

WALSINGHAM

This small town in north Norfolk houses a shrine to Our Lady and a place of Pilgrimage for many around the world. We arrive on Good Friday afternoon; with a sense of exhilaration for it will soon be time to celebrate the resurrection.

Over the weekend there is time to rest, with moments for prayer, the Easter Saturday Vigil service – likely to be the most enjoyable Mass you'll ever go to! After that the pilgrims party in further celebration, which continues well into the early hours. Then it is out into the open air (weather permitting) for an Easter Sunday celebration – the Anglican Eucharist, with more wonderful music and lots of friendly hugs.



Coaches are available to transport everyone home.

INFORMATION

This year's pilgrimage will take place from

**Friday 18th March
To
Sunday 27th March 2005**

If you don't feel you'll be able to make the whole week but only part you can still come just contact us to arrange it.

The charge for the whole week is approximately* £50 for students and £110 for waged: this covers all food and accommodation, both during the week and the weekend in Walsingham.

(*some support funds are available)

To book, and for any questions, contact:



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We do hope you will be able to join us on this pilgrimage.

Greetings and best wishes from,

Anne Marie Czastka and **Rebecca Walton** (Leaders),
and **Alexis Molho** (Secretary).

Student Cross Oxford Leg 2005



A Christian Easter Pilgrimage to Walsingham

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STUDENT CROSS



Every year, in the spring, more than 200 students and young people take part in a week-long pilgrimage, walking to Walsingham in north Norfolk. This pilgrimage is called STUDENT CROSS. It is made up of nine LEGS (pilgrimage groups) each with its own starting point and route. All the routes and pilgrims meet at the Slipper Chapel near Walsingham on Good Friday to celebrate Easter together.

For 57 years now, STUDENT CROSS has been a special way for students and young people to celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

STUDENT CROSS is ecumenical: Jesus is the focus and unifying bond; our common humanity and the large oak cross we carry bring us together. Each year the Easter message is brought to hundreds of people that see us on our way: some of these people wait to see the students, the young people, and the pilgrims going past their houses, through their town. "Here they are" they cry, "Easter is near!"

OXFORD LEG

Oxford leg is one of the nine Legs headed for Walsingham, and not surprisingly Oxford is where we start walking. We walk 125 miles during the week, staying with parishes along the way. Celebrating Mass, carrying the Cross, singing hymns, eating sandwiches, and sharing our thoughts everyday make this pilgrimage a very special way to remember the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



Our route takes us via Milton Keynes, Bury St. Edmunds, Norwich, and eventually into Walsingham. The people that help us on the way are extremely kind, sometimes giving us tea, sometimes cooking our evening meal, and one night welcoming us into their homes and giving us supper and a bed for the night. They all make us feel most welcome.

There will be both a Catholic chaplain, and an Anglican chaplain walking with us during the week.

You *don't* have to be super fit to walk every step of the way, but it is strongly advised that you do all you can to get fit and stay fit before the walk. Of course, suitable footwear is essential, footwear that you are used to (i.e. not new boots!). Waterproofs are also useful – it does rain in this country! There is a support car always near the walkers to assist the weary.

At the beginning of the pilgrimage, there are those who do not know each other, but very soon a strong community has grown from the individual pilgrims, pilgrims unified by the cross they carry. On Easter Sunday afternoon, when it is time to go our separate ways, the separation is sad because of leaving each other, but also joyful because we have walked Oxford Leg together.



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