

1. Pilgrimage. This year is The Year of Mercy, and whatever we do in the Diocese we want it to speak of the Merciful Father and to be in tune with the Bishop's Vision for Growth – A) numerical and spiritual, and B) that both clergy and all the people of GOD may serve the Lord in holiness and truth, and C) that we will 'contribute to the Common Good', and have a heart for the poor – and to remember that our calling is summed up in those 5 words central to the Vision and all we do in the Diocese TO KNOW LOVE FOLLOW JESUS. ..And we can only begin to do any of this if we remember that wherever we are, whatever we are doing we are on a Pilgrimage to the Father, in the Saving Community of the Church in which Jesus and the power of His Resurrection is at the Centre.

2. What we are proposing and where we're at. I'm not intending to run a free travel agency – but I do see my role as keeping in touch with you and trying to motivate parishes to focus more on Pilgrimage; and this isn't just about Pilgrimage but also about Retreats – and Quiet days. So make sure I have your e-mail address, or other contact details so I can let you know as possible plans develop. There are many parishes in the Diocese that organise Pilgrimages and Retreats. No one wants to cut across what's going well.

What The Society has been doing very well is the Walsingham Children's Pilgrimage and Youth Pilgrimage, and we want to put as much energy and funding as we can into children and youth events.

So, I would say to Society Parishes, please try to encourage those of other traditions in the Church to join you on your Pilgrimage and Retreat or Quiet Day. Places of Pilgrimage in the Church are NOT just for Anglican Catholics!

3. Immediate future: For the Year of Mercy, some of you have plans to make the pilgrimage to the Cathedral and enter through the Door of Mercy and there is a Liturgy for that And we must all support the Pilgrimage of the Blessed Sacrament, a week after Corpus Christi on Sunday 05 June with Bishop Martin. Let's get the word out about that.

4. General: There are not many Anglican Catholics who have not visited Walsingham – and mindful that the taster day was greatly appreciated 2 years ago when Walsingham came to this Region at Guildford Cathedral I would like us to think about something similar in the future. But again, can I ask you to tell us about what you're planning – unless it is for your parish only – wherever it is to – Lourdes, Fatima, Knock, the Holy Land, Turkey or wherever. Maybe we could also consider some local places of Pilgrimage? – e.g. S. Dunstan in Mayfield – and one of the Doors of Mercy in Arundel and Brighton Dio. is at the Convent Chapel there we could go through..... East Grinstead and John Mason Neale – S. Cuthman of Steyning. We will try and get a list out of all these possible local places. And most important of all TELL ME IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE SHOULD CONSIDER, OR CAN HELP YOU WITH.