

## Newsletter - October 2021

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# The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady Walsingham - England's Nazareth

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## ***From the Rector***



**Welcome to our October newsletter!** *With the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness upon us, it's a good time to reflect on the summer just gone. The sunny weeks and weekends attracted a lot of visitors to the Shrine, and it was wonderful to see the place full of life again: pilgrim groups, families, processions, music and prayers; it was a great expression of the desire to return to a normal life of relationships and celebrations, and of sharing something of our sorrows and joys face-to-face.*

*This was particularly apparent at our recent patronal Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham, when priests and pilgrims, old friends and new, gathered once more in the flesh after two quiet years of lockdown. The sun was out and the singing was joyful, and after Mass, visitors prayed, chatted and picnicked happily in the grounds. It was a brief foretaste of heaven!*

*Mgr Philip Moger*

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## News

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Pictures from the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham ~  
24th September 2021







### Hymns acclaiming Our Lady's Sorrows, unique to Walsingham Priory.

*Now of Mary's sevenfold sorrow, Let my tongue the mystery sing!*



*The Mass at the Basilica on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th this year was remarkable: we sang three hymns that were written for Walsingham Priory, hymns that no one has heard since the Priory was destroyed at the Reformation.*

They are to be found in the only surviving copy of the Walsingham Breviary, and they were written for the Feast of the Sorrows of Our Lady, originally known

as Our Lady of Compassion ('suffering with'). Each Augustinian priory had its own Breviary, and these hymns appear only in the Walsingham Breviary.

The last time they were sung must have been when the Walsingham canons and choir sang them for the Feast in 1537: a day of the deepest sorrow for Our Lady and for them, because four months earlier a Walsingham man, a chorister of the Priory, George Guisborough had been put to death on Walsingham Martyrs' Field, together with the sub-prior Nicholas Mileham, for their involvement in a plot to save the Priory and Shrine; an intimation of what was to happen on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1538 when it was closed to be destroyed by order of the king.

The English translations are by Fr W H Sandell and Mgr. Bruce Harbert. All three adopt meters which allow them to be sung to familiar tunes; on this occasion we used 'Westminster Abbey' (more familiar to 'Christ is made the sure foundation'), 'Picardy' ('Let all mortal flesh keep silence'), and 'Rockingham' ('When I survey the wondrous Cross'). Although we sang in English and used tunes which date from at least 150 years later than the texts and are from rather different Christian traditions, it was very moving to feel such a connection with something of the religious and liturgical life of Walsingham in the early 16th century.

Fr. Michael Rear, who discovered the hymns, hopes that they will become more widely known as they are beautiful. You will find them in the appendix of the 2nd edition of his book *Walsingham, Pilgrims and Pilgrimage*, along with the Latin originals.

They are perfect for Passiontide as well as for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

*Eleanor Richards*  
*Director of Music*

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## Thank you!

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We would like to thank you all for your generous support over the last few months! If you would like to contribute to the running of the Shrine, we

would greatly appreciate your help!

If you are unable to visit the Shrine in person,  
there are a number of things you can do to  
participate online:



**Light a candle**



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Support the Shrine!



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# Events

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## Rosary Refuge in the Immaculate Heart of Mary

For Faith, Life and Peace  
October 2021 Rosary Mission




- 1. Daily Rosary** - Each night from Monday to Saturday you are invited to join an evening Rosary at 8pm and on Sundays at 9pm! All links will be posted each night on our social media and can be found on our website. The Rosary is also prayed every day at Our Lady's Shrine at 11am & 3pm @ [Walsingham](#).
- 2. First Saturday Devotion** - led by the Franciscans from Our Lady's Shrine.
- 3. Celebration of the Feast of the Holy Rosary – October 7th** (450th Anniversary of victory at Lepanto).



**Find out more!**

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**PILGRIMAGE of  
REPARATION &  
PRAYER for the  
SANCTITY of LIFE**

**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**WALSINGHAM**

led by  
**Bishop Mark Davies**

FR. JEREMY DAVIES, FR DAVID DONOGHUE  
FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

*commencing at the 12 o'clock Pilgrim Mass  
in the Chapel of Reconciliation*

**Theme – ‘The Courage to Proclaim the Gospel  
of Life in Post-Pandemic Britain’  
(Bishop Mark Davies)**

For travel information & more details call 01858 571242  
or visit [www.prolifepilgrimage.org](http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org)

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## **Accommodation at Walsingham**

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### Retreats at Dowry House:

It's always a joy to welcome new people to Walsingham and encouraging to see a growing number of young people benefit from their time here. Why not tell your children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces about the **young adults' retreat** taking place this 15th - 17th



October? We even have special rates for them and can help with transport!



People of all ages are welcome to enter into the beauty of Carmelite Spirituality from 22nd - 24th October on a retreat led by experienced retreat giver and Carmelite friar, Fr Matthew Blake OCD. This is one of our most popular retreats of the year so do book soon by emailing Sr Theresa:

[dowryhouse@walsingham.org.uk](mailto:dowryhouse@walsingham.org.uk)

Find out more!

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## Walsingham Shrine Tea Room

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We are delighted to share that our Tea Room is now open, after a period of refurbishment. We look forward to serving you teas, coffees and light refreshments when you visit.

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## Restoration of the Pipe Organ in the Chapel of Reconciliation

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**Would you like to help us restore the Schumacher pipe organ** in the Chapel of Reconciliation? It is one of the first organs in the UK by Schumacher organ builders, from Belgium.



We have so far raised 25% of our **campaign target of £11,796** and hope to commence works in the coming winter months.

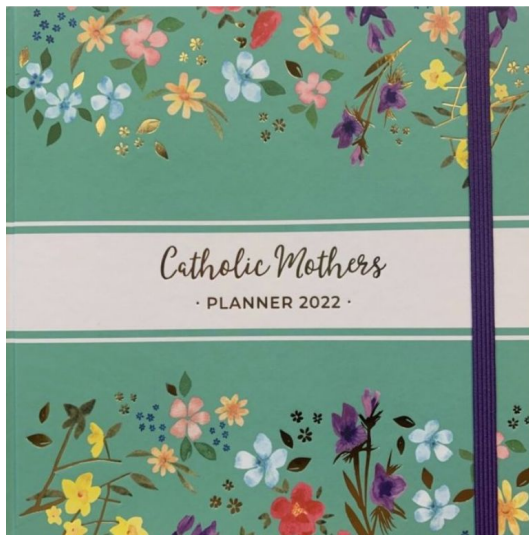
**Support the restoration!**

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## New in our shop!

Catholic Mother's Planner 2022

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A hardback, full colour planner. This is the ideal planner to help a busy Catholic family stay organized and keep centred on the Faith. It is beautiful, practical, and faith-filled! Includes 2022 calendar, 291 pages and much more.

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