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

Newsletter - June/July 2022



From the Rector

August started as a very dry month for most of us in the



country, and no more so than in Walsingham! The lawns at the shrine were beginning to look very sparse, and, to be honest, non-existent! But the days after the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady brought some longed-for rain! How long this will continue is anyone's guess, but it's much needed!

We were able to welcome the New Dawn Conference again. This year, for the first time in the history of the Conference, the main programme took place within the Shrine & Basilica grounds whilst the healing, children, and youth ministries as well as social & food tents were located on the usual fields opposite the Shrine.

The dry weather meant that we had a lovely evening for the annual Ecumenical Torchlight Procession on the eve of the Assumption. This annual prayerful event begins at St Mary's Anglican Parish, moves to our Church of the Annunciation and ends at the Anglican shrine. There's a decade of the Rosary at each, a scripture reading and a homily, and the singing of many hymns to Our Lady in between!

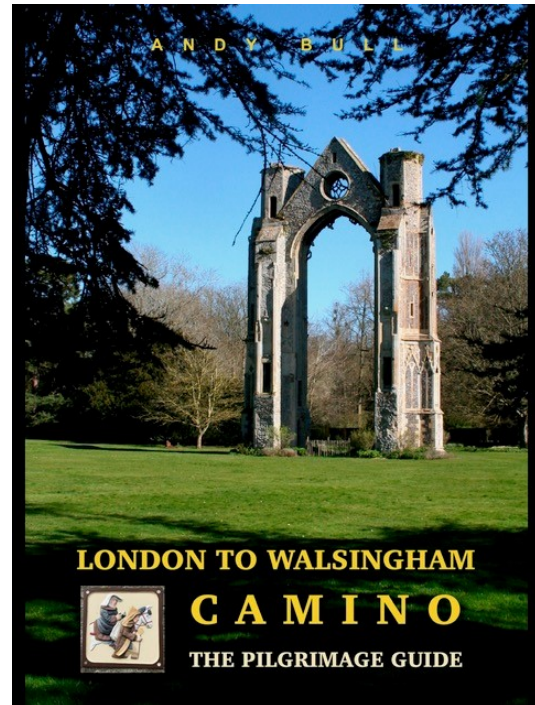
The feast day itself saw a large congregation for our Solemn Pilgrim Mass at 12noon. Many pilgrims came to honour the Mother of God, and quite a number remained for Solemn Vespers in the afternoon, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and procession to the Slipper Chapel for the Prayer for England and singing of the *Salve*.

We are now looking forward to the *Dowry of Mary* pilgrimage at 12noon on Sunday 4th September. This is an opportunity for the Catholic community in all its wonderful diversity to come together at the National Shrine to honour Our Lady. This is the first time the pilgrimage will have been celebrated since Covid! Why not come?

Mgr Philip Moger

Exciting announcement for all Camino walkers!

Launch of the new London to Walsingham Camino route - 3 September 2022.



Andy Bull, the author, discoverer and creator of this new Pilgrim Camino Way for 21st century peoples gives us a fascinating record of how it has all come about!

Buen Camino!

When I first thought of walking to Walsingham from London, I was surprised to find that no waymarked, long-distance footpath existed that would guide me on my pilgrimage.

While I could easily trace the Pilgrim's Way to Canterbury, I would have to work out my own route to Walsingham.

I had to refer largely to historical accounts to uncover the old path, and then apply it to modern maps. As I did my research I discovered, to

It is a pilgrim path that offers a wonderful long-distance route, on footpaths and quiet lanes, across the glorious east of England. A truly pleasurable and uplifting walking experience.

To date, 19 churches on the route have agreed to host pilgrim stamps, and you can get a pilgrim passport, a *credencial*, from the Confraternity of St James (csj.org.uk), in which to record your progress.

I wanted to produce a guide that, while being inspirational, would also offer all the practical help and guidance a pilgrim needs. So *London to Walsingham Camino: The Pilgrimage Guide*, has full gpx mapping, so you can follow the route on your phone, and listings of

my surprise, that Walsingham was once a pilgrim destination that outdid the appeal of Canterbury, and that the road here was the most important in England.

In the whole of the Christian world, Walsingham was eclipsed by just three other places: Jerusalem, Rome, and Santiago de Compostela.

Post-Reformation, while Canterbury remained an important port - and had Chaucer to keep pilgrimage there in the popular consciousness down the centuries - Walsingham reverted to being just a village in Norfolk.

Today it draws around 300,000 pilgrims annually, but few walk much more than the final Holy Mile, and only a few church and other groups trace the full route from London.

The *London to Walsingham Camino* guidebook is part of an attempt to change that: to re-establish a walking route which, while being as true to the original way as possible, takes account of the modern realities on the ground.

everything you need to know in terms of public transport, accommodation, refreshment and other resources.

The book divides the 180-mile route into 13 day-walk sections, averaging 14 miles, and further splits each of these for those who would rather walk six or seven miles in a day.

As I explored the route, I experienced a revelation. I discovered the fundamental difference between simply walking, and walking as a pilgrim. It was as profound as the gulf between speech and song. To travel as a pilgrim made walking a celebration. On my journey I encountered a lost heritage, and experienced an older England: a lost land of saints, faith and observance; of wayside crosses, shrines and chapels.

London to Walsingham Camino: The Pilgrimage Guide by Andy Bull is published by Trailblazer on 2 September. It can be pre-ordered from www.trailblazer-guides.com, com and www.amazon.co.uk or from any bookshop.



Sharing the Church's Story

Catholic Voices and Word on Fire are hosting a one-day conference called 'Sharing the Church's Story'. Come and join 1000 Catholics who are passionate about the renewal of the Church in the UK and a host of dynamic speakers including the internationally renowned speaker and author, Bishop Robert Barron. So whether you are a volunteer, parent, catechist, clergy, religious, or just want a boost for your faith life, then this conference is for YOU.

The Catholic National Shine of Walsingham is delighted to be partnering with Catholic Voices and the Word on Fire Institute as an official sponsor of the upcoming conference 'Sharing the Church's Story'.

Date: Saturday, 17 September, 2022.

Time: 10:00am to 6:00pm

Location: Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ

With **LESS THAN 1 MONTH** to go and **LESS THAN 200 TICKETS** available we wanted to make sure you do not miss out on the chance to register for the conference at <https://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com/>

@WalsinghamEN will be at #sharingthechurchsstory. Will you?

The Angelus - did you know?



Recently we celebrated on June 28th the Anniversary of the institution of the Angelus so central to our Walsingham Spirituality. It was inaugurated by Pope Callixtus III in 1456. We discovered that the Angelus Bell is known as the Peace Bell. It was both the call to pray the Angelus and the Rosary by Pope Pius V, that heralded the great Christian victory of Lepanto in 1571.

An anonymous pilgrim sent in the following testimony regarding the Angelus:

"God has given me a great love for the Angelus - I feel that it's planted in my soul. I pray it at noon and also at 6pm and last thing at night - usually at 12pm. It just stirs within me and I glance at the time and it's time for the Angelus. I remember a number of years ago, maybe 15, it was time for praying the Angelus at 6pm and I thought I'll just put the kettle on while I'm praying but something stopped me and the words "Can you not spare 3 minutes for Me?" came to mind, and I realised I was only half praying and the other half was making my tea!! It was a lesson in prayer for me, about deciding who comes first in prayer, God, Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

It was a powerful lesson for me in the most simplest of actions - but I have not forgotten. Please God continue to lead me in Your Way. Amen"

A real lesson and encouragement to us all! What faithfulness!

Events

DOWRY OF MARY

PILGRIMAGE



BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

WALSINGHAM

FOUNDED 1061 - DESTROYED 1538 - RESTORED 1897

SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022

CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE, WALSINGHAM, NORFOLK, NR22 6AL

11.30am	RECEPTION OF FLAGS AT THE BASILICA
Noon	PILGRIM HOLY MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP ALAN HOPES
3.15pm	PROCESSION AND BENEDICTION AT THE ORIGINAL SHRINE SITE

Parishes and groups are invited to bring their banners and flags and are requested to let us know by phone 01328 801009 or email pilgrimage@walsingham.org.uk, that they are coming.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Joy



**Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham
2022 - September 24th - Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham**

Parishes, Schools and families / groups across the Diocese of Westminster are invited to register their interest now in this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, led by Cardinal Vincent and the Auxiliary Bishops on Saturday 24th September.

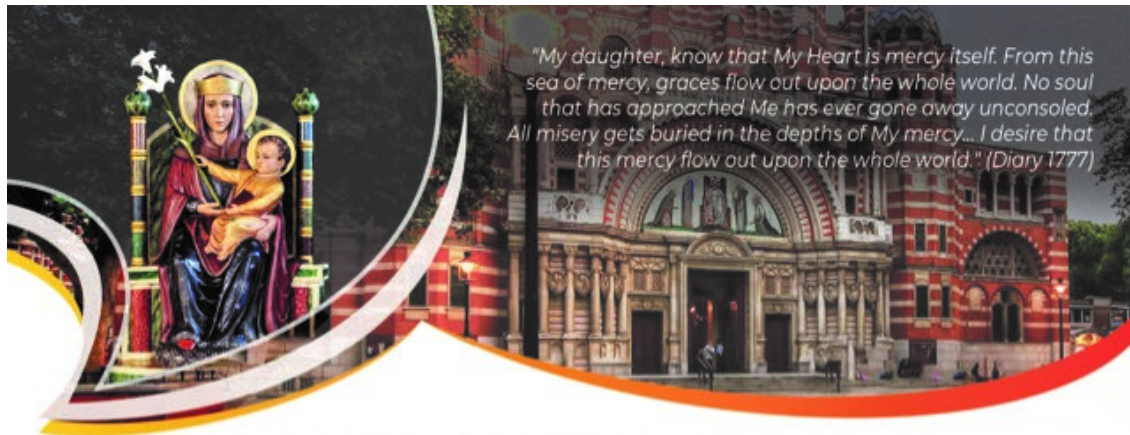
The theme of the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage is '**Mary Mother of Sorrows, Mother of Joy**' and it takes place on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham. This will be a time of renewal, special grace and blessing for England, all Pilgrims, their families, friends and loved ones.

Walsingham has very limited parking for minibuses and private cars, hence booking via the Westminster Diocese Pilgrimage Office is essential.

Parish Priests and Coach Marshals are kindly requested to please register coach and pilgrim numbers in advance by email to elizabethuwalaka@rcdow.org.uk or by telephone on 020 7798 9173 as soon as

all details are known.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/walsingham>



"My daughter, know that My Heart is mercy itself. From this sea of mercy, graces flow out upon the whole world. No soul that has approached Me has ever gone away unconsolated. All misery gets buried in the depths of My mercy... I desire that this mercy flow out upon the whole world." (Diary 1777)

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

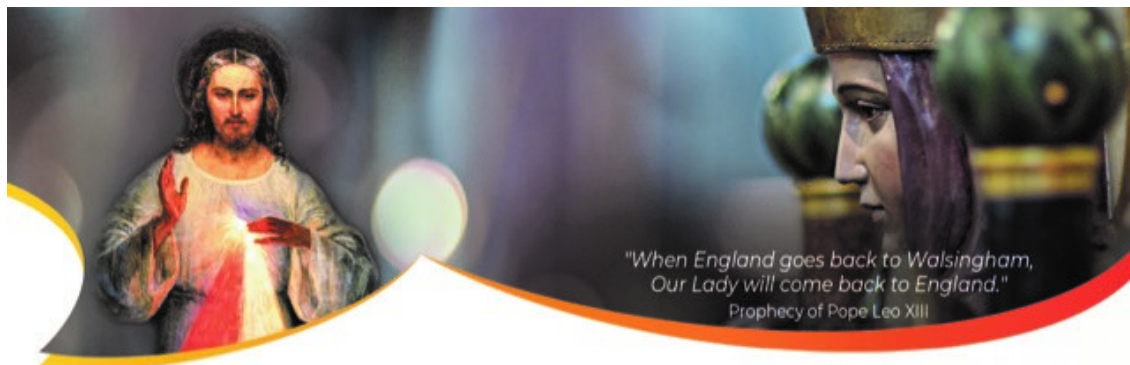
Divine Mercy Afternoon of Prayer invoking the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham for the Conversion & Salvation of Souls - led by Fr Derek Hyett

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2022

from 12.30PM to 4.30PM

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT ANTONIA - ANTONIA@WALSINGHAM.ORG.UK



*"When England goes back to Walsingham,
Our Lady will come back to England."
Prophecy of Pope Leo XIII*

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Programme outline (subject to change)

- 12.30pm - **Holy Mass** and Crowning of Our Lady of Walsingham, followed by lunch break
- 1.50pm - Opening hymn, welcome and introduction
- 2.00pm - Rosary, Prayer for England and Litany of Our Lady of Walsingham
- 2.30pm** - **Talk on Walsingham by Fr Derek Hyett**
- 3.00pm - Solemn Enthronement of the Image of Divine Mercy and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3.15pm - Hymns whilst a collection is taken for the expenses of the Day
- 3.20pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by the Adoration with varied time of prayer, reflection on verses from the Diary of St Faustina, gentle song and silence leading into a short Eucharistic Healing Service
- 4.05pm - Benediction, followed by Litany of the Saints and Martyrs of the British Isles
- 4.20pm - Act of Consecration of our County and the Church to Our Lady of Walsingham
- 4.30pm - Final hymn and finish

Advance notice of important dates for your diaries! The finale of the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham takes place in Westminster Cathedral from October 28th to 29th 2022. Full details of programme in time.

DOWRY TOUR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

28TH - 29TH OCTOBER 2022

Walsingham

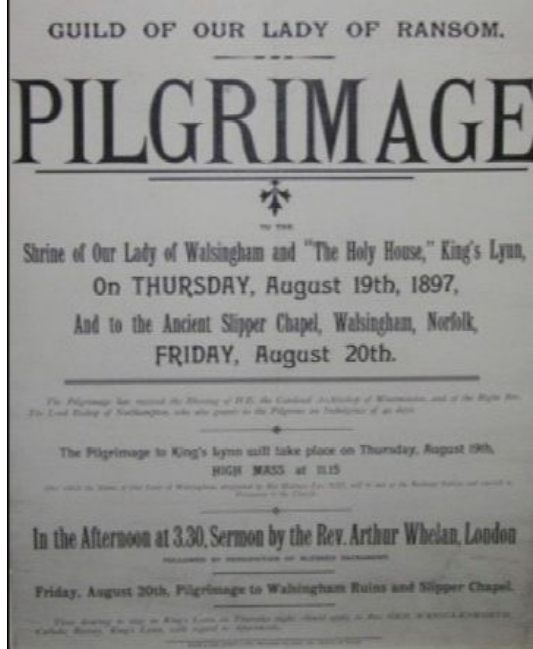
Westminster Cathedral

"When England goes back to Walsingham, Our Lady will come back to England."

Pope Leo XIII when he signed the Rescript for the Restoration of Our Lady of Walsingham's Shrine in 1897

www.walsingham.org.uk

125th Anniversary of Refounding the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in King's Lynn in 1897



Book to be in King's Lynn & Walsingham for these momentous anniversary Events!

Tim McDonald reflects: One of the highlights of my service at the National Shrine was when (*Bishop*) Fr. Alan Williams SM appointed me co-ordinator of the 1997/8 Centenary Celebrations to mark the establishment of the Pope Leo XIII Shrine to Our Lady of Walsingham in the Catholic Church of Our Lady of The Annunciation at King's Lynn and the Centenary of the First Modern Day Pilgrimage.

A year-long programme was put together including a series of Sung Masses using local choirs, a Flower Festival that embraced all the Churches and Shrines in Walsingham and a Choral Week with sung Liturgies and concerts ending every evening with sung Compline. The Final Concert was given by Westminster Cathedral Choir on their first visit to the Shrine There was also an Historical Conference, and many new pilgrimages some of which have returned annually until the Pandemic.

The celebrations commenced on Tuesday 19th of August 1997 with Cardinal Cahal Daly presiding at a solemn Mass at The Walks in King's Lynn. A replica of the King's Lynn Statue was carried from the Mass to The Slipper Chapel where it arrived in time for the 12.00 Mass celebrated by the Cardinal marking the 100th Anniversary of Modern-Day Pilgrimage. On the afternoon of the 20th after the Mass, the Cardinal unveiled a new stained glass window of the Annunciation over the west door of the Slipper Chapel.

This year, 2022, is thus the 125th Anniversary of the 1897 events, and Canon Peter Rollings, Parish Priest and Rector of the Pontifical Shrine in King's Lynn has prepared a series of events to mark this important anniversary. These have already included a Flower Festival, and a Parish Garden Party in July.

Forthcoming Date for your Diary at the Pontifical Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in King's Lynn:

A celebratory Mass at 7.00 pm on Friday 19th August with Mgr John Armitage, current Master of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, former Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady, being the Preacher.

And at the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham:

On Saturday 20th August there will be a recreation of the First Pilgrimage of Modern Times, with a procession from Walsingham Railway Station (St Seraphim's Orthodox Chapel and Museum) to the Slipper Chapel with a commemorative Mass at 12.00 noon.

To quote from the Lynn Advertiser of August 27th, 1897, in an article entitled
"Pilgrimage to the Shoe Chapel"

As briefly stated in our last issue, the visitors who had taken part in the ceremony of reviving the pilgrimage to the shrine of "Our Lady of Walsingham" [which custom, by consent of the Pope (Leo XIII) has been transferred to the Roman Catholic Church, Lynn] on Thursday 19th inst. made a pilgrimage the following day to the little way-side chapel at Houghton-in-the-Dale, locally known as the "shoe house" The building which is said to have been erected about 1380 is a fine specimen of the transition from the Decorated to the Perpendicular styles of architecture, and was in the Middle Ages the place where pilgrims removed their shoes, it being a 'conditio-sine-qua-non' that the last mile of the journey was to be done barefooted...

...The pilgrims numbering about 40 or 50 arrived at Walsingham by the 12.08 pm train from Lynn, and forming into a procession, headed by a Crucifix with burning tapers either side of it, proceeded singing to the little Chapel. On arrival, there was a short private service, after which the public were admitted and there was another service of a very brief but devout character. The visitors then went back to the Black lion Hotel where Luncheon was provided, the remains of the Abbey (sic) Priory etc. were visited and the party left by 3.55 pm train.

There will be no train journey and no Black Lion Hotel Luncheon this August 20th, but it is hoped that the procession will number more than 40 or 50 pilgrims, please come along and join in.

The official launch of The London to Walsingham Camino



Saturday 3 September 2022

A pilgrim event to mark the publication of the official launch of the route, and the publication of the accompanying guidebook. The schedule includes three locations and a walk between them, in part along the pilgrimage route. You are welcome to attend one or more location.

Numbers are limited. To register your interest in attending, please email Andy Bull at andyzbull@gmail.com

9.30-10.15am The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street

Pilgrim welcome from Fr Dominic Robinson, brief talk about the history, and revival, of the London to Walsingham Camino. Book signing. Venue: Arrupe Hall, Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, 114 Mount St, London W1K 3AH

10.15am-12.15 Walk to St Magnus the Martyr

Route via Green Park, St James's Park and South Bank (5 miles approx.)

12.15. Arrive at St Magnus the Martyr

The church (Lower Thames St, London EC3R 6DN), is the official start of the London to Walsingham Camino route, and will be open to visit the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and stamp pilgrim passports. Passports are available from the Confraternity of St James (csj.org.uk)

12.30-1.30 Walk to the Royal Foundation of St Katharine

Via Thames path (2 miles approx.)

1.30 Pilgrim Welcome at the Royal Foundation of St Katharine

The Foundation (2 Butcher Row, London E14 8DS), which has been caring for pilgrims and others since 1174, is London to Walsingham Camino accommodation partner in London.

Pilgrim welcome, short talk about the Foundation, stamping passports.

Tea and coffee, with further refreshments available at the Foundation's Yurt Cafe.

PILGRIM WALK FROM WALTHAM ABBEY TO WARE

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Pilgrims are invited to join a one-day guided walk, led by Andy Bull, author of the newly-published guidebook to the London to Walsingham Camino, and supported by the Confraternity of St James, whose members have helped research the path.



SCHEDULE

10am

Gather in Waltham Abbey Church

10.30am

Begin walk to Broxbourne
via the River Lea Country Park (6 miles)

12.30-1.00pm

Lunch at St Augustine's Church, Broxbourne

1.00pm

Continue walk to Great Amwell (5.5 miles)

3.30pm

Arrive at St John's Church, Great Amwell

4pm

Continue walk to Ware (2 miles)

4.45pm

Arrive at St Mary's Church, Ware

You are welcome to join at the start of the walk, at Broxbourne or Great Amwell.

To register your interest, and for full details of the day, including transport links,
contact Andy Bull (andybull@gmail.com).



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THE CONFRATERNITY
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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!

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