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St. Mary's The Mount Parish Family Wishes You All A Warm Welcome

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The Dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary

On Wednesday 12th February 2020, after his weekly audience, Pope Francis blessed the "Dowry Painting" of Our Lady of Walsingham, the Catholic National Shrine dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, in Norfolk, England.

THE REDEDICATION

In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was 'set apart' for her among the nations. This year, the Christians of England are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple.

History shows us that when the people pray and 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.

Present at the blessing were Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, Monsignor John Armitage, Rector of the Walsingham Shrine, and Amanda de Pulford, painter of the Dowry Painting. The painting will be at Walsingham for The Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry on 29th March 2020. After the Rededication, the Dowry Painting will begin a journey to every Catholic parish in England.

Cardinal Nichols said: "The blessing of the icon of Our lady of Walsingham by Pope Francis is a great encouragement to us all as we prepare for 29th March and our act of Rededication. The

first dedication was made by King Richard II in Westminster Abbey as he sought the protection of Our Lady in the face of great political turmoil. At this point, England received the title 'Mary's Dowry'; meaning that England was 'set aside' as a gift, a dowry, for Our Lady under her guidance and protection.

Mgr. Armitage said: "It was a truly blessed day, when the Holy Father blessed the new Dowry Painting in Rome which was presented to him by Cardinal Nichols. The painting, which will visit every Catholic Church in England, was then taken to the tomb of St. Gregory the Great in St. Peter's Basilica, the

Pope who sent St. Augustine to evangelise the people of England. Before his tomb, we prayed for his intercession to strengthen our faith to continue this mission to the people of England."

On Sunday 29th March at 12noon, the Rededication 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 Rededication in two ways; by making a personal promise and a communal entrustment.

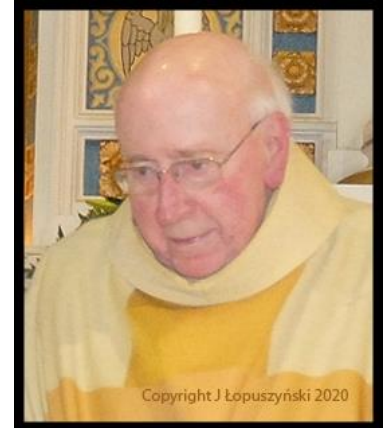
Our personal promise brings us closer to Mary, the first disciple of Christ. In this we unite in her joy by following her openness to God's call.

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.



PARISH INFORMATION

- **COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday - £1144.05. (Standing orders: £686, Offertory & Gift-Aid envelopes: £458.05. Overseas Charity Collection: £26.40. Second Collection: £70.69. The value of your donations is increased when it is gift aided. Many thanks for your generosity. Counting Team this week: A (Next week: B) This Sunday there will be a voluntary second collection for the work of CAFOD.
- **RCIA Programme 2019/2020:** The next session of our Come & See programme will be on Monday 2nd March at 7:45pm in the Parish Centre. The topic for this meeting will be '*Vocations & Religious Orders*'. Everyone is welcome to join us for some or all sessions.
- **Sacrament of Confirmation:** The children who have been following the programme of preparation, will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation from Bp. David McGough on Wednesday 11th March at 6:30pm Mass.** *Please note the change of time for this Mass.*
- **Lent Lunchtime Talks:** Walsall Town Centre Ministry have arranged a series of Lunchtime Services, which will take place at St. Paul's Church in the town centre every Wednesday during Lent. Light lunches will be served from Noon and the service/talk will begin at 1:00pm. The theme for this year is 'Seven Encounters with Jesus'. Everyone is welcome.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of **Peggy McGill** who died on Thursday (5th March). Funeral arrangements will be announced later. Please keep Peggy's family in your prayers.
- **RIP:** Please pray for the soul of **Canon Peter Taylor** who died on Friday (6th March). Canon Taylor was our former Parish Priest and will be remembered fondly by many generations of parishioners. Please keep his family in your prayers. Details relating to his funeral will follow.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Please be aware that Stations of the Cross will begin at **6:15pm on Fridays and at 6.00pm on Sundays.**
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** There will be a meeting for all **Eucharistic Ministers** on Tuesday 10th March at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Please make a note of this meeting in your diaries.
- **Evening of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:** Thursday 2nd April at Maryvale Institute, Kingstanding, B44 9AG, (5:30pm – 9:30pm). All Eucharistic Ministers are invited to attend.
- **Lenten Charity:** This year, we are supporting prisoners and missionaries through a '*Loose Change Appeal*'. Many thanks to families who collected a jar last Sunday. Please return it at the end of Lent with whatever you have been able to contribute as a family during Lent. Unfortunately, we have not been able to obtain any more jars. If you have an empty jar at home, you are welcome to use it to save your contributions.
- **First Mass:** Deacon Sean Gough, one of our own parishioners, will be ordained in July and we are very happy to announce that he will celebrate his first Mass in our church on Sunday 19th July at 9am. We hope you will be able to join us for this special occasion.
- **Lenten Retreat:** **The Lent retreat for all three churches together will take place at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church on Saturday 28th March starting with Mass at 10am and finishing at 1:30pm.** Fr. Brendan Carrick of the Archdiocese of Birmingham will give the talk. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you are able to attend.
- **Lenten Penitential Service:** This will take place during the evening of Friday 3rd April. More details will follow soon, but please make a note of this date in your diaries.
- **House Blessings During Lent:** we would like to encourage every family in our parish to have their house blessed during Lent. If you wish to have your house blessed, please contact Fr. Jobin by telephone or parish email, speak to one of the priests when you come to Mass or sign the sheet at the back of church.
- **Refreshments:** Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments, in the Pastoral Centre, on **Thursdays after 10am Mass and on Sundays after 9am Mass.**
- **General Parish Information:** Please see the poster at the back of church for general parish information.
- **School News:** On Wednesday we come together to celebrate the Confirmation of our Y6 children. It's a time of renewal for us all and one of the great joys (and bonus) of working in a Catholic school. The Year 6 children also get to spend time with Bishop David in the afternoon. It's wonderful for the children to spend time with Bishop David, who has dedicated his whole life and service to God, our Father. On the subject of vocations Y6 are off to visit Oscott College in June. This is a splendid day of enquiry. Please pray for our school and particularly our Confirmands. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers. Cath Amos Head Teacher.



Rest In Peace

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR 2020 CALENDAR

Tuesday 10 th March	Meeting of Eucharistic Ministers - Parish Centre at 7pm
Wednesday 11 th March	Sacrament of Confirmation – 6:30pm Mass
Saturday 28 th March	Parish Lenten Retreat
Friday 3 rd April	Penitential Service
Sunday 10 th May	First Holy Communion – 11:00am
Sunday 17 th May	First Holy Communion – 9am & 11:30am
Sunday 19 th July	Fr. Sean Gough – Celebration of First Mass

Programme of Meetings: Fr. Jobin would like to meet with each of the organisations and groups in the parish. The programme of meetings is listed below. Please make a note of the relevant dates in your diary.

10th March - 7pm	Eucharistic Ministers	Parish Centre
17th March - 7pm	Catechists	Parish Centre
24th March - 7pm	Choirs & Musicians	Parish Centre
31st March - 7pm	Readers	Parish Centre
21st April - 7pm	Refreshment & Cordiality Team	Parish Centre
5th May - 7pm	Overseas Charity	Parish Centre

Let us pray for those who are sick:

Marie Hornblower, John Bush, Judith Dunthorne, Patricia Davies, Angela Gonsalves, Mary Gallagher, Margaret Powell, Anne Jennings, Matthew McGill, Dr. Petroc Willey, Lee Chit Wei, Margaret Abbot, Susan Naughton, Mrs K Carter, Carol Callaghan, Jo Baker, Mrs Small, Peter Corrigan, Josie Kelleher, Mary Tomkins, John Carter, Gilbert Wilkes.

Prayer for Vocations

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the church in our Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Blessed Justin and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. **Amen. Hail Mary.....**

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Date	Time	Church/Place	Mass Intention	Offered By
Saturday 7 th	5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Catherine's (BD) St. Thomas's	Catherine Taylor <i>RIP</i>	K Gerrett
Sunday 8 th Second Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	St. Mary's St. Thomas's St. Thomas's St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Patrick's	John Duffy <i>RIP</i> Confessions Holy Mass Gilbert Wilkes <i>H</i> Stations of the Cross John Duffy <i>RIP</i>	Harris Family V Wilkes P Moore
Monday 9 th St. Frances of Rome Religious	9:15am 10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	St. Thomas's St. Mary's (MV) St. Patrick's St. Mary's	Tim Naughton <i>H</i> Catherine Jones <i>SI</i> Christine Mary Slater <i>RIP</i>	M Evans
Tuesday 10 th	9:15am 10:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Patrick's	John Duffy <i>RIP</i> Adoration & Confession Holy Mass	P Power
*Wednesday 11 th	9:15am 9:15am *6:30pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's	Sacrament of Confirmation Kath & Malcolm Flaherty <i>RIP</i>	Family
Thursday 12 th Dementia Prayer Week	9:15am 10:00am 12:30pm 1:00pm	St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Patrick's St. Patrick's	James & Theresa Donnellan <i>RIP</i> Adoration & Confession Martin Scully <i>RIP</i>	Paul Donnellan P Moore
Friday 13 th Dementia Prayer Week	9:15am 9:15am 6:15pm 7:00pm	St. Patrick's St. Thomas's St. Mary's St. Mary's	Holy Mass followed by Adoration Stations of the Cross & Confessions Clara Gontarek <i>RIP</i>	P Power
Saturday 14 th Dementia Prayer Week	10:00am 10:30am 11:15am 5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Catherine's (BD) St. Thomas's	Giuseppina Centonze Siciliano <i>RIP</i> Adoration & Confession Benediction John Duffy <i>RIP</i>	M Siciliano Bubb Family
Sunday 15 th Third Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments Dementia Prayer Week	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:00am 11:00am *6:00pm 7:00pm	St. Mary's St. Thomas's St. Thomas's St. Patrick's St. Mary's St. Mary's St. Patrick's	John Duffy <i>RIP</i> Confessions Holy Mass Dennis & Sheila Harris <i>RIP, WA</i> Stations of the Cross Holy Mass	Beech Family R & H Harris

C=Conversion, RIP=Rest in Peace, DA=Death Anniversary, S=Sick, B=Birthday, TH=Thanksgiving, WB=Well-Being, H=Healing, SI=Special Intention, PI= Private Intention, PC=Parish Centre, M=Marriage, WA=Wedding Anniversary, Ch=Church, MV=Maryvale, SCH=School, BD=Beechdale, BP=Baptism