



The Re-Dedication of England as Mary's Dowry

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History shows us that when people pray a surrender to God's will for their lives, society is transformed. By taking up this personal dedication in 2020, you can be a part of the renewal of this nation, drawing ourselves closer to the will of our loving God, through Mary.

- 33 Day Retreat of Prayer -

A companion has been developed by Fr Michael Gaitley, preparing us for a prayerful dedication.

We invite you to join us in daily prayer using *33 Days to Morning Glory*, beginning on 21st Feb and ending on the 'Feast of the Annunciation' on 25th March.

- The Re-dedication in 2020 -

On Sunday 29th March at 12noon, The Re-dedication will take place throughout the country. As King Richard II once gave England as a gift to Our Lady, so we are invited to give ourselves, as the people of this country, to Mary.

We respond to this invitation on the day of Re-dedication in two ways; by making a personal promise and a communal entrustment.

Our personal promise brings us closer to Mary, the first disciple of Christ. In this we unite in her joy by following her openness to God's call. Our communal entrustment unites us together as the people of our country in prayer, by renewing the vows of dedication made to Mary by our ancestors.

More information, prayers and downloads can be found at www.behold2020.com

Re-dedication Timetable

21st Feb 2020. All Catholics, and anybody else who wants to, will be invited to begin a personal 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary.

25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation. All who are following the consecration will consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary on this day.

Thu 26th, Fri 27th, Sat 28th, a three-day *Triduum of Prayer* in which all will be invited to recite the Litany of Saints & Martyrs of England and pray the Rosary in preparation for the re-dedication.

Sunday 29th March, a personal re-dedication as the dowry of Mary. This will be done in Walsingham, every Cathedral, every cooperating parish, and as many homes as possible. It is a personal re-dedication using 'The Angelus Promise' and 'Act of Entrustment'. See **Behold2020** website.

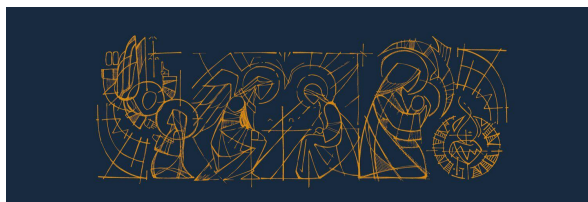
How else can I get involved?

Consider ways you can pray this yourself, with others or together with your parish or school.

For younger people or children, who may struggle to use the booklet or fully appreciate the daily reflections, this will be an excellent time to introduce some of the beautiful devotions to **Our Lady**, so that they too can be a part of this historical re-dedication!

For example, pray the **Angelus** together (if you do not do so already), offer a decade of the **Rosary** before bedtime, pray the **Hail Mary** more often or even a simple 'aspiration' will make these 33 days a special time in the mind and heart of a young Catholic. For example:
"Jesus Mercy, Mary Help".

Please also consider how you might mark the special 'Triduum'. Your parish could hold retreat days or special talks after daily Mass.





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