

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

Newsletter - June/July 2022



From the Rector



Pilgrims, both actual and virtual, will, in recent weeks, have noticed scaffolding surrounding the Church of Our Lady of Reconciliation. Wear and tear to the north-



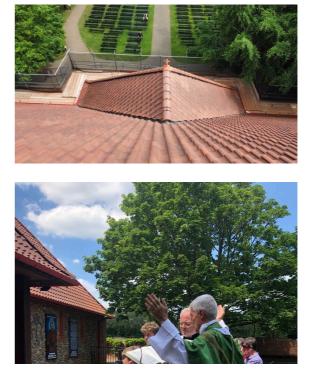
facing roof, meant repairs needed to be done, to prevent water ingress. The work is now finished, the scaffolding removed and a pristine array of roof tiles is there for all to see.

Observant viewers will have spotted a fine *finial* decoration on the canopy above the altar, courtesy of AT Cornfield, our roofers. This is in the shape of a *fleur-de-lis* (flower of the lily). The fleur-de-lis has been used in the heraldry of numerous European nations, but is particularly associated with France, notably during the period of the monarchy.

In Walsingham of course, we're reminded that the lily – a symbol of charity and chastity – aptly represents the Blessed Virgin Mary. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham has her holding a sceptre (a symbol of Queenship) fashioned like a threefold lilly. This tells us that Our Lady is the pure lilly chosen by the Blessed Trinity from all eternity.

Mgr Philip Moger









The new roof and fleur-de-lis *finial* were blessed by Mgr. Moger on June 15th following the 12 Noon Mass.

Thanks to generous benefactors, including the Walsingham Association, we've been able, so far, to raise £46,073 of the £64,000 bill. If you would like to donate to this project, please link to our <u>donations page</u>.

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40th Anniversary of Ordination





Mgr. Philip Moger will celebrate his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on Sunday 26th June.

He will celebrate Holy Mass in thanksgiving in the Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation on Saturday June 25th at 2.30pm.

We ask you to keep Fr. Philip in prayer during this grace filled time of thanksgiving and celebration.

Ad Multos Annos!

Canonisation of Founder St. Charles de Foucauld





Some reflections from Little Sister Kathy concerning the recent Canonisation of their Founder St. Charles de Foucauld.

The Little Sisters of Jesus have been present in Walsingham for nearly 50 years.

Bishop David Oakley of the Diocese of Northampton celebrated Holy Mass at Our Lady's Shrine in Thanksgiving.

Walsingham is known as "England's Nazareth" and so it seemed good that his canonisation be celebrated here, but the prospect of organising a big celebration was a bit daunting, given our small number. It could only work if we got others involved. But a few months earlier we had organised a small celebration for LSr Patricia's 50th Jubilee and we could sense what a great longing there was in the parish to get together after all the Covid restrictions. So we took the risk.

We began by inviting Bishop David Oakley, who had been a long-time member of the priests' fraternity and had known us in Birmingham. He immediately accepted and suggested that the celebration take place during the noon Mass at the shrine since it is live streamed and would reach more people.

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Events

World Priest Global Rosary Relay

24th June 2022







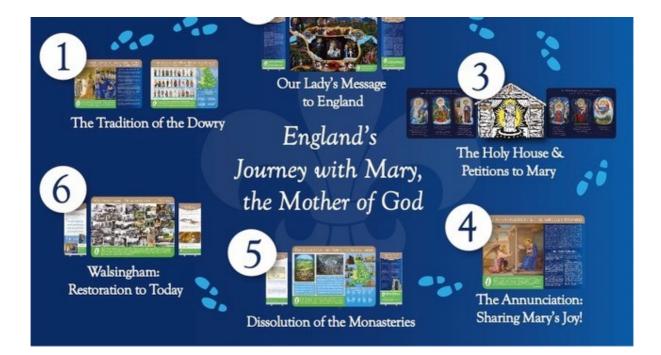
The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham, will unite live via EWTN at 2.45pm on Friday, June 24th, Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is to pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary in intercession for the sanctification of priests.

Our Lady's Shrine takes part in this 24 hour *World Priest Rosary Relay* alongside sister Marian Shrines from all over the World.

Dowry Tour 2022

The Final Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place in Westminster Cathedral during October, culminating on October 28th and 29th 2022. Details to follow.





Would you like to learn more about England's treasured title as the Dowry of Mary?

Edmund Matyjaszek is offering the opportunity of talks and presentations to parishes, in and around the Home Counties and beyond, on **England as the Dowry of Mary**.

His talks may help parishes prepare for the Dowry Tour visitation of Our Lady of Walsingham which is to take place in Westminster Cathedral October 28th & 29th.

His next talk is at 7pm on Tuesday July 19th in St. Augustine's, Hoddesdon.

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*...incredible. ...No one has ever put into words the meaning of England as Mary's Dowry as you have."

Antonia Moffat Walsingham Shrine



In light of the rededication of England as Mary's Dowry on 29th March 2020, the Isle of Wight Catholic History Society sponsored publication of a sumptuously illustrated 24-page A4 booklet by Edmund Matyjaszek, author of "The Rosary: England's Prayer" (St Pauls Publishing), who writes:

"This ancient title was first publicly proclaimed by King Richard II in 1381. In the months preceding the 2020 re-dedication, the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham toured all English Cathedrals, accompanied by an exhibition, talks and services. During this time, I was invited to give a talk to the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, and later, in place of Mgr John Armitage, then Rector of the Shrine, to the Catholic Women's League at their AGM. This booklet is a record of these talks and is both a historical survey of the Downy and a personal journey of how I came to understand its meaning and mission."

With the forthcoming visit of the Shrine Statue to Westminster Cathedral in October 2022, postponed from March 2020 due to Covid, Edmund is available to give talks to groups and parishes from May 2022 to prepare for the Statue's visit.

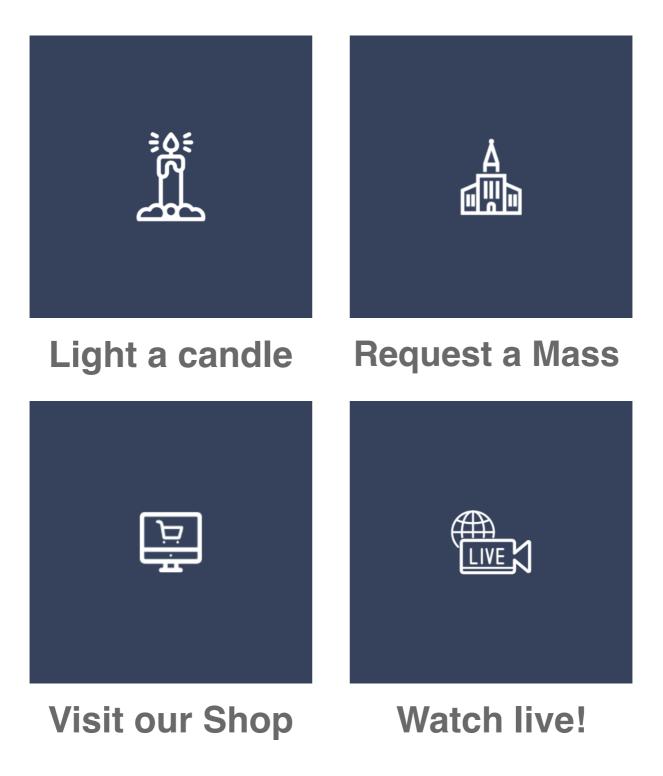


Thank you!

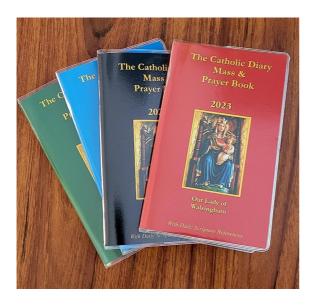
We would like to thank you all for your generous

support over the last few months! If you would like to <u>contribute to the running of the Shrine</u>, 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:



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