

SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES

RE-DEDICATION OF ENGLAND TO THE DOWRY OF MARY

AND PERSONAL REDEDICATION
4PM ON SUNDAY 29 MARCH 2020



REDEDICATION LITURGICAL PROGRAMME

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THE DOWRY PAINTING

The Icon of Our Lady of Walsingham was painted by English Iconographer, Amanda de Pulford. The Icon was blessed by Pope Francis on 12 February 2020 in Rome, before returning home to Walsingham. After the Re-dedication of England to the Dowry of Our Lady, the Icon will begin a journey to every Catholic parish in the country, never to return to Walsingham. Additionally, each parish across the country has received a printed copy of the Icon to display in their parish. See **page 7** for a description of the Icon's symbolism.



Pope Blesses Painting of Our Lady of Walsingham
in Rome for Re-Dedication of England in March 2020



THE ANGELUS PROMISE

The Angelus Promise is a spiritual exercise created to assist you to embrace the message of Our Lady, as expressed in the Angelus. It invites you to “share in the joy of the Annunciation” by following Mary’s openness to God’s call, through her faith-filled “yes”. Through your own faith-filled “yes”, the Lord will work wonders in your life.

R: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

V: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit

As God once chose Mary to become the Mother of His Son through the message of an angel, so He chooses me this day, and invites me through the ministry of the Church or the example of another, to seek and do His Will at this moment in my life.

Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Behold the handmaid of the Lord

V: Be it be done unto me according to thy Word

Mary’s response to her invitation, “let it be done to me according to your Word”, opened her heart to God’s grace and all things became possible. Let my “yes” today take away fear, as I embrace God’s Will, and like Mary “ponder these things in my heart”.

Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: And the Word became flesh (Bow or genuflect)

V: And dwelt among us

At a moment in history, Mary’s faith-filled “yes” conceived Him, first in her heart, which then led to the birth of our Saviour. Through accepting Him in my heart, enable me to recognise my role in bringing Christ to my sisters and brothers today.

Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Pray for us most holy Mother of God

V: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us pray: O Holy Mother of God, pray for us, and assist us as we dedicate ourselves this day. Your Yes at the Annunciation brought our Saviour Jesus into the world, and you invite us to contemplate the great mystery of the Incarnation, sharing your joy in announcing that “the Word was made flesh and lived among us.” May our yes, this day, open our hearts to serve our sisters and brothers in this your Dowry, that they too may share our joy in the Good News that God walks among us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT TO ENGLAND TO THE VIRGIN MARY

Based on Prayer of Erasmus 1532, Dedication of England to the Mother of God **1893**, Prayer for England, Cardinal Griffin's Act of Consecration 1948, Act of Consecration St John Paul **1982**

Prayer

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy "Dowry" and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee.

Response

We your faithful people assembled here offer you this country in which we live. Once it was yours, all its children were your children and you were honoured throughout England as its Protectress and its Queen. Again, do we consecrate it as your Dowry, and entrust it to your maternal care.

Prayer

By thee it was that Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more.

Response

To you we entrust the Church, which invokes you as Mother. On earth you preceded her in the pilgrimage of faith. Comfort her in her difficulties and trials. Make her always the sign and instrument of intimate union with God and of the unity of the whole human race. To you, Mother of the human family, and of the nations, we confidently entrust the whole of humanity with its hopes and fears. Let it not lack the light of true wisdom. Guide it to seek freedom and justice for all. Direct its steps in the ways of peace. Enable all to meet Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Prayer

Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother.

Response

Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of heart of the people of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the troubled, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed. Queen of Peace, pray for us and give to the world the peace for which all peoples are longing, peace in the truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give peace to the nations and to the souls of all, that in peace, the Kingdom of God may prevail.

Prayer

Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

Response

May your prayers bring back this country to the fullness of its ancient faith. May your intercession lead us to a closer union with your divine Son. We offer you all the people of this land, especially those who know you so little or not at all. May all in our country know Christ, the light of the world and its only Saviour

Prayer

Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home.

Response

May we who follow your Son, be fruitful in the good work of building a culture of life in our world, where all human life is treasured and the gift of God's creation is respected and cared for, so that all may share the fruits of Gods generous love

V: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God

R: That we may be made worthy of the Promises of Christ.

O alone of all women, Mother and Virgin, Mother most happy, Virgin most pure, sinful as we are, we come to see you who are all pure, we salute you, we honour you as how we may with our humble offerings. May thy Son grant us, that imitating thy most holy manners, we also, by the grace of the Holy Spirit may deserve spiritually to conceive the Lord Jesus in our inmost soul, and once conceived never to lose Him. Amen.

St Joseph	Pray for us
St Peter	Pray for us
St Edward the Confessor	Pray for us
St George	Pray for us
St John Henry Newman	Pray for us
Blessed Nicholas Postgate	Pray for us
St John of Beverley	Pray for us
St John of Bridlington	Pray for us
St Thomas More	Pray for us
St John Fisher	Pray for us
All the Saints	Pray for us
Our Lady of Walsingham	Pray for us

HYMN

Holy Virgin, by God's Decree

Holy Virgin, by God's decree,
you were called eternally;
that He could give His Son to our race.
Mary, we praise you, hail full of grace.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

By your faith and loving accord,
as the handmaid of the Lord,
you undertook God's plan to embrace.
Mary, we thank you, hail full of grace.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

Joy to God you gave and expressed,
of all women none so blessed,
when in mankind your Son took his place,
Mary, we love you, hail full of grace.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

Refuge for your children so weak,
sure protection all can seek.
Problems of life you help us to face. Mary,
we trust you, hail full of grace.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

To our needy world of today
love and beauty you portray,
showing the path to Christ we must trace.
Mary, our mother, hail, full of grace.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria.



SYMBOLISM OF THE ICON OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The Marian icon depicts Our Lady of Walsingham dressed in Anglo-Saxon clothing and holding up the child Jesus. It includes the coat of arms of St Edward the Confessor, an Anglo-Saxon patron saint of England, and it depicts Lady Richeldis de Faverches, who built a replica of the “holy house” of Nazareth in the English countryside following an apparition.

Our Lady of Walsingham sits with her foot placed upon a toad. The toad was the East Anglian equivalent of serpent seen in Marian imagery. In medieval England it was believed that the toad could form a magical stone in its head, which was used for superstitious and idolatrous practices. Just as the serpent is crushed under heel in the book of Revelation, so Mary crushes the Toad stone and all it represents - under her feet.

The Virgin also holds a symbol of Queenship, a sceptre fashioned like a three-fold lily. This tells us that the Virgin Mary is the pure Lily chosen by the Trinity from all eternity.

Mary points to Christ child. He wears a crown. Holding the Scriptures, he shows his teaching authority, in that He is the Word of God made flesh. His right hand is raised in blessing and also in protection of His mother. Sitting on Mary's knee, as on a throne – the seat of wisdom - he displays the gestures associated with God of all creation and authority over Heaven and earth, Christ "Pantocrator".

The throne displays seven rings on the two upright pillars. These pillars represent the church, and the seven rings symbolise the seven Sacraments. These are also sometimes interpreted as the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The back of the chair is arched to represent the arch of the rainbow (Genesis 9:12-3): *“And God said 'This is the sign of the covenant which I make between you and every living creature, that is with you, for all future generations, I set my bow in the cloud and it shall be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.’”*

In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was 'set apart for her among the nations'. It coincided with the growth of the Walsingham shrine into one of the major pilgrimage destinations of medieval Europe.

The original statue of Our Lady of Walsingham was burned by Protestant reformers in the late 1530s, during the reign of Henry VIII, but the shrine was rebuilt on the same site in Norfolk by Catholics and Anglicans in the 19th century.