

THE ANGELUS PROMISE

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.

Pour forth we beseech Thee O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary on Sunday 29 March 2020



To prepare for the rededication of England to Mary: we pray the Angelus Promise (see over) and to ponder, like Mary, each reflection. The Angelus should be prayed before or after Holy Mass and personally during the day; attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation; attend adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary or the Litany of Saints and Martyrs of England, especially on the days below:

Friday 21 February - Commencement of 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary.
(<https://www.facebook.com/WalsinghamBlog/> or www.behold2020.com)

Wednesday 25 March – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Thursday 26 to Saturday 28 March - Three day triduum of prayer.

Sunday 29 March - Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary - during the 11.45 a.m. Mass at St Peter the Apostle, Woolwich, we will make an Act of Entrustment of England to The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Follow up: after 29 March we build on this moment of tremendous significance for our country by creating regular times of prayer in our homes, communities, schools etc. taking part in pilgrimages e.g. to Walsingham or arranging events which unite and refresh our community in the vows we made on 29 March.