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22 SEPTEMBER 2024 – 25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Divine Office: Week 1

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM TUESDAY ~ 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

In this 90th anniversary year of the restoration of the Catholic Shrine at Walsingham, The Vatican has granted permission for Our Lady of Walsingham to be celebrated as a new Feast in the dioceses of England, starting this year on 24 September 2024. This has happened at the request of Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference in England & Wales. Previously This date had formally existed in the Catholic Calendar as an **Obligatory Memorial** – obligatory as it is the National Shrine of Our Lady in England (Memorials can be either obligatory or optional). The decision by the Vatican to raise this Memorial to the rank of a **Feast Day** is exceptional as such a move does not normally happen. But according to Cardinal Roche, who reported the decision to Cardinal Nichols, the decision had been granted due to *“the historic importance of this shrine for the Church in England and Wales, dating back just over one thousand year the growing devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham to which you attest [Cardinal Nichols].”* The Feast will be in the National Calendar for England only, as the National Marian Shrine in Wales is Our Lady of Taper.

It is hoped this elevation will further help encourage many more pilgrims to come and stay with us on pilgrimage, particularly for the **Jubilee Year in 2025** and that the yearly celebration be a source of renewed grace and evangelical endeavour for the Church in England and Wales. In imitating Mary, the faithful may ever more become disciples of her Son, receive the message of the Gospel, treasure it in their hearts and reflect on it in their minds.

To put the various ranks in context with one another, a Memorial is the commemoration of a saint of lesser importance. Higher than a Memorial, Feasts rank as secondary liturgical days and include lesser events in the life of Jesus, Mary or an Apostle (theologically speaking) or for major saints. **The highest rank is a Solemnity.** They are usually reserved for the most important Mysteries of Faith, and include Easter, Pentecost and the Immaculate Conception; the principal titles of Our Lord, such as King and Sacred Heart; and celebrations that honour some saints of particular importance in salvation history (eg. St Peter and Paul, and St John the Baptist on his day of birth).

History of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: The Shrine was established in 1061, according to the text of the *Pynson Ballad* (see note at page bottom), when devout Christian noblewoman **Lady Richeldis de Faverches** (also known as Rychold), prayed that she might undertake some special work in honour of Our Lady. Richeldis was a holy woman with a great love of the Mother of God. She was not a visionary like the children in Lourdes and Fatima. She was a woman of faith, who pondered, meditated and prayed. In answer to her prayer, Our Lady appeared to Richeldis and showed her **in spirit the House of the Annunciation** where the Angel greeted Mary in Nazareth, **and asked her to build a replica in Walsingham as a perpetual memorial of the Annunciation.** The structure she had built was named the 'Holy House'. After the Holy House was built a religious community took charge of the foundation. There is very little historical material from this period, but we do know that with papal approval **the Augustinian Canons built a Priory (c.1150).** **Walsingham became one of the greatest Shrines in Medieval Christendom.** Walsingham is therefore a great Marian Shrine of the Incarnation - a place of pilgrimage for all who would rejoice with Mary at the great joy of the Annunciation. Pilgrims visit Walsingham, like Mary, to conceive Our Lord in their hearts, that they may bring Him forth into the world, rejoicing with His Mother. Many find help in their need at our ancient Shrine, where we rejoice with the Mother of God in the truth that *“The Word became flesh and lived among us.”*

The Reformation caused the Priory property to be handed over to the King's Commissioners in 1538 and **the famous statue of Our Lady of Walsingham was taken away to London to be burnt.** Nothing remains today of the original glorious shrine, but its site is marked on the lawn of “The Abbey Grounds” in the village. Walsingham ceased to be a public place of pilgrimage, and devotion kept in secret until after Catholic Emancipation (1829). **In 1896, Charlotte Pearson Boyd** was able to purchase 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, at King's Lynn. Pilgrimages began again in 1897. Pilgrims and pilgrimages to the Slipper Chapel became more frequent, and as the years passed by the numbers increased significantly. **The Slipper Chapel was declared the National Shrine of Our Lady for Catholics in England in 1934,** during a pilgrimage of 10,000 people, led by Cardinal Bourne of Westminster and Bishop Lawrence Youens of Northampton.

On 27 December 2015, Feast of the Holy Family, during a Pontifical Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation at the Shrine, Bishop Alan Hopes read out a decree from the Vatican, stating that **Pope Francis was pleased to confer the title of Minor Basilica** upon the Shrine precinct. There are only 3 sites with that title in England, the other two being St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham and Downside Abbey Church.

Today, the Shrine 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. The Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain brings about 5,000 pilgrims each year.

Note: The *Pynson Ballad* (c.1485), also called *The Foundation of the Chapel of Walsingham*, was a 15th century story of the vision of Rychold. It was published by Richard Pynson, King's printer and one of the first printers of English books.

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MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 22 SEPTEMBER 2024 – YEAR B **25TH SUNDAY of Ordinary Time**

Masses at St Peter's Church are also LIVE STREAMED via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough>

Saturday	21	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	22	9.30am	St Joseph's	<i>Harvest Thanksgiving</i>
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's	
Monday	23	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>
Tuesday	24	5.30pm	St Edward's	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>
Wednesday	25	11am	St Joseph's ** NO MASS AT ST PETER'S	<i>Requiem Mass</i>
Thursday	26	10am	St Joseph's	<i>Ss Cosmos & Damian</i>
Friday	27	10am	St Peter's	<i>St Vincent de Paul</i>
Saturday	28	10am	St Peter's	<i>St Wenceslaus / Ss Lawrence Ruiz & Comp</i>

MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE celebrated monthly **9.30am** on **4th Sunday of month** at St Edward's Church.

CONFESSIONS Normal times **Sat: 10.30-11am** at St Peter's & **5-5.20pm** at St Edward's; **Sun: 9-9.20am** at St Joseph's; & **by request**

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT weekdays **9.15 - 9.55am** at St Peter's, **1 hour before Mass** at St Joseph's, **5pm** St Edward's

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (Children only) St Peter's **1st Sunday** monthly; St Joseph's **Sundays**, weekly

ST PETER'S SCHOOL PRAYER WALL <https://padlet.com/ajwilson14/our-prayer-intentions-wall-zbws1e06ezgdq165>

HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: *that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.*

RECENTLY DEAD: Susan Elizabeth Scanlan, Sandra House, Canon Joe Taylor, Margaret Collins, Colin Brewster, Trish Mercier, Mary Regan, Val Atkins; **ANNIVERSARIES:** Ann Marie McNeilly-Pulford, Brian Murphy;

MASS ATTENDANCE: Vigil: St Edward's **81**; Sunday: St Joseph's **129**; St Peter's **172**; Polish **55** (est); **Total 437**

OFFERINGS: Loose Plate **£583**; Gift Aid Envelopes **£180**, **Standing Orders £760** (av.); Contactless **£49**; Polish: **£30**;

Total £1,602. Thank you! **STANDING ORDER/ONLINE GIVING** Parish Bank: Barclays, Account No: **50003417**,

Sort Code: **20-56-90**, Name: *Diocese of Middlesbrough*. **Include a reference** if Gift Aiding your donation (please sign

a parish declaration) **OR** donate online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-church-scarborough>

300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER: £25 No.1; £10 No.102. Congratulations! **£1 p/wk** for 2 numbers.



REQUIEM MASS of Canon Joe Taylor is at **11am on Monday 23 September** at St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds. Fr Gubbins to attend.

REQUIEM MASS of Mrs Sandra House of Scalby Road will be at **11am on Wednesday 25 September** at St Joseph's Church. Reception into St Joseph's Church is at 4pm on Tuesday 24th. Our sympathy to Dennis, her husband, and all the family

FUNERAL SERVICE of Mrs Susan Scanlon is at **11am on Wednesday 2 October** at Woodlands Crematorium.

FUNERAL SERVICE of Patricia Mercer aged 93 yrs is at **12 noon on Thursday 3 October** at Woodlands Crematorium.

FEAST OF PADRE PIO (St Pio) Italian Capuchin Friar (25/05/1887 to 23/09/1968). Priest, stigmatist, mystic.

180th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN ENGLAND AND WALES founded in Paris by Blessed Fredric Ozanam and his companions in 1833 to help relieve the poverty of the people living in the slums in the city. The Society was established in England and Wales in 1844 tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people.

There will be an **Appeal** at all weekend Masses on behalf of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society (SVP). Weekend 5 & 6 October.

DIOCESAN MINISTERS INSPIRATIONAL DAY Sat 19 October at Scarborough Spa Conference Centre. Registration **9.20am**, ends **3pm** after Mass. Lunch & refreshments inc. Cost to the parish **£40 per person**, make sure you can go. **30 attending.**

DIOCESAN HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME Monday 6th to Saturday 11th October 2025 led Bishop Travel agent: Joe Walsh Tours. For more info, see the September issue of the *Catholic Voice* and how to book. Cost **£1,495pp** sharing

OPEN EVENING AT ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL on Sandybed Lane YO12 5HL from **6pm to 8pm** on **Thursday 26 Sept.**

CAFOD AUTUMN FAST DAY is coming up on **Friday 4 October**. Envelopes will be available a week before then.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY 6 October. Could anyone bake a large **Harvest Sheaf loaf** to place in front of the Altar? Donations of **non-perishable foods** to be handed in for a display and then we will donate them to THE RAINBOW CENTRE and to fill **HOUSHOLD BAGS** for needy families. There will be a **box at the back** or leave them in church. .

EASTER CHOIR will sing (as well as other groups) in the concert on **4 October**. Rehearsals at St Peter's **7pm Friday** evenings 'SOME ENCHANTED EVENING' **CONCERT** Friday 4 October **7pm -930pm** (title taken from the *South Pacific Musical*).

The Blessed Sacrament will be removed. This is a parish community event. We welcome any parishioners who are singers/musicians to become involved. Tickets available soon. **UNDER 16's Free**– suggested donation **£7.50**, includes a glass of wine or juice as a **pre-concert drink in the Parish Centre & at the interval**. Proceeds to **Rainbow Centre**.

SUNDAY MISSAL NEW TRANSLATION will be available to buy in **October**. Cost **£19.95**. Anyone interested in ordering, call at the Holy Shop. There is a **discount if we order 10 or more**, this helps to reduce the cost.

ST PETER'S PARISH CENTRE TOILETS downstairs & corridor area will be updated & decorated from **Tuesday 24 Sept.** Toilets to be removed **Monday**. The Parish Centre may have to be closed until work by the **Plummer and Painter** is completed.

2 PORTALOOS (1 for Women and 1 for Men) will be in the St Peter's car park by the railing of the Crypt steps from **Monday 23 Sept** while the work in the Parish Centre is going on. This will cause parking to be a little restricted during that period.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH CLEANING GROUP is looking for help. They only meet on a **Tuesday morning once a fortnight - 9.30am to 11am**. Their numbers are now very depleted.

SUNDAY SMILE: *I said to the girl in B&Q, What's best for greasy ovens? She said 'Ammonia cleaner.' I said 'Sorry I thought you worked here'.*