

Large crowds of pilgrims thronged the grounds of an ancient Priory in Norfolk and watched the procession, on the occasion of the crowning of Our Lady of Walsingham. This, in 1954, was the continuation of an old legend that dates from before the Norman Conquest --- to the year 1061. The pilgrims had come from all parts of the British Isles, many making the whole journey on foot.

The crown of gold and precious stones was made from gifts of jewellery sent for the purpose. It was sprinkled with Holy Water, before the crowning ceremony by Archbishop Gerald O'Hara, the Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain.