

LINCOLN,
MELWOOD,
BEAUVALE,
WALSINGHAM,
RODSLEY,
LOURDES,
PADLEY,
SCUNTHORPE,
& NOTTINGHAM

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JOIN US ON PILGRIMAGE!



'Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey towards heaven and are traditionally special occasion for renewal in prayer.'
(Catechism of the Catholic Church 2691)

Our diocese has a great tradition of pilgrimages, whether they be local, national or international. Over the last two years the celebration of our faith has been greatly impacted by the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns. As a diocese we have not been able to offer pilgrimages since 2019. It is our hope this summer to restore these wonderful journeys of faith here in our diocese, nationally and internationally.

Why go on pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is a prayerful journey to a particular shrine or holy place. Like any journey it is an active choice to break up our habits, to take time from our usual priorities and step out of our normal environment. It is often when on a day out, a holiday or some other break that we can see more of what is going on. The same is true of our faith. In giving a little extra time to God, in breaking our routines and having a renewed experience of prayer, the Mass and fellowship with other Catholics we can see afresh the priorities in our lives of faith.

Most importantly the Catholic faith is an incarnational faith – the physical is important to

us. God came and lived among us, He took on physical flesh, He continues to work physically in the world. Places of pilgrimage make present for us the reality of our faith, as we stand on the same ground that the saints walked on. The holiness that they lived can be felt in the atmosphere of the place. In the spot where they encountered the call of God on their lives we too can be inspired and draw closer to our loving Lord.

Each pilgrimage is a call from Christ to draw closer to Him. This call may come through the invitation of friends or family to join them, or you could be that ambassador calling others to join you.

Information on this year's diocesan pilgrimages can be found on the next pages. There is also on 10th July a pilgrimage to Padley in honour of the Derbyshire Martyrs, organised by the Diocese of Hallam; and on the 6th & 7th October the Relics of St Bernadette will visit St Bernadette's Parish, Scunthorpe; and Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham.

MELWOOD, SATURDAY 7TH MAY 12 NOON

LINCOLNSHIRE MARTYRS

Why is there a pilgrimage here?

Melwood Priory was one of ten medieval Carthusian houses in England, established in 1398. The site is now Low Melwood Farm between Owston Ferry and Epworth, North Lincolnshire.

The prior at the time of the suppression was **St Augustine Webster**. He was imprisoned on the orders of Thomas Cromwell when he refused to take the oath of supremacy, which declared the king to be head of the English Church, thereby rejecting papal primacy. He was hung drawn and quartered at Tyburn on 4th May 1534, along with four others.

What happens on this pilgrimage?

The day starts with a procession at noon from a nearby lane to the farm where Mass is said in a barn by Rt Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham. After Mass people have a picnic in the vicinity. It is recommended to take a chair.

What do people say about this pilgrimage?

"It is a great day out on pilgrimage into the wilds of Lincolnshire, to honour a local saint."



Where is it?

Low Melwood Farm, Melwood Hill,
Epworth, Owston Ferry, Doncaster
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BEAUVALE, SUNDAY 8TH MAY 3PM

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MARTYRS

Why is there a pilgrimage here?

In 1343 a Carthusian Priory was dedicated here set in the countryside of Nottinghamshire known as "the Beautiful Vale". Here they lived a silent life of prayer and work for 200 years until the dissolution of the Monasteries, when they refused to sign the oath of Supremacy. The two Priors **Ss John Houghton and Robert Lawrence** were sentenced to death by being hung, drawn and quartered, they became the first two martyrs of the reformation and were declared saints In 1970.

What happens on this pilgrimage?

There has been a regular pilgrimage to the ruins of Priory since the 1936, for many years people walked the "Holy Mile" either from Our Lady's Church at Eastwood, or from the bottom of the lane, reciting the rosary. In 1976 together with a few others Miss Pat Miller and her mother, began the Beauvale Society to promote the history of the martyr saints, and the society is still in existence.

The pilgrimage will begin with a procession from the lane to the ruins of the Abbey with praying of the Rosary at 3pm. This will be followed by the celebration of Mass by Rt Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham; Fr Liam Carpenter Assistant Vocations Director, will preach. Refreshments and social time will follow Mass.



What do people say about this pilgrimage?

"I love this pilgrimage it is wonderful to gather with people of different ages at this holy site where you can feel the prayers of those who have worshipped God here for centuries"

Where is it?

Beauvale Abbey Farm, New Road,
Moorgreen, Nottingham NG16 2AA

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WALSINGHAM, SATURDAY 11TH JUNE 11AM

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Why is there a pilgrimage here?

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham dates back to 1061. **Richeldis de Faverches** had a great devotion to Our Lady. She was taken in the Spirit to Nazareth to the **House of the Annunciation** where the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary. Lady Richeldis followed the request of the Virgin Mary and built a replica of the Holy House in Walsingham. In 1150 an Augustian Abbey was built around the Holy House so the canons could serve the pilgrims.

The Abbey and Holy House were destroyed during the reformation. In 1896 the Slipper Chapel, one mile from the original shrine which had been the last stop before reaching the Abbey, was restored for Catholic Worship and today's shrine built around it.

What happens on this pilgrimage?

This year we will be meeting at 11am at the Catholic Shrine where Mass will be celebrated by Rt Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham at 12 Noon. After Mass there will be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to pray in the ancient Slipper Chapel, have a picnic or visit the gift shop or cafe.

The Holy Mile Procession will begin at 3pm (transport provided for those who can't walk) with the singing of hymns, praying the rosary and following the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham to the ruins of the Abbey for Benediction. The pilgrimage will finish by 5pm.



What do people say about this pilgrimage?

"England's Nazareth, the national Shrine of Our Lady is a special place for me and my family. You can feel the prayers of pilgrims who have asked the intercession of Mary throughout the ages. Knowing that you are together as a diocese with your Bishop leading the day, is a wonderful way to experience belonging to the Church- the same Church from 1081- ancient but ever new."

Where is it?

Local Coaches go from across the diocese. If you are using sat nav the recommended route to the Shrine, please use the postcode NR22 6AS – then follow the road signs. (NB This is not the Shrine's postcode but gives the best route).

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RODSLEY, SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 3PM

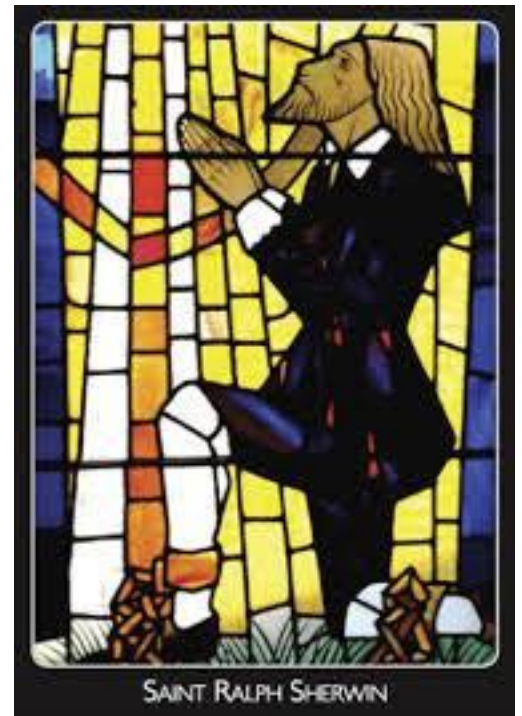
ST RALPH SHERWIN

Why is there a pilgrimage here?

Rodsley, near Ashbourne in Derbyshire, is the birthplace of **St Ralph Sherwin**, the first martyr of the English College in Rome. St Ralph was born 1550, studied at Eton College and the University of Oxford where he felt called to the Priesthood, as it was illegal at the time to be a Priest In England he travelled to Douai College in France in 1575. After his ordination he was one of the first students enrolled at the Venerable English College in Rome, with a missionary zeal he returned to England arriving in London in 1580 hoping to be called to his home diocese. He was caught preaching in a friend's house and despite being tortured he refused to give up his Catholic faith and was executed at Tyburn on the 1st December 1581.

What happens on this pilgrimage?

The first pilgrimage to Rodsley was over 40 years ago, around the time of his canonisation by Pope Saint John Paul II. Pilgrims meet at 3pm at the Rodsley Crossroads to process while praying the Rosary to the field where St Ralph's first home stood for the celebration of Mass. This year Rt Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham, will lead the pilgrimage, presiding and preaching at the Mass, which will begin at 3:15pm. Following the Mass there will be a presentation by the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT.



What do people say about this pilgrimage?

"The Rodsley pilgrimage is a wonderful experience, it is so inspiring to be in the simple place where this great saint, who has inspired thousands, was born."

Where is it?

The Corner Farm, Rodsley, Ashbourne,
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LOURDES, 4TH-8TH JULY

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Why is there a pilgrimage here?

Lourdes is a small town in the foothills of the Pyrenees, south-west France: a forgotten town until 1858 when Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, appeared to a teenage girl, Bernadette Soubirous, and asked her to tell the priests and people to come here in procession, to pray for forgiveness for sins, and to wash in the waters. Although sceptical at first, the parish priest, and then the local bishop believed Bernadette, and soon many people were coming to the Grotto where Our Lady appeared 18 times. Since then many millions of pilgrims have made the journey, and our diocese takes people each year, in July, to this holy place. Lourdes is especially well known for miraculous healings, of which 70 have been recorded in the last 160 years. Part of the miracle of the place is that the sick and the frail, those so often at the margins of our society, are at the heart of Lourdes, always taking the front places in processions and at Mass, and with many others of the pilgrims there at their service.

What happens on this pilgrimage?

During the pilgrimage there's daily Mass, as well as participation in the shrine-wide Eucharistic and Marian (torchlight) processions each day. The timetable also allows for a reconciliation service, stations of the Cross, the rosary, and a time to wash in the waters. Other activities, prayerful and social, are arranged, as well as quiet time to simply be in this holy place.



What do people say about this pilgrimage?

"Quite simply the invitation of Our Lady to come to Lourdes is an invitation to have a life-changing experience. The encounter with Jesus in Lourdes, mediated through the maternal intercession of Our Lady, leaves each pilgrim changed, and closer to God."

Where is it?

If you intend to come with the diocese on the flight from Heathrow, you will need to book through our tour operator Tangney Tours:
www.tangney-tours.com/nottingham

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