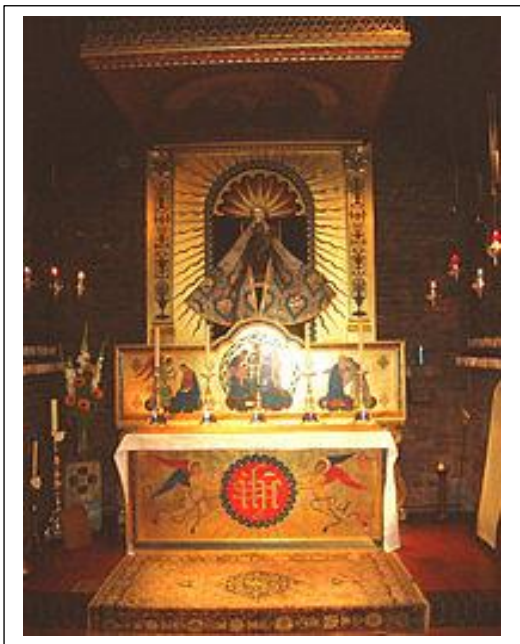


Our Lady of Walsingham

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk was founded in 1061, following a series of visions granted to the lady of the manor, Richeldis de Faverche. She was asked by St Mary to build a replica of the Holy House in Nazareth where Jesus had been brought up, and to confirm the vision, a well of Holy Water for the healing of the sick sprang up on the site.

From then until the reformation, when Henry VIII, a one-time pious pilgrim to the Shrine, ordered its destruction, Walsingham became second only to Canterbury as a place of pilgrimage in England.

The Shrine lay in ruins until, in 1920, a new Vicar was appointed to the parish church of Walsingham. Fr Alfred Hope Patten began



to restore the Pilgrimage, and eventually a new Holy House was built to house the image Fr Patten had had carved from the picture on the ancient seal of the Shrine.

Since then Walsingham has continued to grow as a holy place of pilgrimage, so that today hundreds of thousands go there year by year. Amongst those is a regular group of pilgrims from this parish.