

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in Scotland

“Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee when he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men’. At once they left the nets and followed him.” (Matthew 4: 18-21)

Pilgrimage to St Andrews

Saturday 18th June 2016

led by Monsignor Keith Newton

Ordinary of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham from St Rule's Tower in the ruins of the ancient Cathedral

Enter by the North Street gate to the Cathedral (no entrance fee) and walk straight ahead to St Rule's Tower



Pilgrimage Programme

- 12.30pm Introduction and Devotions by St Rule's Tower in the ruins of the Cathedral
- 12.45pm Pilgrimage Walk with a Relic of Saint Andrew to St James' Church, entering through the *Porta Sancta*, the Holy Door
- 1pm Confessions - *Priests will be available to hear Confessions*
- 1.30pm Solemn Pilgrimage Mass and Veneration of the Relic of Saint Andrew
- 2.30pm Picnic lunch in St James' Parish Hall (*tea and coffee will be available*)
- 3pm Talk on Saint Andrew and St Andrews by local historian, Colin McAllister
- 3.45pm Final Pilgrimage Devotion and Benediction 4pm Depart

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MONSIGNOR KEITH NEWTON “Pilgrimage holds a special place in the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. For many of us, pilgrimages to the shrine from which we take our name have been central to our spiritual life. Our entry into the full communion of the Catholic Church was in itself a pilgrimage – travelling together, often at some personal cost, to answer God's call and to receive His grace. It is natural therefore that pilgrimage should be at the heart of our observance of the Year of Mercy.”



THE APOSTLE ANDREW was the first disciple to follow Jesus. He was present during the Last Supper and in the Garden at Gethsemane. He saw the risen Christ after the Resurrection and received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. According to tradition, he left the Holy Land after Pentecost to spread the Word in Greece and Asia Minor. In 60 AD, during the reign of Nero, while working in Patras, Andrew was crucified on a cross in the shape of an **X** on the 30th November.

THE BONES OF THE MARTYRED SAINT were buried in Patras and remained there until 357 AD, when most were removed to Constantinople at the command of the Emperor Constantine. Legend has it that the Relics of St Andrew were brought to Scotland by St Rule from Patras but more probably, they were brought from Rome by St Augustine in 597 AD as part of his great mission to bring the Gospel to the Anglo-Saxons. In 732 they were brought from Hexham to Fife by Bishop Acca who was seeking asylum with the Pictish King Oengus (Angus). The Relics were held at Kilmymont, which was later renamed St Andrews.

In the 11th century **ST MARGARET**, Queen of Scotland, endowed a Ferry Service across the River Forth and Hostels at North and South Queensferry for Pilgrims. The Relics were initially housed in St Rules Church and eventually in the great medieval Cathedral of St Andrews.

THROUGH THE DARK AGES and medieval period of Scottish history, the Apostle played a major role in the creation and defining of the Scottish Nation. It was commonly believed that the Apostle Andrew had chosen the Scottish people to care for and honour his Relics, and so the Patron Saint, the Saltire Flag, the Relics and the See of St Andrew became crucial symbols of nationhood.

ON 14th JUNE 1559 the great Cathedral at St Andrews, including the Shrine and Relics, was destroyed by reformers who had accompanied John Knox to the city. In 1879, a year after the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in Scotland, the Archbishop of Amalfi gave a Relic of the Apostle Andrew to the Cathedral in Edinburgh. A second Relic was given in 1969 by Pope Paul VI.

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II visited Scotland in 1982. Recalling the **Parable of the Loaves and Fishes**, the Holy Father stressed that anything is possible with God:

“St Andrew gave Jesus all that was available, and Jesus miraculously fed those five thousand people, and still had something left over. It is exactly the same with your own lives. Left alone to face the difficult challenges of life today, you feel conscious of your own inadequacy and afraid of what the future may hold. I say to you this: place your lives in the hands of Jesus. He will accept you and bless you, and will make such use of your lives as will be beyond your greatest expectation!”

