

Lourdes

Lourdes is a holy place in France where people go on a pilgrimage. It started way back 1858 when a poor 14 year old girl called Bernadette got a vision of ghostly women and the women told Bernadette that she was the Virgin Mary.

Mary appeared 8 more times and told Bernadette that she was to build a chapel. Mary opened a spring near the chapel and since then the spring has been know to have magical powers.

People go there if they are sick or disabled to be cured by the magical water. Over six million people usually go to the spring and in 2008 there will probably be more than usual because it is the 150th anniversary because it has been 150 years since the meeting between Mary and Bernadette.

