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23rd September 2018

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S	22	6.00pm		priest's intentions
Su	23	10.00am		the people of the Parish & their needs
		12noon		private intention
M	24	10.00am	Our Lady of Walsingham	the Ordinariate
T	25	10.00am	feria	Robert Troy (rip)
W	26	NB 9.15am	SS Cosmas & Damian	at St Joseph's
T	27	7.30am	St Vincent de Paul	intentions of Sonny Brown
F	28	10.00am	St Wenceslaus	Oswald McKertich & Glynn Dridge (rip)
		12noon		
S	29	9.00am	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	private intention

Requiem Mass & Funeral of Teresa Caroline Kelly

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

S	29	6.00pm		Marjorie Brooks (rip)
Su	30	10.00am		private intention
		12noon		the people of the Parish & their needs

Mass times and intentions are subject to change if there is a funeral.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: after Mass on Saturday morning

Holy Rosary: Saturday at 5pm

Confessions: Saturday 9.30-10am; 5.15-5.45pm and at call

Holy Matrimony: in accordance with the norms of Canon Law, SIX months' notice must be given, whether the marriage is here or abroad, to enable the required spiritual preparation to take place and for the paperwork to be gathered and, if necessary, submitted to the Chancellor of the Diocese. Please make an appointment to see the Parish Priest.

Parish Centre Bookings: call the Parish Office

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

16 September £1451.24

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THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Our Lady of Walsingham. The shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham in Norfolk was one of the great pilgrimage centres of mediaeval times. The lady of the manor of Walsingham, Richeldis de Faverches, had a vision in which the Virgin Mary instructed her to build in her village an exact replica of the house in Nazareth where the Annunciation had taken place. According to tradition this vision occurred in 1061, although the most likely date for the construction of the shrine is a hundred years later.

This Holy House was built and a religious community took charge of the foundation. Although we have very little historical material from this period, we know that with papal approval the Augustinian Canons built a Priory (c 1150). Walsingham became one of the greatest Shrines in Medieval Christendom.

PLEASE pray for all who live in the midst of violence. For Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. For those who are sick either at Home, in Hospital or Nursing Home – Emily Star, Eunice Ufoeze, Agnes Gallen, Anne Pryce, Marie Greevy, the Doyle family, Brain Slattery, Helena Dussil, Christopher Clifford, Catheryn Brown; for the recently departed, - Theresa Caroline Kelly, those killed as a result of the violence and terrorism. Peace in the world and for those who govern the nations that they may do so wisely and justly.

In 1538, the Reformation caused the Priory property to be handed over to the King's Commissioners and the famous statue of Our Lady of Walsingham was taken to London and burnt. Nothing remains today of the original shrine, but its site is marked on the lawn in The Abbey Grounds in the village.

After the destruction of the Shrine, Walsingham ceased to be a place of pilgrimage. Devotion was necessarily in secret until after Catholic Emancipation (1829) when public expressions of faith were allowed.

In 1896 Charlotte Pearson Boyd purchased the 14th century Slipper Chapel, the last of the wayside chapels en-route to Walsingham, and restored it for Catholic use. In 1897 by rescript of Pope Leo XIII, the sanctuary of Our Lady of Walsingham was restored with the building of a Holy House as the Lady Chapel of the Catholic Church of the Annunciation, King's Lynn.

The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, brought the first public pilgrimage to Walsingham on 20th August 1897. Visits to the Slipper Chapel became more frequent, and as the years passed devotion and the number of pilgrimages increased. On 19th August 1934, Cardinal Bourne and Bishop Lawrence Youens led the Bishops of England and Wales, together with 10,000 pilgrims to the Slipper Chapel. At this pilgrimage, the Slipper Chapel was declared to be the National Shrine of Our Lady for Roman Catholics in England.

During the War Years, Walsingham was a restricted zone and closed to visitors, but many service men and women showed interest in the Shrine. On May 17th 1945, the American Forces organised the first Mass in the Priory grounds since the Reformation.

Between 1968 and 2015 the Marist Fathers had the care of the shrine and, with the Marist Sisters and others, were responsible for the ministry to pilgrims. With the appointment of the last Marist Shrine Director, Rt. Rev Alan Williams SM as Bishop of Brentwood, the Society was unable to provide a successor and Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales appointed Monsignor John Armitage as Rector of the National Shrine. The Marist Sisters and various secular priests continue their ministry at the Shrine. During the Visit of Pope John Paul II to England in 1982, the Slipper Chapel Statue was taken to Wembley Stadium and was carried around the stadium prior to the Papal Mass preceded by The Director of the Roman Catholic Shrine (Fr Clive Birch sm) and the Administrator of the Anglican Shrine (Rev Christopher Colven, now Fr Christopher Colven, parish priest of St James, Spanish Place).

The Shrine now attracts some 150,000 pilgrims during the pilgrimage season with about 35 Major Pilgrimages from Catholic, Diocesan or Ethnic groups and Catholic Societies or Associations as well as many Parish and Overseas groups. At present our largest Pilgrimages are those of the Tamil community who come each May (c.6,000) and again in July with about 15,000 pilgrims, some being Christian and some Hindu in faith. The Syro-Malabar community bring about 5,000 pilgrims on their National Pilgrimage in July.

On the Feast of the Holy Family, 2015, during Pontifical Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation at the Shrine, Bishop Alan Hopes read out a document from the Vatican, stating that Pope Francis was pleased to confer the title of Minor Basilica on the Shrine. There are only three sites with that title in England, the other two being St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham and Downside Abbey Church.

SS Cosmas & Damian are buried at Cyrrhus in Syria, where a basilica was constructed in their honour. In the

fifth century their cult spread rapidly through the entire Church. Little is known about them. Their names have been included in the Roman Canon from earliest times.

St Vincent de Paul (1581 - 1660) was born in Aquitaine and became a priest. He devoted his whole life to the service of the poor. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work, groups of laymen to help paupers and galley-slaves, and, with St Louise de Marillac, the Sisters of Charity.

St Wenceslaus (907 - 935) was born into the Bohemian royal family, and brought up as a Christian by his aunt. When he became king, he worked hard to promote order in his kingdom and the free exercise of Christianity. This raised considerable opposition, and he was eventually murdered by his brother's henchmen. He was immediately acclaimed as a martyr, is the patron saint of the Czech republic and most memorably went out "on the Feast of Stephen."

St Michael is mentioned in the Apocalypse as the leader of the heavenly host. He is a patron of soldiers.

Holy Michael, Archangel, defend us in battle: be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

St Gabriel appears in the book of Daniel and explains some of the prophet's visions. He was also the bearer of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the Book of Tobit, **St Raphael** is the angel who heals Tobit of his blindness. His name means *God heals*.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This Sunday after 10am Mass.

BINGO EVENING

Saturday 6th October, 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets – adults £10, children £5. Includes supper. Bring your own bottle(s). Proceeds to the Senior Christmas party.

ADVANCE NOTICE

RCIA preliminary meeting Monday 19th November at 7.30pm. If you are enquiring about the Faith or would like to deepen your own faith or are just curious, please come along. No pressure! This is a 'come and see' meeting. This year we will be using Bishop Robert Barron's DVDs called "Catholicism." They are beautifully produced and speak to our hearts of the grace our faith gives us. This is Catholicism from the inside, rooted in friendship with Jesus Christ.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

V: Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

R: O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless this archdiocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives to serve Thy Church and to make Thee known and loved.

V: Bless our families. Bless our children.

R: Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

V: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

R: Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more.