

WALSINGHAM, SATURDAY 11TH JUNE 11AM

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Why is there a pilgrimage here?

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham dates back to 1061. **Richedlis de Faverches** had a great devotion to Our Lady. She was taken in the Spirit to Nazareth to the **House of the Annunciation** where the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary. Lady Richeldis followed the request of the Virgin Mary and built a replica of the Holy House in Walsingham. In 1150 an Augustian Abbey was built around the Holy House so the canons could serve the pilgrims.

The Abbey and Holy House were destroyed during the reformation. In 1896 the Slipper Chapel, one mile from the original shrine which had been the last stop before reaching the Abbey, was restored for Catholic Worship and today's shrine built around it.

What happens on this pilgrimage?

This year we will be meeting at 11am at the Catholic Shrine where Mass will be celebrated by Rt Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham at 12 Noon. After Mass there will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to pray in the ancient Slipper Chapel, have a picnic or visit the gift shop or cafe.

The Holy Mile Procession will begin at 3pm (transport provided for those who can't walk) with the singing of hymns, praying the rosary and following the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to the ruins of the Abbey for Benediction. The pilgrimage will finish by 5pm.



What do people say about this pilgrimage?

"England's Nazareth, the national Shrine of Our Lady is a special place for me and my family. You can feel the prayers of pilgrims who have asked the intercession of Mary throughout the ages. Knowing that you are together as a diocese with your Bishop leading the day, is a wonderful way to experience belonging to the Church- the same Church from 1081- ancient but ever new."

Where is it?

Local Coaches go from across the diocese. If you are using sat nav the recommended route to the Shrine, please use the postcode NR22 6AS – then follow the road signs. (NB This is not the Shrine's postcode but gives the best route).

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