).

Some important information for where you can park coach can be found at the end of this pack.

**Step 4:** Speak to any priests or pastors in your area who you think might be supportive and tell them of your plans, it may help them to know that bishops of both the Catholic and C of E church attend this event. If they aren't supportive, don't worry, just move on to ask others and pray for those who are negative (don't let it disturb your peace).

**Step 5:** If you find supportive priests or pastors ask if you can:

- a) Put up a poster in their church (ask us to send you however many you need or to help you design one with your local details and contact info on)
- b) Leave some leaflets in their church (ask us to send you what you need)
- c) Put a notice in their bulletin or newsletter (this is prewritten for you in this pack)
- d) Make a pulpit talk at the end of Sunday Mass/church service/worship (this is prewritten for you in this pack). See if someone will help you to collect names/details of those interested as they leave.

**Step 6:** Approach any other groups you think might be interested and offer to come and explain to them more about the day (you could use the pulpit talk for this) groups could include prayer groups, pro-life groups, church youth groups, other nationalities who may have separate church services in their own language etc. It can often be helpful to approach one individual from a group who you think may be more interested and ask them if they will help you promote it to the rest of their group as sometimes people listen more to one of their own members than an 'outsider'.

**Step 7:** It is worth letting people know that if they can't come themselves you would greatly appreciate sponsors to bring the price down for others or to enable children/students to travel free or at a discounted price. Ask people to pray for your work too.



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You can drop off outside both venues.

For coach parking please see the following information:

Monday to Friday - £4 per hour between 8.30am to 6.30pm and then free until midnight

Saturday - £4 per hour between 8.30am to 1.30pm and then free until midnight

Sunday - Free

Find out how to pay on ParkRight page.

At the following coach parking bays, parking is not permitted between midnight to 8am on any day:

- Bishop's Bridge Road W2 (2 bays)

- Eastbourne Terrace W2 (4 bays)

- Horseferry Road SW1P (4 bays)

- Kingsway WC2 (16 bays)

- Millbank SW1 (5 bays)

- Park Lane SW1 (17 bays)

- Temple Place WC2 (2 bays)

- Tothill Street SW1 (6 bays)

- Victoria Embankment SW1 (12 bays)

If any other type of vehicle is parked in these bays between 8.30am and midnight, a parking ticket may be issued.

At the Green Line Express Coach Terminal, Bulleid Way, Victoria, the City Council permits overnight paid for parking on 8 clearly marked and sign-plated coach parking bays on the east side of the site. The hours of control are 8pm to 8am Monday to Sunday for a fixed Pay by Phone charge of £10. Can coach drivers please note that parking on these bays outside of these hours is not permitted as during the daytime the bays are required for the full operation of the Express coach terminal. It is also advised that the bays on the west side of the site are dedicated to Express coach operation throughout the night so coaches should not be parked on these particular bays at any time. This provision is a joint scheme provided by the City Council and Arriva Green Line Ltd.