

THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM



Educational Resources

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SPECIAL PILGRIMAGES



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A number of larger pilgrimages and special events take place throughout the year.

THE NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE.

This takes place on the last Bank Holiday Monday in May each year and is the largest pilgrimage event. There is a long procession which accompanies Mary's statue as it is carried through the village into the Abbey Grounds where Mass is celebrated.



THE PILGRIMAGE FOR HEALING AND RENEWAL.

Although not its main purpose, the ministry of healing has always been an important part of Walsingham pilgrimage. People suffering from illnesses, problems and disabilities and those who care for them, come to the Shrine in August to worship together and pray for healing. In addition to Mass and Sprinkling, they receive the laying on of hands and anointing.



THE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE.

The Youth Pilgrimage takes place early in the summer holidays. Over 500 Young Pilgrims between 11 and 18 camp in a field on the edge of the village for 5 days.

Pilgrims take part in a range of activities and worship including: Daily Mass in the Big Top, the Holy Mile walk, Sprinkling and Benediction. The services are lively and led by a band. There is also plenty of time to meet other young Christians and have lots of fun. The week includes a disco and BBQ, sports, crafts and time to go to the beach. or explore other parts of the area.

Being a young Christian can be challenging and some young people do not come across other Christians in their daily lives. This gives them an opportunity to be with others from around the country and the world who hold the same beliefs.



THE CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE.

This lively pilgrimage takes place over a weekend in March. Children from 7 to 11 years old gather together to have fun and worship together with other children. They take part in Mass each day, Sprinkling, Benediction and other special services. They also visit the Roman Catholic Shrine and walk the Holy Mile in procession carrying the image of Our Lady of Walsingham and a variety of banners that they have prepared. There is also plenty of fun, with a disco, craft activities and a variety of other fun activities in the Shrine grounds.



THE FAMILIES PILGRIMAGE.

During October half term, our Families Pilgrimage takes place. Families from across the country spend the week together with other Christians. Along with daily Mass, they take part in all the usual pilgrimage activities, such as sprinkling, laying on of hands, anointing and processions. There are also lots of fun activities to do together and plenty of time for socialising!

It is a chance for families to take time out from their busy daily lives and worship together in a special place.

Each year there is a different theme to explore and there are opportunities for creative and interactive prayer.

