



# Camino San Francisco

# 2021



## NEWSLETTER 2

9 APRIL 2021

Hi Peregrini (Pilgrims),

The **2021 Camino San Francisco** is only 8 short of our hoped for 30 pilgrims. Many of those on this year's Camino have participated in previous caminos which indicates that we must be doing something right 😊

A lot of preparation has been going on behind the scenes with Mandy Ley, Rachel Baker, Lara Sampson, Norm Reynolds, Jane Whiteker, Gerry Eastman and Fr Robert Cross meeting several times already to put everything in place. Just yesterday we ordered four new Camino Passport stamps that will be used for Tibbradden, Minnenooka, St Thomas' Georgina and St John's Bottenal.

We have identified the cottage where Monsignor Hawes' beloved and faithful dog Dominie is buried. It is virtually on the way to Bottenal so we are currently looking into a possible slight detour to have a look at the place. Who knows, perhaps a plush Dominie might be waiting there for an observant pilgrim.



We have also secured some Abrolhos Islands shells for the Camino which gives this symbol of the Camino a real local touch! Thank you to McBoats and Latitude Fisheries for providing the shells for us.

**IF YOU ARE THINKING OF PARTICIPATING IN THE 2021 CAMINO, REGISTER NOW SO AS NOT TO MISS OUT!** Follow this link: <https://www.monsignorhawes.com/camino-san-francisco-2021/>

## **A SIGN THAT THE CAMINO SAN FRANCISCO IS MEANT TO BE!**

I always like to tell this fascinating story each year we conduct the Camino San Francisco because it tells me that the Camino San Francisco is meant to be!

On the first day of the very first Camino San Francisco in 2015, one of the pilgrims who will be joining us again this year, Leonie Marsh, noticed as she was walking along what appeared to be a rusty piece of iron in the dirt on the side of Normans Well Road (between Northampton and Nabawa) which was part of the Camino route that year. When she picked it up and cleaned it, Leonie noticed it was a model of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and here she was walking the Camino San Francisco. Divine intervention? Hmmm!



### **CAMINO PILGRIMS AIRPORT PICK UP**

If you are flying into Geraldton on the evening flight from Perth on 30 April, due to arrive at 5.30pm, we can pick you up if you like. Please email Gerry Eastman at [monsignorhawes@gmail.com](mailto:monsignorhawes@gmail.com)

### **BRING ALONG A CONVIVIAL BOTTLE OF RED OR WHITE WINE**



Our Camino budget doesn't stretch to providing wine but you are most welcome to bring along a bottle or two to share at the evening meals with your fellow pilgrims.

At previous Caminos some pilgrims have gone as far as to design their own labels which adds to the enjoyment of the wine!

So, for the creative ones among you, bring along a self-labeled bottle or two and for those not so creative, a standard Margaret River labelled red or white will suffice (what a cheek 😊)



Translation of the Latin phrase *AMBULO – VINUM – PANE* on the Camino bottle to the right is:  
I Walk – Wine - Bread



**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK**

Advanced Traffic Management for supply of safety signs and safety advice



## Camino San Francisco 2021 Schedule

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

- 5:15pm Gather at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Car Park corner of Maitland Street and Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton
- 6:00pm Bus Departs for Echidna Park
- 6:45pm Bus arrives at Echidna Park (Overnight Camp Spot)
- 7:15pm Dinner & “Get to Know” activities and presentation of Camino Shells

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

- 7:30am Bus to St James Chapel of Ease Kojarena (Mass & Stamping of Passports)
- 8:30am Bus to Tibbradden
- 8:45am Breakfast at Tibbradden followed by tour or property
- 9.45am Bus to junction of Minnenooka and Sandsprings Roads for commencement of Day 1 Camino walk
- 10:00am Walk to Minnenooka & tour property
- 12:30pm Walk onto to Greenough River crossing with Minnenooka Rd for lunch
- 1:15pm Continue Camino walk to junction of
- 3:30 Arrive at junction of Minnenooka Rd and Arthur Rd & turn north.
- 3:45pm Arrive at St Thomas Church, cnr of Arthur and McCartney Roads – visit building
- 4:10pm Bus to St John’s Convent and St John’s Church, Bootenal
- 4:25pm Arrive at St John’s Convent and St John’s Church, Bootenal – visit buildings
- 5:00pm Depart for Echidna Park
- 5:30pm Arrive Echidna Park (Overnight Camp Spot)
- 7:00pm Dinner

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

- 7:00am Bus to St Peter’s Church, Greenough
- 8:00am Mass at St Peter’s Church and Stamping of Passports
- 9:00am Breakfast at Greenough Café
- 9:45am Bus to Phillips Road for commencement of Day 2 Camino walk
- 10:00am Day 2 Walk commences - Walk along Phillips Road, Crowther Road & Company Road to Bootenal Springs where we will join the Greenough River Nature Walk Trail Road Trail
- 12:00pm Lunch at Greenough River Trail carpark
- 12.45pm Walk to Hermitage (Stamping of Passport)
2. 30pm Walk to St Francis Xavier Cathedral
- 3:00pm Welcome to St Francis Xavier Cathedral (Stamping of Passports and Camino Certificate presentation)
- 4:00pm 2021 Camino San Francisco concludes

## What should I bring on the Camino?

The following list of clothing and equipment might help you with your personal planning. Of all these things, you are required to wear at all times while walking a **Hi Visibility Vest/Shirt/Jacket**. **Please make sure you purchase one and bring with you.**

### Suggested Clothing List

<b>Hi Visibility Vest/Shirt/Jacket (REQUIRED)</b>	T-Shirts (2)
Back Pack &/or Bum Bag	Long sleeved shirt (1)
Runner or Light Hiking Shoes (make sure they are worn in!)	Wide Brimmed Hat (1)
Socks (2-3 pairs)	Spray Jacket or Poncho (in case it rains)
Underwear (2-3 pairs )	1 warm Jacket or Jumper or similar (in case cold at night)
Shorts (1-2 pairs)	Sleeping wear
Long Pants (1—2 pairs)	A head Fly net

### Suggested Equipment List

Walking Poles (apparently can save up to 25% energy)	Sunglasses
Pillow (possibly inflatable type)	Sleeping Bag or Swag
Toiletries (Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste & brush, deodorant etc)	Foam mat for sleeping on
<b>FIXOMULL TAPE</b> – just in case you get blisters	Journal
Insect Repellent	Energy snacks
Ear Plugs (If listening to snoring is a problem for you)	Headlamp
Medical — Sun Cream, Band-Aids, Antiseptic Cream/Spray, Headache or Pain Relief Tablets, etc	Bath Towel
Water Bottle (Water will be provided but you may like to put it in your own container)	Tent or similar (If you want to sleep “under the stars”)

**These lists are indicative only. Add and subtract as you like. You will only need to carry in your backpack and/or bum bag things you require while walking. All your other clothing, sleeping bags, tents, etc can be transported in the support vehicles. Water will be replenished from the support vehicles during the walk and there will be a mobile porta-a-loo for your comfort stops.**