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From the Rector



The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales is set to petition the Holy See in Rome to upgrade the memorial of Our Lady of Walsingham to become a Feast in England.

UPGRADING THE MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM TO A FEAST IN ENGLAND



"I am delighted that the Holy See has been petitioned by the Bishops' Conference to upgrade the memoria of Our Lady of Walsingham to a feast.

Clearly, both at the national shrine and in the diocese of East Anglia, 24th September is already an important feast, but having it as a feast nationally will help make the message of Our Lady's Annunciation, and the 11th century shrine at Walsingham which honours it, even more significant for our country."

MGR PHILIP MOGER
RECTOR

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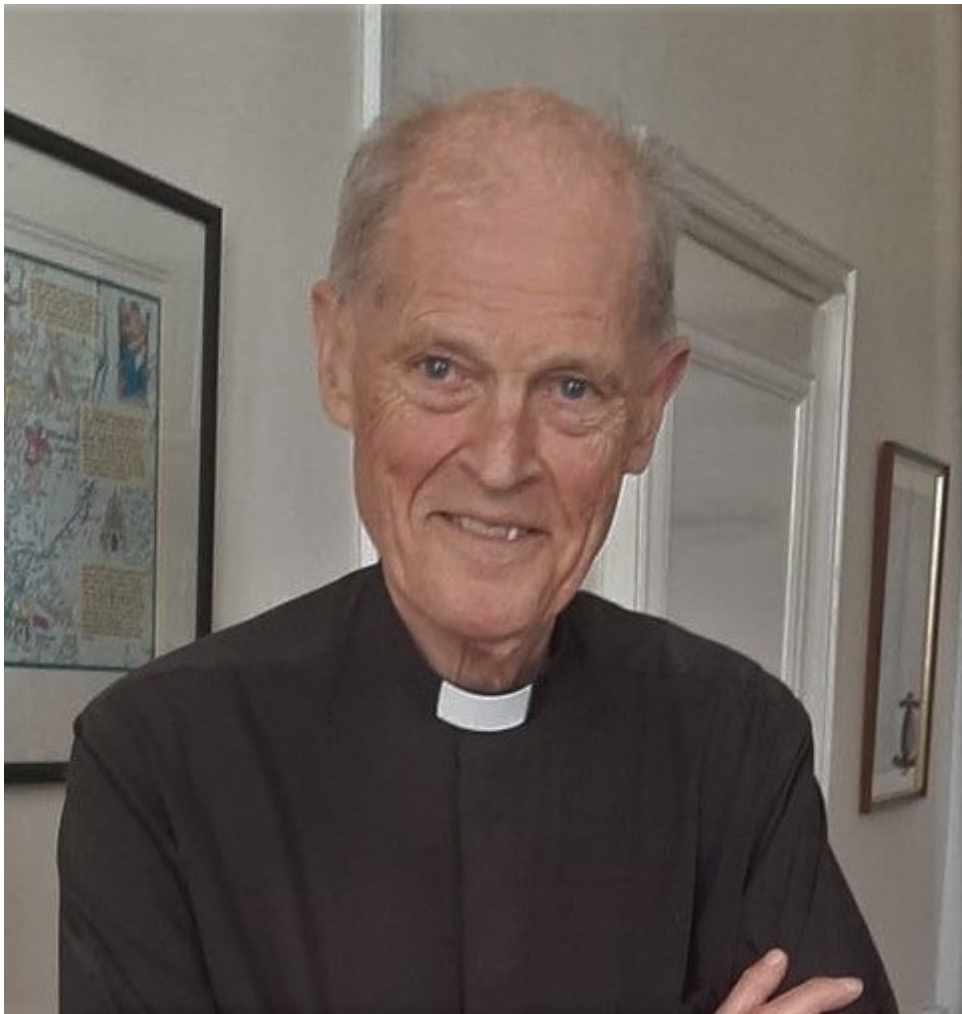
We say a fond farewell to Fr. Colin Mary OFM Conv.



On Saturday, 12th November we bid farewell to Fr Colin Mary OFM Conv. He celebrated the 12 noon Pilgrim Mass that day, the Memoria of St Josaphat, martyr.

Fr Colin, who has served at Our Lady's Shrine since 2020, has been moved by his Order to a new assignment, based in Manchester. During his time in Walsingham, he has endeared himself to all, by his kind and generous ministry, both to pilgrims, casual visitors, fellow-clergy and staff. He will be greatly missed at England's Nazareth, but we wish him well and God's blessing as he leaves us. Ad multos annos!

Fr Jeremy Davies RIP



It is with sincere sympathy and prayer that Mgr. Moger, the Walsingham Chaplains, the Franciscans, the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful mourn the passing of dear Fr. Jeremy Davies who died in the early hours Saturday November 5th 2022. Fr. Jeremy had a peaceful, gentle, prayerful and beautiful passing into Eternal Mysteries.

We had the joy of having Fr. Jeremy at Our Lady's Shrine and in Walsingham during the last two years of his life. He touched many hearts by his priestly witness of prayer and faithfulness.

Fr. Jeremy was priest of the Diocese of Westminster and we give you the announcement regarding Fr. Jeremy's funeral arrangements sent out by Mgr. Martin Hayes, Vicar General, Diocese of Westminster.

Fr Jeremy Ponsonby Meredyth Davies - funeral arrangements

Fr Jeremy's mortal remains will be received at the Slipper Chapel at Walsingham on Thursday 1 December at 4.30pm.

Fr Jeremy's Funeral Mass will be in the Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation, Houghton St Giles on Friday 2 December at 1.30pm with Bishop John

Sherrington presiding and Fr Angelus Houle of the Diocese of Brentwood giving the homily.

**The reception of the body and the Funeral Mass will be [livestreamed](#)*.*

A private burial will follow at St Mary's Church, Little Walsingham.

Priests who want to concelebrate are welcome and are asked to bring their alb and purple diocesan Mass vestments and to email their intention to: sacristy@walsingham.org.uk

Fr Jeremy was a member of the Deceased Clergy Association.

May the soul of Fr Jeremy rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Obituary

Events

Date for the Diary!

CLERGY RETREAT

6th - 10th March 2023

Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady

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**ADVENT RETREAT
WALSINGHAM
9TH - 11TH DECEMBER**



This will be our last retreat of the year, so don't miss out!

As well as talks, fellowship and prayer, there will be a beautiful Advent Carol Service at the Shrine on the Sunday afternoon. Find out more on the Dowry House website: <http://dowryhouse.org.uk/events-listing/advent-retreat/>

Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria - November 25th



(Thank you to EWTN GB for the photo)

The mid 14th century Slipper Chapel in Walsingham is dedicated to St. Catherine of Alexandria, the Patron Saint of Pilgrims, and also patroness of those who guarded the Holy Places in Palestine, including the Holy House at Nazareth.

According to ancient tradition, St. Catherine's body was miraculously transported to Mount Sinai, the mountain of the Burning Bush, where Moses was commanded to remove his shoes before setting foot on such Holy Ground in the presence of God.

Likewise there is a tradition in Walsingham, that pilgrims removed their shoes in the Slipper Chapel to walk the Holy Mile barefoot in penitence for their sins, as preparation for arriving at the Holy House and Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, in the ancient Priory Grounds.

Prayer

Glorious St. Catherine, virgin, and martyr help me to imitate your love of purity. Give me strength and courage in fighting off the temptations of the world and evil desires. Help me to love God with my whole heart and serve him faithfully. O St. Catherine, through your glorious martyrdom for the love of Christ, help me to be loyal to my faith and my God as long as I live. Amen

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

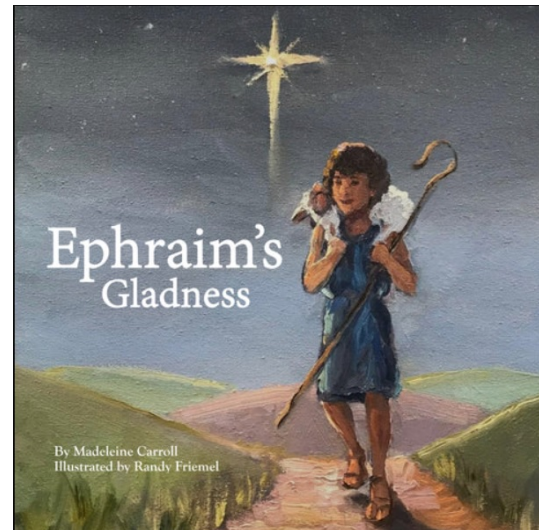
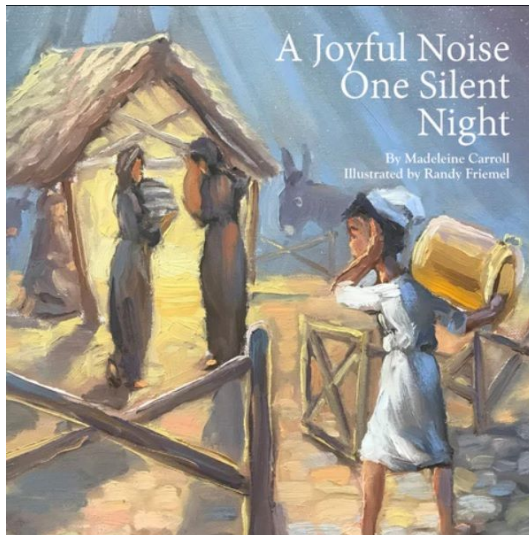


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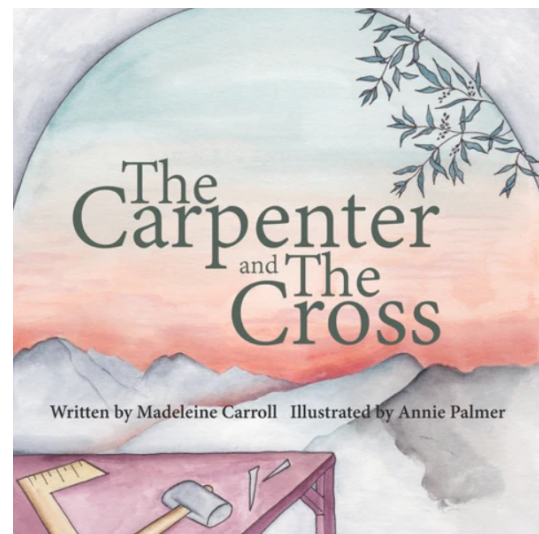
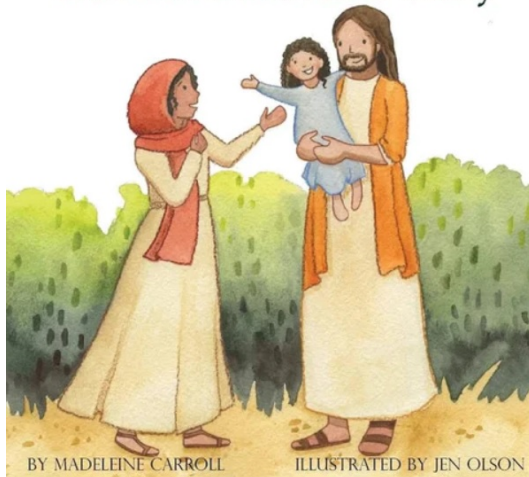


Watch live!

From our Shop



The Creator's Love Story



The Slipper Chapel Bookshop at Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham has a wide selection of the books by Madeleine Carroll - why not include some of these as Christmas presents for your children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nephews or nieces?

Children's picture story books by Madeleine Carroll - a home-schooling mother who loves writing, walking and reading to her children.

We are blessed to stock this beautiful series of children's books which will greatly help both children and adults alike to enter into the glory of their Catholic faith, from many different angles, with age appropriate pictures, story telling and suggested follow up.

The scripture stories and others invite children to enter into a world of religious beauty, reflection and questioning which will be foundational to future learning and greater depth of understanding.

The books are presented in a reflective way, which in time I am certain will open the child up to contemplative yearnings.

Parents, Grandparents and others will only be blessed by the opportunity to read these books with their children and grandchildren.

The illustrations are simply exquisite, and are by varied and gifted artists. I would suggest these books are best suitable for children under 7yrs.

I would encourage older siblings to read these stories with their younger brothers and sisters.

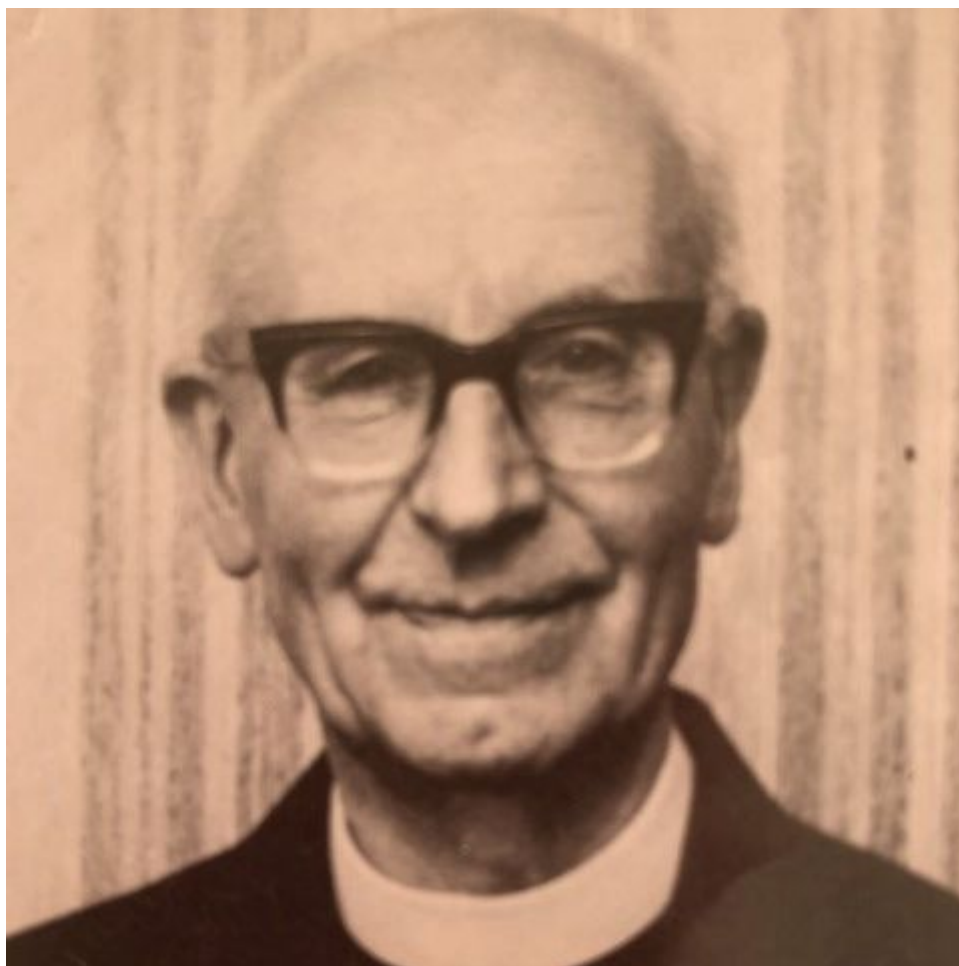
An opportunity for child to child engagement to open up opportunities for family faith sharing and prayer.

Review by Antonia Moffat

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From the Shrine

Why the Rimmer Lounge? Why the Rimmer Statue?



Present day Pilgrims may wonder why a room at the Pilgrim Bureau is called the Rimmer room? And why the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham in the Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation is called the Rimmer statue? A gift to the Shrine from Fr. Rimmer ... and little did he know, that one day it would be given such a prominent position!

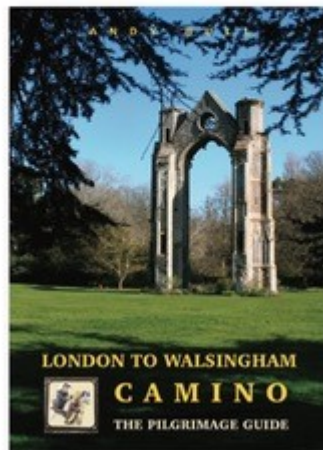
Fr. Gerry Rimmer who died in 1992 in the words of Fr. Peter Allen sm. (A former Rector of the Shrine). *"He was one of the most dedicated and enthusiastic Walsingham pilgrims. His devotion was extraordinary and many times he walked from Manchester to the Shrine to pray for its work and to raise money for its upkeep - the last time in his eightieth year! We were only able to do substantial restoration work on the Slipper Chapel because of money donated by Fr. Gerry. Typically he wanted no-one to know, but it is a memorial to his devotion. As well as being on the Diocesan Committee for the Salford Pilgrimage, he was a chaplain to the Caribbean community and always looked forward to his visit with them to the Shrine. His greatest desire was to bring young people to Walsingham. On his last visit, he wrote to his many friends asking them to help the Shrine provide amenities enabling young people to come and stay."*

May Fr. Gerry rest in peace and rise in glory.

May his prayers accompany all those who work for, and come as pilgrims to Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham in these times.

London to Walsingham Camino - The Pilgrimage Guide

Walk the New Camino: London to Walsingham



'Andy Bull's superb guide is a must for pilgrims, walkers and lovers of culture'

INDEPENDENT CATHOLIC NEWS

Before Henry VIII outlawed pilgrimage and the veneration of saints in 1538, the route from London to the shrine at Walsingham in Norfolk was the most popular pilgrimage in England.

This guide follows a newly resurrected 177.9-mile route devised by the author. Divided into thirteen easy to moderately-challenging stages, it's a truly uplifting walking experience, following footpaths and quiet lanes across the glorious east of England.

The route has now been given **official recognition by the Confraternity of St James**, better known for their organisation of the Camino de Santiago in Spain. That means any pilgrim who walks at least 25km of it will be able to use that 25km towards the total of 100km that must be walked in order to get the official *credencial* on reaching Santiago.

'I have walked to Walsingham twice ... [and] ... I walked the Camino del Norte to Santiago. I am therefore delighted that the route from London to Walsingham is now better established and therefore more available for other pilgrims and also drawn into the network of pilgrimages under the umbrella of the Confraternity of Saint James. Walsingham is England's Nazareth'.

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Walsingham Association National Draw 25th November 2022

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Phone 01328 800953 to secure your tickets!

<https://walsinghamassociation.org.uk/event/2022-national-draw-friday-25th-november/>

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Thank you for your continued generosity and response to the Shrine's deficit appeal. Through your support the Shrine's forecast deficit for the year has reduced to £190,000. Your continued support is most appreciated.

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Text **Mary** To **70470**

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