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From the Rector



The beginning of November - or, strictly speaking, the end of October - sees the end of British Summer Time, as the clocks go back one hour. As the leaves fall and the daylight lessens, we try to resist the temptation to think about preparing for the great commercial festival of 25th December (!) and, instead, are offered the solemnity of All Saints at the month's beginning, and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, All Souls.

On 1st November we rejoice with all those – perhaps known to few or, indeed, only to God – who surround God's throne in heavenly joy, plunged into the ocean of love. Having tried to live by faith, hope and love, they nevertheless weren't always perfect, but knew how to repent and start again. In the Communion of Saints, we can rightly ask for the prayers of these many friends in heaven.

The day after, we pray for our dead. In the same Communion of Saints, we offer our prayers for the Holy Souls in Purgatory: those who, in the words of Benedict XVI, are in the *inward process of transformation in which a person becomes capable of Christ*. (Let God's light shine forth, p172).

As St John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester and martyr, said this about the Holy Souls: *They are of the same faith, hope and charity as us. They are partners in the same sacraments, but there are also the natural ties of affection, kinship and obligation. Every one of us has some of his or her friends and family there, therefore we must act like friends, let us be loving towards them now just as we claimed to love them when they were still with us on earth.*

Remembrance Sunday claims our prayers for those who have died as a result of war, and none of us can

forget those who've died as a result of Covid, or relatives and friends who've passed away. So, we can't really escape from what are traditionally called *Last Things*. But this shouldn't fill us with gloom, rather confidence in the risen Christ, not in our own merits. As a verse in an evening hymn, goes,

*Grant us an evening bright and fair,
may life no sunset ever see;
but at the last may we behold
the glory of eternity. Amen.*

Mgr Philip Moger

The Rector Recommends ...

The Shattering of Loneliness, by Erik Varden

The experience of loneliness is as universal as hunger or thirst. Because it affects us more intimately, we are less inclined to speak of it. But who has not known its gnawing ache?

This book examines six different facets of Christian remembrance, complementing biblical exegesis with readings from literature. It aims to be an essay in theology. At the same time, it proposes a grounded reflection on what it means to be a human being.



[Buy Now](#)

Basilica Memorial Book



You may wish to have a **deceased member of your family or other loved one** remembered **regularly** at the Shrine. The Basilica's **Memorial Book** is one way to do this.

The name of your loved one is entered into the Shrine's Memorial Book and will then be **remembered at Mass on the 28th day of each month** and prayed for at the Shrine.

Find out more

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Pictures from the Polish Pilgrimage
October 2021





The Pro Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday October 23rd 2021



The Pro-life movement faces a long 'spiritual battle', says Bishop Mark Davies in his homily during the recent Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham. In this century we can expect a protracted struggle and we must be ready for repeated assaults on both the laws and the social environments of care, which have long protected and cherished the lives of our society's weakest members.

[Read Full Homily](#)

Thank you!

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



Request a Mass



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Events



Requiem Mass
at the Basilica of Our Lady of
Walsingham

Remembrance Sunday
14th November 2021
12:00

Watch Live!

Advent Retreat at Dowry House

As we prepare for Advent, we would like to invite you to attend the Advent Retreat. It will include talks, reflections and prayer, as well as the joyful Advent carol service on the Sunday.



Find out more!

SAVE THE DATE!



Saturday 20th November 2021

**Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham,
10th Anniversary Festival - Westminster Cathedral**

Saturday 20th November 2021

Westminster Cathedral Hall

Coffee will be served from 10:00am

10:30 am Opening Address

The Opening Address will be given by the Apostolic Nuncio

His Excellency, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti

Keynote Address

The Keynote Address will be given by Mgr John Armitage

Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom and Parish Priest of Canning Town.

Question Time

A distinguished panel of speakers will answer questions of the future of the Ordinariate. If you would like to submit a question for consideration (time constraints will limit the number of questions that can be selected), please [email email_fmichaelhalsall@gmail.com](mailto:email_fmichaelhalsall@gmail.com).

There will be a break for lunch at 1pm

2:30pm Westminster Cathedral

Pontifical High Mass

Holy Mass will be celebrated according to the Ordinariate's distinctive liturgy

Divine Worship: The Missal



We have just completed our Rosary Refuge in the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

October Rosary Mission

It was a joy each night at 8pm to join a different parish/shrine for this and to pray together for the intentions of the conversion of peoples and for true Faith, Life and Peace to prevail in both family and national life.

We thank Bishop John Keenan; the Cardiff Oratorians; the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph in Lymington; Fr. Gerard Hatton from Knaphill, Surrey; Fr. Derek Hyett from Dalston; Fr. Lawrence Lew at the London Rosary Shrine; and the priests of Our Lady's Shrine here in Walsingham.

We prayed for the flourishing of God's Holy Church and have encouraged the practice of the First Saturdays, as requested by Our Blessed Lord and the Blessed Mother through the apparitions in Fatima and, more importantly, through Sr. Lucia as an adult, beginning with the specific First Saturday request in Pontevedra, Spain on December 10th 1925. At the heart of the First Saturday Message is the Peace Plan of Heaven for our times. If we implement this as God requested we will see miracles of transformation both in the Church and in the World. Governments and people spend many hours trying to bring peace to the world. The question has to be asked! Where is it? Peoples and Governments think they know the way to peace; reality tells us otherwise! As we continue to ignore God and the requests of his Holy Mother, so our world and peoples degenerate ever further into degeneration, disaster and war. **God has offered us a way to Peace and Conversion through Our Lady's Peace Plan - the Rosary and the First Saturday Devotion of Reparation to her Immaculate Heart.** The Rosary Refuge in the Immaculate Mary served as an appeal to begin to implement this!

The Chaplet of Mercy and the Rosary continues to be led each day at Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham from 3pm daily. (www.walsingham.org.uk).

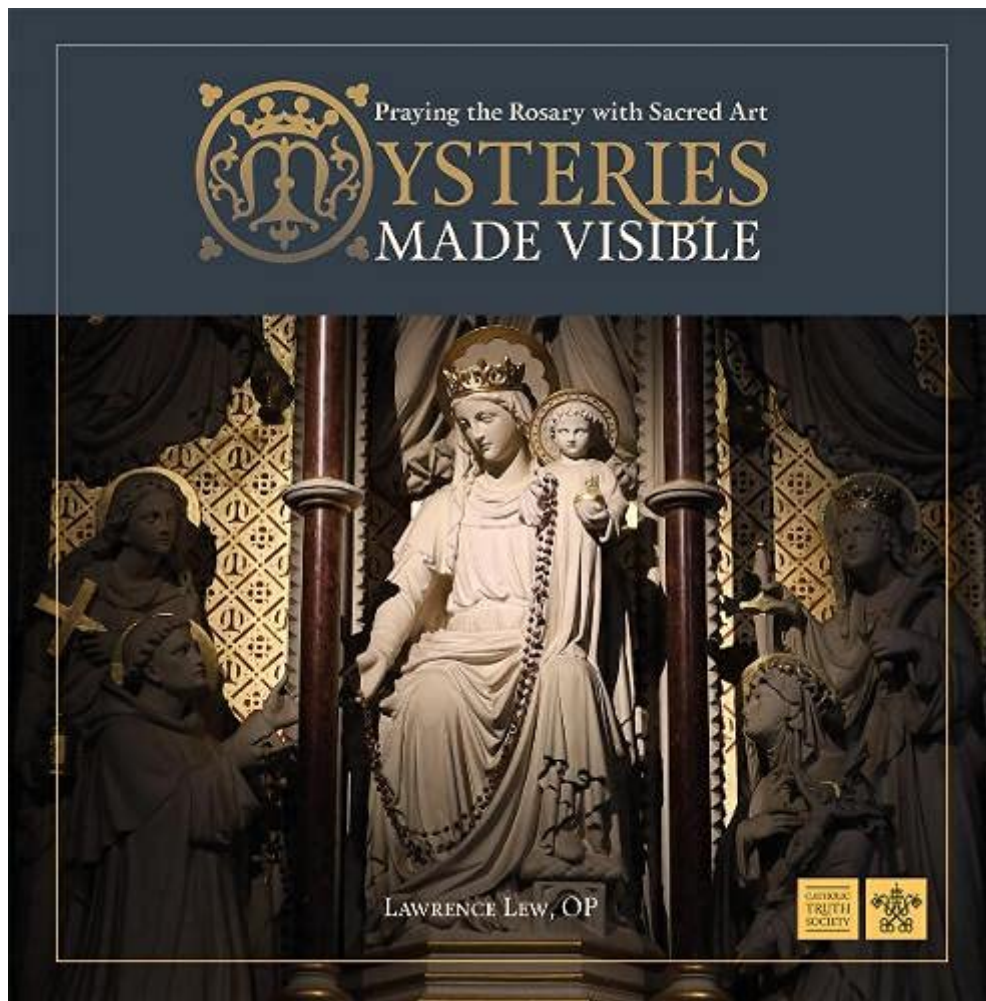
Bishop John Keenan leads the Rosary each night at 9pm via his facebook page (www.facebook.com/BishopJohnKeenanPaisley)

So let us join and continue to pray the Holy Rosary, the spiritual sword for these times. Let us begin to practice the First Saturdays of Reparation. Our Lady of Walsingham longs to see the conversion of England and of the peoples of the whole world.

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England, thy Dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. Our Lady of Walsingham of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us and raise up across England and the British Isles true missionaries and advocates of the Rosary and First Saturdays. Amen!

Antonia Moffat - antonia@walsingham.org.uk

New in our shop!



Praying the Rosary with Sacred Art - MYSTERIES MADE VISIBLE

Review by Antonia Moffat

Fr. Lawrence Lew has produced a book which is inspirational and unique among books on the Holy Rosary, for it both speaks at the level of the intellect and at the level of the heart. This is often a rarity amongst spiritual authors.

The visual images of Sacred Art have been carefully chosen and deeply depict the beautifully chosen meditative reflections, which indicate they are both the fruit of deep prayer. Fr. Lawrence is a realist and knows that people often struggle with the praying of the Rosary. He addresses this with wisdom and insight and gives helpful suggestions as to how they might be overcome. He knows the mind of 21st century men and women! He helps us to pray the Rosary with deeper love, devotion and understanding.

Truly, each Mystery of the Rosary has been made VISIBLE!

I was not expecting this book to touch me so deeply! Fr. Lawrence has a great gift of preaching and this shone through, and many of you, will know from his leading of the Friday evening Rosary at 8pm. I could almost hear him! Those in his parish are greatly blessed to have him as Parish Priest of the London Rosary Shrine.

Fr. Lawrence situates the Rosary from its origins in the mists of time and makes it accessible and relevant for these times. He demonstrates the urgency of its meaning through quotes from the Saints and from the Blessed Mother herself. The Rosary is the 'Spiritual Sword' for these times to combat evil and is a major element of 'Heaven's Peace Plan'.

It is a joy, at the end of the book, to have clear instructions as to how to pray the Rosary, alongside in English and Latin, the favourite, traditional Marian anthems and litanies. All in all a very complete book on the Holy Rosary! A book to go back to time and time again, for it opens up the eternal mysteries of Heaven to earth - Walking through the life of **Jesus with Mary. Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.**

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