

THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN



THE CELL OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM AND THE HOLY ROOD OF BRECON

CELL DATES 2012

SATURDAY MARCH 24	MASS	10 AM
<i>The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
TUESDAY MAY 15	LITURGY OF HEALING AND SPRINKLING	7 PM
<i>May Devotion to Our Lady</i>		
TUESDAY JUNE 5	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION	7 PM
<i>In preparation for Corpus Christi</i>		
SUNDAY AUGUST 12	THE PARISH EUCHARIST	9.30 AM
<i>The Assumption of Our Lady</i>		
SEPTEMBER 23-27		
<i>Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham</i>		
SATURDAY DECEMBER 8	MASS	10 AM
<i>The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		

Cell Superior: Father Michael Thomas
Cell Secretary: Elizabeth Benning

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Exists to encourage and support devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham and pilgrimage to the Shrine. Members receive information and news about the Shrine three times during the year, including the Walsingham Review in December and August.

Members of the Cell seek to undertake:

- To honour Mary, the Mother of God and to deepen faith in the incarnation of Our Lord.
- To promote devotion to Our Lady and pilgrimage to Walsingham.
- To further, with Our Lady's prayers the conversion of the nations and the reunion of Christendom.
- To seek holiness of life through prayer, the scriptures and the sacraments.
- To say the Angelus each day as a memorial of the incarnation of Christ.

A lamp burns for this cell in the Holy House of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and its members are prayed for each day at Shrine Prayers.

A warm welcome is given to those who attend Cell services which are open to all, not just members.

Further information about the work of the Shrine may be obtained from Fr Michael or the Cell Secretary: Elizabeth Benning.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The particular emphasis of the Shrine is concerned with the Incarnation of Jesus – this is the belief central to the Christian faith that at a definite date in history, in a certain place, God himself was born of a woman into a human family.

Within the Shrine Church is the “Holy House” a ‘recreation’ of the house in Nazareth where Mary received the news from the angel Gabriel that she was to be the mother of Our Lord. Within the Holy House, above the altar, is the niche where the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham sits surrounded by candles and votive lights. It is important to understand that the statue is simply a focus for devotion – a visual aid – and not something to be worshipped in itself. The Holy House is a reminder of Nazareth, of the house in which Jesus lived as a child and young man. By visiting it and praying within it, pilgrims believe that they are identifying with those influences which were formative as Jesus grew through childhood to adolescence and adulthood.