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ENGLAND THE DOWRY OF MARY

In fulfilment of a vow in **1381**, **King Richard II** solemnly renewed the offering of England to Mary as her Dowry. This was done in Westminster Abbey near the shrine of **St Edward the Confessor** who first offered England to Mary and in whose reign Our Lady appeared in Walsingham in 1061. King Richard declared:

“This is your Dowry, Holy Virgin.”

The Wilton Diptych, a portable Altar piece, (painted about 1395 - 1399 and housed in the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square in London) may portray this event.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

**from St Anselm’s, Dartford, and English Martyrs’, Strood,
led by Fr Stephen Boyle and Fr Tom Lynch.
21st - 24th October 2024. cost £ 399.**

**The cost includes return flights from Gatwick
half board accommodation,
and transfer from Lisbon to/from Fatima.**

**Places limited to 30 persons, with just 8 places some weekends ago. £ 70
single supplement. For more details please contact Fr Stephen Boyle:
Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, or tel: 01322 220 075,
Insurance not included in the price.**

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+ J. M. J. + JESUS, + MARY, and + JOSEPH +
Newsletter Supplement: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
18th August 2024

August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Very Urgent Date for your Diary :
Saturday

7th September 2024:
THE MARCH FOR LIFE U.K.

(London)

**ABORTION IS NOT
HEALTHCARE**

*For more information - please check
The March For Life U.K. Website -
simply enter:*

info@marchforlife.co.uk

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS:
SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024,

10:00AM,

**in The Amigo Hall,
St George’s R. C. Cathedral,
Southwark.**

This will be our tenth annual Diocesan Day for Catechists and will feature a keynote address, workshops, resource stalls and opportunities to meet other catechists. It is always a great day, please save the date now.

ST ANSELM’S, WEST HILL, DARTFORD,

**HOLY MASS AT 7:00PM -
MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**WITH DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
AND DEVOTIONS BEFORE THE MASS,**

**AND THE HOLY ROSARY
AFTER THE MASS.**

ALL WELCOME. PLEASE COME.

Buses: 96, 428, & 492

22nd September 2024:

PARISH DAY

for St Mary of the Crays:

10:30am INTERNATIONAL

HOLY MASS

**with readings, prayers,
and singing offered in different
languages, followed by**

BRING AND SHARE

**foods from the countries
we represent and come from
in the Parish Hall.**

Please, will you, or can you, help:

- *Decorate the Church and the Hall,*
- *Arrange the tables and chairs in the Hall,*
- *Prepare food from ‘back home’,*
- *Help serve food and drink,*
- *Entertain with singing, &*
- *‘Tidy-up’ afterwards ?*

**ST MARY OF THE CRAYS CHURCH
IS OPEN about 7:00am
Monday to Friday**

**with EXPOSITION and ADORATION of the
MOST HOLY EUCHARIST from c. 7:30am,**

**THE ROSARY and
THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
from 8:15am until 8:45am,**

**BENEDICTION at 9:00am, then
HOLY MASS at 9:15am,**

**and THE HOLY ROSARY again
after Holy Mass.**

**ALL WELCOME.
PLEASE COME.**

4.

Saxon crown and throne denote Mary's Queenship and the date of the founding of the Shrine 1061

Three-fold lily-sceptre of virginity/ sovereignty

Seven rings for the sacraments

Mary points to Christ

Seat of Wisdom

Toadstone which is the East Anglian symbol of evil (cf. Gen. 3:15)



Arch denotes rainbow, sign of the covenant between God and every living creature (cf. Gen. 9:12f)

Pillars of the House of God, the Church

Christ extends his arm in a double gesture of blessing and protection of his mother

Christ, the Word made Flesh, holds the Gospels

The Shrine of **OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM** was established in the reign of **St Edward the Confessor, in 1061.**

Richeldis of Faverches, Lady of the Manor of Walsingham, had a vision in which the Mother of God took her in spirit to **Nazareth** and showed her **the Holy House of the Annunciation** and the Home of the Holy Family. Our Lady requested that a replica of the **Holy House of Nazareth** be built in Walsingham.

Walsingham is England's Nazareth.

OUR LADY PROMISED:

“To all in any way distressed or in need that seek me at Walsingham, shall be given succour. And there, in this little house, shall be held in remembrance the great joy of my ‘salutation’ (the Annunciation), when St Gabriel told me that I should become the Mother of God’s Son.”

*Our Lady of Walsingham
- Pray for us.
Our Lady of England
- Pray for us.*

5.

Please pray the prayer for THE CONVERSION OF ENGLAND by Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman (to be said every day and after each Benediction)

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. 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.

Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the chief Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son.

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. AMEN.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST FOR POLITICAL LEADERS:

Let us pray that political Leaders be at the service of their own people, working for the integral human development and the common good, taking care of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.”



**THE ANGEL OF FATIMA
PRAYERS OF REPARATION
FOR THE OUTRAGES, SACRILEGES AND
INDIFFERENCE SHOWN TOWARDS GOD
IN THIS AGE:**

**MY GOD, I believe , I adore,
I hope and I love You!
I ask pardon of You
for those who do not believe,
do not adore, do not hope,
and do not love You. Amen.**

**MOST HOLY TRINITY,
FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT,**
I adore You profoundly, and I offer You **The Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ,** present in all the Tabernacles of the world, **in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended.** And through the infinite merits of **His Most Sacred Heart,** and **The Immaculate Heart of Mary,** I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

