

Pilgrim Guide 2026

Mary, Cause of Our Joy

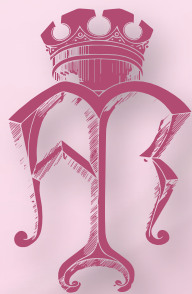
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Pynson Ballad
c. 1485



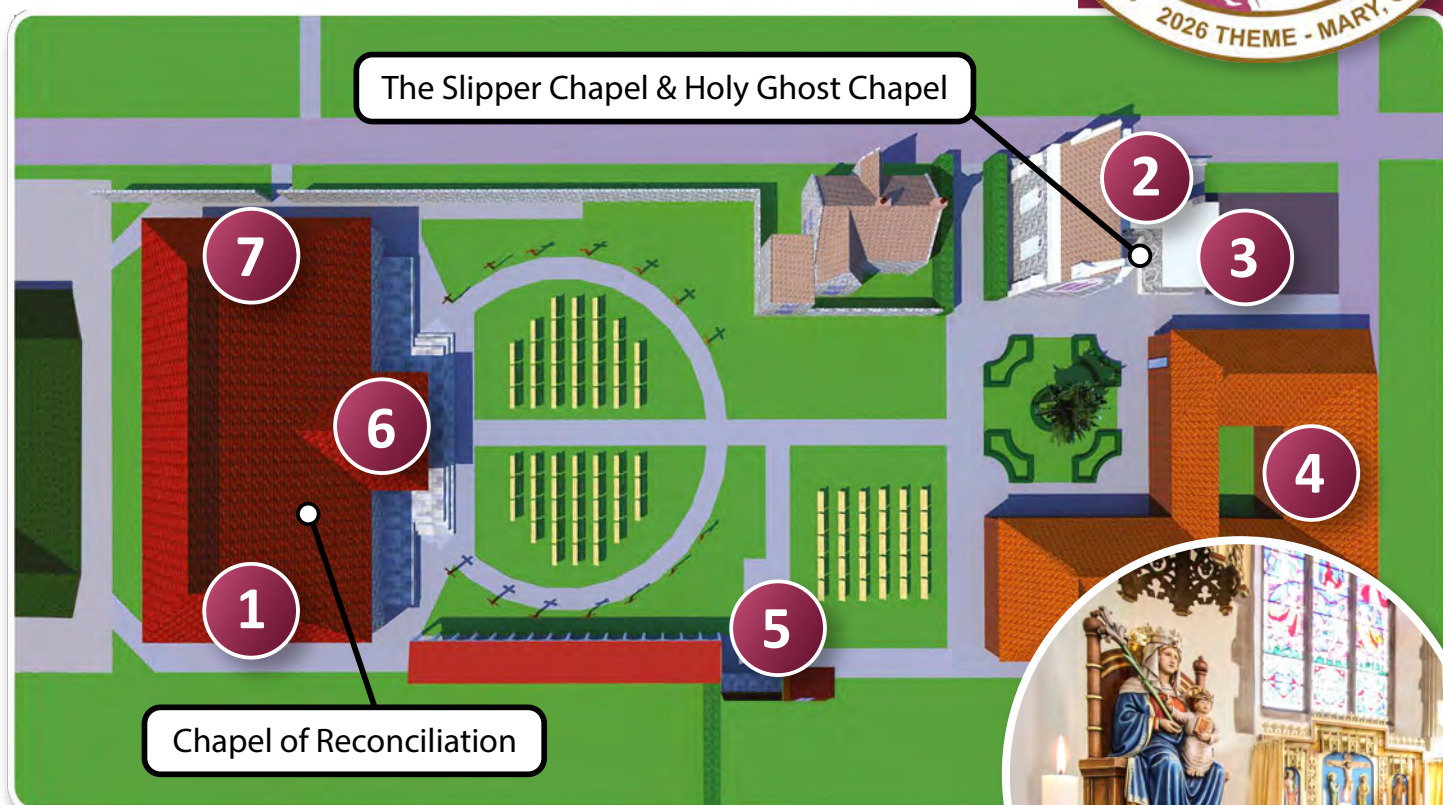
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Pilgrim Pathway for the Year 2026

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The Pilgrim Pathway for 2026 offers a simple route to help you pray your way through the Shrine and Basilica site with focus and joy. Follow the numbered steps on the map, beginning with Confession and the Pilgrim Mass, then visiting the Slipper Chapel and the Relics in the Holy Ghost Chapel, before spending time in Adoration and ending with the Rosary and Benediction.



- 1 Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and attend the 12 noon Pilgrim Mass
- 2 Visit the Slipper Chapel and present your petition to Our Lady
- 3 Visit the Relics in the Holy Ghost Chapel
- 4 Light a candle in the candle cloister, or have a 7-day candle lit for your intention from the Mass Office
- 5 Collect Holy Water. If needed, you can buy a Holy Water bottle from the Gift Shop
- 6 Spend some time in with Our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7 Pray the Rosary at 3pm and receive the Lord's blessing at Benediction



Slipper Chapel - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady

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A WORD FROM THE RECTOR



My dear Pilgrim,

It is with great joy, that I welcome you to the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham, in 2026. I invite you to come on pilgrimage to this sacred place, where for centuries, pilgrims have encountered the love of Christ through the intercession of His Blessed Mother.

Walsingham holds a special place in the heart of Catholic devotion in England. Since 1061, when Our Lady appeared in a dream to Richeldis de Faverches and asked her to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth, this Shrine has been a beacon of hope and joy for countless souls. In the medieval era, it stood among the four greatest pilgrimage sites of Christendom, drawing kings, queens, and faithful from all walks of life. Even after the Reformation brought about its destruction, devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham never entirely ceased, and in 1934, the Slipper Chapel was formally declared as the National Catholic Shrine to Our Lady. Today, the flame of faith continues to burn brightly here for your intentions.

Our National Shrine remains a place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelisation, and reconciliation. We invite you to come and experience the grace of this holy place through the daily celebration of the Mass, Confession, Adoration, Benediction and the recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Shrine pilgrimage theme for 2026 is **Mary, Cause of Our Joy**, reminding us that in every age, the path of Mary leads to our life and joy in Christ.

On behalf of the Augustinian Friars, the Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the entire team here at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, I pray that your visit will strengthen your faith and joy in the Lord. Whether you are here for a day visit, attending Mass and offering prayers at the Slipper Chapel, or staying longer in our accommodation, know that you are most welcome. May your time at Walsingham be one of deep spiritual renewal, encounter, and peace.

May God bless you abundantly in 2026 and may Our Lady of Walsingham intercede for you and all those you hold dear, as you visit our National Shrine to Our Lady in England.

With every blessing and an assurance of our prayers,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert P Billing".

Rev Dr Robert Billing
Rector

SHRINE GUIDE - 2026

A very warm welcome, particularly if this is your first visit, to the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham. We are delighted that you have come to this sacred place, whether you are part of an organized pilgrimage or seeking personal reflection and prayer away from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

May this holy place be a source of healing, peace, and joy for you. We encourage you to spend time in the Chapels, walk the Pilgrim Way, and find peace in the Shrine Grounds. May your journey here renew your spirit and deepen your hope as we all walk together *with Mary, Cause of Our Joy*.

WHAT IS A SHRINE?

Shrines have been revered throughout history as places where God reveals Himself, is honoured and worshipped. Shrines are places for reflection and spiritual growth and are typically designated to help foster devotion to Our Lady or a particular saint.

A Marian Shrine, such as Walsingham, is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Walsingham, known as 'England's Nazareth,' is a holy place where pilgrims come to seek deeper spiritual growth, reflect on their lives, and encounter God through Mary's intercession.

The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady, at Walsingham, is the National Shrine to Our Lady in England, designated as such by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, and so the Rector is appointed upon their mandate.

WHAT IS A BASILICA?

A Basilica is a church of special importance, designated as such by the Vatican for its spiritual, historical, and architectural significance. In 2015, Pope Francis elevated the Catholic Shrine at Walsingham to the status of Minor Basilica, recognizing its pivotal role in English and Marian devotion. You can find traditional symbols of a basilica here, such as the *Umbraculum* [ceremonial umbrella], *Tintinnabulum* (bell), and the Papal Crossed Keys. You can see the Shrine's *Umbraculum* in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

These symbols remind us that the Basilica is a place of unique grace, where we are invited to rediscover the beauty and depth of our faith.

The Basilica incorporates the Slipper Chapel, the Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation and the Shrine Grounds immediately surrounding both.



SHRINE INFORMATION AND SERVICES

PILGRIMAGE OFFICE

The Shrine has a Pilgrimage Office which helps pilgrims arrange a pilgrimage to Walsingham. We will work with you ahead of time, to put together a schedule around Shrine's Daily Programme. Please get in touch and find out how we can help you organise your pilgrimage.

Telephone: 01328 801009

Email: pilgrimage@walsingham.org.uk

PILGRIM BUREAU

The Shrine also has a Pilgrim Bureau at the heart of the village in Little Walsingham at Elmham House (our Shrine accommodation). This office includes our Groups Accommodation Desk and deals with all our residential pilgrims' and visitors' accommodation needs.

Telephone: 01328 820 217 or

Email: reservations@walsingham.org.uk

SHRINE GIFT SHOP

Visit the Slipper Chapel Shop to purchase a wide range of Walsingham gifts, including statues, Rosaries, and water bottles. We also stock a good selection of religious and devotional items, cards and gifts for all occasions. The Shrine's shop is a perfect place to buy a souvenir or a treat for yourself, or a gift for someone special.

The shop is also online at www.slipperchapelshop.com, and orders can be made online or by calling **01328 821974** or emailing shop@walsingham.org.uk

SHRINE TEA ROOM

The Shrine's Tea Room is ideal if you are looking for refreshments or a lunch, especially after the 12 noon Pilgrim Mass. It offers a selection of lunches, cakes, pastries and snacks, accompanied by drinks, tea and speciality coffees. Your support for our Tea Room is greatly appreciated.





SHRINE CALENDAR 2026

OUR MAJOR PILGRIMAGES:

MARCH

29 | Filipino Pilgrimage [Palm Sunday]

APRIL

3-5 | Pilgrim Cross [Good Friday]

MAY

2 | Salford Pilgrimage
3 | Tamil One Pilgrimage
4 | East Anglia Pilgrimage
9 | Birmingham Pilgrimage
16 | Catholic Deaf Association Pilgrimage
17 | Day with Mary
23 | Brentwood Pilgrimage
26 | East Anglian Children's Pilgrimage
28 | Ordinariate Pilgrimage
31 | English Dominican Pilgrimage

JUNE

6 | Divine Mercy Pilgrimage
13 | Northampton Pilgrimage
20 | Nottingham Pilgrimage
27 | Southwark Pilgrimage

JULY

4 | Marist Pilgrimage
5 | SVP Pilgrimage
6-7 | UCM Pilgrimage
12 | Tamil Two Pilgrimage
18 | Syro-Malabar Pilgrimage
25 | Hallam Pilgrimage

AUGUST

1 | Pro-Life Pilgrimage
15 | The Assumption
29 | Syro-Malankara Pilgrimage
30 | Tamil Three Pilgrimage

SEPTEMBER

5 | Oratorian Pilgrimage
6 | Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage
11-13 | Order of Malta Pilgrimage
19 | Westminster Pilgrimage
24 | Our Lady of Walsingham
26 | Leeds & Middlesbrough Pilgrimage

OCTOBER

3 | Jesus Youth UK Pilgrimage
10 | Polish Pilgrimage
23-25 | Arundel & Brighton Pilgrimage



SHRINE DAILY SCHEDULE*

10:30 - 11:30

10:30 - 11:45

11:00

12 noon

14:00 - 15:30

15:00

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament *(not on Sundays)*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Rosary

Angelus and Pilgrim Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction

*Please note that this timetable is subject to change. For more details, always check: www.walsingham.org.uk.



STAY WITH US

— in 2026

MEALS

Serving breakfast, lunch and supper.
Two course meal from £18.50.

CHILDREN

Half Price B&B and meals for children
from 5 to 16 (under 5s go free).

**1st March to
mid-December**

STANDARD ROOMS

FROM
£73
B&B



ENSUITE ROOMS

FROM
£95
B&B



For bookings and to check availability call **01328 820 217** or
email **reservations@walsingham.org.uk**. For further information
on our hotel and venues, please go to our website: **www.walsingham.org.uk**

COME TO

Walsingham

WELCOMING PILGRIMS

SINCE 1061



ELMHAM HOUSE TARIFF 2026

Prices quoted are per person per night. Subject to change

	B&B	HB	FB
<i>Standard</i>	£73	£90	£99
<i>Ensuite</i>	£95	£112	£121

Half Price B&B and meals for children from 5 to 12. Children under 4 complimentary.

MEALS

Evening Meal £17.00 • Packed Lunch £9

Meals should be pre-booked where available.

Evening meal £20 when booking on the day

FOR RESIDENTIAL GROUP BOOKINGS

Special group rates are available upon request, prices start from £60 per person.

Please contact us directly to discuss your requirements.

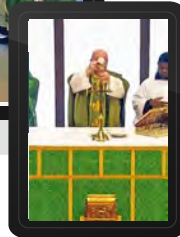
For group bookings only, call us on 01328 800 979

or email groups@walsingham.org.uk

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You can participate in the
daily 12pm Pilgrim Mass,
morning and afternoon
devotions, on our

LIVESTREAM

as well as spend some
time with Our Lady in the
Slipper Chapel.

www.walsingham.org.uk/tv



7-DAY CANDLE

Light a 7-day candle at the feet of
Our Lady in the Basilica for a loved
one or a personal intention

Purchase from the Shrine's Mass Office
or request online at www.walsingham.org.uk/candle

Suggested Donation: £10 for a 7-day candle

Online
Shop

Slipper Chapel Shop



www.slipperchapelshop.com

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the Shrine!**
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Gift Shop support
the work of the
Shrine.



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and books including
exclusive items
honouring Our Lady of
Walsingham.

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WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR LADY'S SHRINE

- Make a one-off donation
- Set up a regular donation
- Honour a loved one in the Shrine Memorial Book
- Leave a gift in your will
- Support the Rector's Liturgical Fund
- Light a candle
- Visit the Slipper Chapel shop or order online
- Visit our Tea Room

The Shrine relies on the generosity of pilgrims to continue her mission

Ways to give:

- Online: walsingham.org.uk/support
- Scan the QR code
- **Bank Transfer:** Name: RC Shrine
SC 30-99-77 AccNo: 28909560

Boost your donation with Gift Aid!

If you are a UK taxpayer, signing up

for Gift Aid allows us to reclaim 25p for every £1 you donate - at no extra cost to you.



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