



# Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph

with the churches of  
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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Updated editions of this Bulletin may appear during the coming week.  
Watch his space for when and on which page/s.

Saturday 28 March		<i>Mass Intentions</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 29 March	10.30am Parish Mass (Facebook live-stream) <i>See - Readings pg 5</i>	<i>Parish Family</i>
Monday 30 March		<i>P.L &amp; J.M Gabriola</i>
Tuesday 31 March		<i>Colin Stevenson</i>
Wednesday 1 April	12.00nn Stations of the Cross (Facebook live-stream) <i>30mins approx - especially suited to Adults/Teenagers</i>	<i>Faithful Departed (Nov List)</i>
Thursday 2 April		<i>Eileen O'Reilly</i>
Friday 3 April	12.00nn Stations of the Cross (Facebook live-stream) <i>15-20 mins - especially suited to Children</i>	<i>Maurice O'Mara</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 4 April		<i>Homy Vaziri</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 5 April	10.30am Parish Mass (Facebook live-stream) <i>Palm Sunday - to include Blessing of Palms</i>	<i>Parish Family</i>

Please remember that while the above noted Services will be streamed live, only the camera person and Fr Anthony may be in the Church at the time. Readings for the Masses can be found on later pages of this Newsletter



Fr Anthony continues to each day celebrate Mass at one or other of our Churches, with special thought for all our Parish Family and all who belong to them. If any wish their own Mass intentions to be celebrated during these present times, please let Fr Anthony know in the usual manner.  
*And let us all pray for a speedy end to Covid-19 and the well-being of each and all.*

## From Fr Anthony

It is a natural reaction, in times of difficulty, pain or upset, for people to turn to God. We who are gifted with belief might well note, and comment on how those who generally consider themselves not religious, will call upon God at such times. It therefore seems very unnatural, to so many, not to come together, in prayer and communion, in our Churches, when countries and peoples right around the world are facing the present attack of Covid-19. Virtually in every place, individuals, families and communities are facing significant changes to life-style, and some of these changes are painful in a variety of ways. Hopefully all who have need are receiving the helps they need.

One of the less spoken of but real needs is for us to be able to communicate with others, especially those who have a love for us. Stir-crazy, cabin fever, staring at the four walls - call it what you may - can become distressing and disturbing. One of the greatest Christian gifts is a readiness to give others time and to listen. Indeed, so very often part of, or even the whole answer is not to throw money at a problem, but to give time.

But as well as the need for us to be ready to give of our time, there is a need for us to be ready to call upon others when we need their time. This can sometimes be difficult: maybe because we feel others are so busy; maybe because we want to always be seen as entirely capable, in control; sometimes because we don't know how to put it, what the right words are. Thankfully, in our age we have so many ways to communicate, via the internet, telephone, and still old fashioned post, as well as when we are face to face.



Remember this, too - if kindness and love are to be given, they need to be received. Hopeful all of us are not only ready to give love, but to receive it, as and when it is needed (and it is always needed, as God made us *to love and be loved*). While many of us might, no one need ever feel ashamed, guilty, a burden, if they need to ask another's help. Read the Gospels. Time and again Jesus gave others the precious gift of his time, and encouraged them to take it: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Mtt 11:28-30) Or in lay terms: "A problem shared is a problem halved."

My contact details are at the top of our Parish Bulletins and on our Website. With the help of God, we will all be ready both to listen to others, and to ask to be listened to. Emotionally and mentally, feeling isolated can be as harmful as a physical illness or infirmity. And - never forget - *God is always but always ready to listen, and not like humans, he can never get fed up of listening!*

## Things happening in our Parish

**Helping Those Self Isolated** Some without local family members may need help with essential shopping. If you are able and willing to help, if need arises (remembering that items might be left at their door), please give your name and telephone number to Paul Stuart, Liz Finn or Fr Anthony. Only the SVP managed go-between/s will be given any telephone numbers, not those isolated.

*Many thanks to all who have already given their name.*

**Self isolated?** If you are completely self-isolated (eg you are displaying symptoms that may be Covid-19) and are becoming stuck for someone to get essentials for you, you can email/telephone Fr Anthony and he will pass on your message to our SVP. As Fr Anthony may not be available/able to deal with calls immediately, please try to contact him a day or two before your need is immediate.

**Holy Week Art** Designs that were invited for our Holy Week Service Times Card - if any of our Children have created a design, be sure to get it to Fr Anthony by this **Sun 29 May**, please, and he will see if he can make it appear in some of our Parish communications. Remember, too, to put your name, age and contact details on the back. The same may be given direct to Fr Anthony or put through the Sacred Heart Presbytery letter box (in an envelope or plastic wallet, if you can). *Any who are able to scan pictures may email them to Fr Anthony.*



**Palm Sunday** St Matthew says the crowds cut branches from the trees and St Mark says greenery from the fields. We can assume that not only palms were spread on the ground before Jesus - laurel surely would also have been likely. If you can, gather some greenery for next Sunday. If you are able to share in a streamed Mass, have it in hand for the Blessing of Palms and, in any event, display it in your home on Sunday and during Holy Week

**Parish Facebook** Not signed up? We have a growing Parish Facebook community, to be found at [Parish of the Sacred Heart Hemsworth and St Joseph's Moorthorpe](#).

**Paulinus Lottery** From recent draws, Alf Howcroft has been returned as a winner of £790.

**Please note** that the Lottery is now suspended until a more normal life can resume.

**Funerals** are not easy to cope with at the best of times. Just now, there are significant restrictions on both burials and cremations, including their being without a Mass or Service, in Church, beforehand. Restrictions apply to all funerals, whatever the cause of death. Funeral Directors are informing families of the latest details. Meanwhile, all can be assured that when we can gather in numbers again, families will be welcome to arrange for a Memorial Mass or Service, for their own deceased loved ones.

**Our Lent Project** We were doing so well in helping to raise money for a *Minibus for Burntwood Nursing Home*. If you wish and are able to continue with this, through Lent, you can give monies direct to Fr Anthony.



*Notices for the Bulletin need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.*

## Sacraments

**Baptism** A Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, is provisionally planned to occur in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Weds 10 & 17 Jun**, 7.30-9.00pm. To join a Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, to arrange an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for any expecting, as well as Parents with baby born.

**Confirmations** will hopefully next be celebrated, for our Deanery Parishes, early in 2021 - for Baptised Catholics now in *school year 5 or older*. Details about applications will be announced when more is known..

**First Reconciliation/Communion** Our programme of preparation is presently on hold. *Parents and their Children* will be notified when we can resume, but they should please keep in their diaries all the dates given for the Preparation Programme for First Eucharist.

**Marriage** Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact, Fr Anthony.

*Should there arise an unusual urgency regarding Baptism or Marriage, please consult with Fr Anthony.*

## But seriously

### DO YOU KNOW?

Like most of the twelve apostles, Jude and Thomas came from Galilee, but from which town or village is not known. Virtually everything known of Judas Iscariot relates to his betraying Jesus and where he was from is not known for sure, though it has been argued that his name suggests he was from Kerioth, in south Judea.

*This leaves Simon the Zealot, so where was he from? But as the apostles chose Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot, we ask also where Matthias was from?*

### AND SERIOUSLY!

Dave Thomas, founder of Wendy's Hamburgers is the only founder among America's big companies whose picture in the annual report shows him yielding a mop and bucket. It was done intentionally to lead by example. At Wendy's, MBA does not mean a



“Master of Business Administration”, it means “Mop Bucket Attitude!” Service at the lowest levels makes for great success.

## Parish Monies

**Realistically** Covid-19 will hit us all in the purse/wallet. Families have to be fed and bills paid - this is certainly well important. Maybe, however, somehow, you'll be able to remember - no Mass, no Offertory baskets passed around.

## Collections, etc

**Our Lent Project** Has so far raised for *Maidie's Minibus*:

Total to date £451.84

## Sacramental Confection: What's So Sweet About Sinning Unsound Effects

Concupiscence renders us vulnerable, temptable. We are tempted by this world through our concupiscence. But just because we entertain thoughts that are wrong doesn't mean we're guilty. It isn't until we allow those thoughts to start entertaining us that we have committed an actual sin on the inside—and, unless we repent quickly we will soon commit them on the outside.

In order to overcome the effects of concupiscence, we must first know what they are. Tradition names three:

1. **Our intellects are darkened.** Our faculty of reason now takes direction from our glands and our gut. It is only with God's grace, revealed truth, and our own effort that we can think past the promptings of our flesh.

2. **Our wills are weakened.** The will can only will the good. But the will acts upon the data provided with the intellect, which is now working in darkness. Thus our will is often misdirected—not towards God at our ultimate end, but towards creatures as our proximate end. The will still chooses good things; it just chooses lower goods, apparent goods. Nobody ever chooses evil as evil, even the person committing suicide or murder. Hitler thought he was doing good by ridding the world of Jews, Gypsies, and Catholic priests. That's how twisted human nature can become, once concupiscence is allowed free reign.

3. **Our appetites are disordered.** Our desire for food, sleep, sexual intimacy—all of these are good in themselves, when they are ordered to God, as they were created to be. But through concupiscence they become disorderly, and so our bodies have a tendency to drag us down into gluttony, laziness, lust, and other habitual sins.

You can see the ravages of concupiscence now. The intellect is darkened, so it is not feeding the will. Thus, the will is weakened further still. Finally, the desires of the flesh have become disorderly because the soul is no longer governing the body as it should.

From: Lord, Have Mercy—Scott Hahn

## Some Useful Connections

Mass (12.00nn each day) and various other Liturgies are streamed from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, and can be watched live and some later also; see [www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream)

Mass is streamed Sundays 11.00am, weekdays 10.30am, from our Diocesan Cathedral: see [www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk](http://www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk)

For Readings for Sunday and weekday Masses, the daily Divine Office, and other materials: see [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

For texts of daily Masses and more: see [www.magnificat.com/free](http://www.magnificat.com/free)

For information and prayer resources including educational, and for Children's Liturgies: see [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

For a little Catholic teaching, praying, etc, try Fr Stephen Wang: at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrIxeH2TSwEc8eVwwMGv8w](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrIxeH2TSwEc8eVwwMGv8w)

Mass and other devotions can be accessed via American EWTN channel, on satellite TV: or see [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)

**Please Keep  
in Prayer**

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time  
All who have **died recently**  
especially Sean Treacy, and his family



*Also:* All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing  
George Potts, Cynthia Potts, Sheila Jordan, Peggy Heneghan, Kazia Andruszko, Liz Allen, David Olbison  
John O'Brien, Dennis Fricker, Monica Lowe, Janice Coyle, Nicola Glew  
and all who receive Holy Communion at home

**The Word: Year A, Lent, Sunday 5**

**See Readings on pg 5 (internet copy).**

**Gospel: John 11:1-45**

This is the third of the great Johannine gospel readings on the Sunday's of Lent which lead up to and prepare us for the baptisms of the new members of Christ at the Easter Vigil; today's gospel grips us with the story of Jesus' gift of life to his friend Lazarus. This is not the same thing as the gift of life to us by Jesus in the resurrection, for Lazarus returns to ordinary human life, and will die again, whereas the Christian resurrection transforms us into a new way of life, giving us a life which is a participation in the divine life forever. Rather, the resurrection of Lazarus is the last and greatest of Jesus' signs, his marvelous works which point towards and hint at this final gift of divine life. The first of the signs was the transformation of the water of the Law into the wine of the Messianic wedding banquet at Cana. These signs show who Jesus really is. As well as showing the divine power of Jesus—for only God can give life—they also show the real, human love of Jesus for his friends. He is upset by Lazarus' death and weeps for him, sharing the human sorrow of his family as he shares our sorrows too.



**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

At the darkest moment of Israel's history, when they are hopeless exiles in Babylon, the prophet Ezekiel foretells a rebirth. In a great vision, of which we read only three paltry verses, he sees a valley full of dead bones. The Lord commands him to breathe on them, and in Hebrew the same word is used for breath and Spirit. So when Ezekiel breathes on them he breathes the enlivening Spirit of the Lord. The bones come together, are covered with flesh and sinews, and become 'a great, an immense army'. The prophet is foretelling the rebirth of Israel as a nation, prophesying that they will return to life once again in the

Promised Land. We can, however, read this prophecy in the light of the biblical revelation as a whole, and see that it is hinting at and mysteriously suggesting a further meaning. In this fullness of meaning the Church has always understood the prophecy as a promise of personal resurrection through the Spirit of God. We are on the threshold of the celebration of the resurrection of Christ at Easter, and so of our own resurrection in Him. This reading partners today's gospel reading about the new life given to Lazarus

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11**

In the preceding chapters of the Letter to the Romans Paul has described and analysed the process of salvation through Jesus' offering of himself in loving obedience to his Father, and our own integration into Christ by being plunged into him in baptism, and so joining him in his death and resurrection. This eighth chapter is the chapter of the Spirit, considering how we are transformed by the Spirit of Christ, now become our own spirit, through which we live. The Spirit of the Risen Christ is already in us and is empowering us, but our bodies are not yet transformed, as they will be in the final resurrection. In the later Pauline epistles (Colossians and Ephesians) this is expressed differently: God has already brought you to life with Christ; you have already been raised up; it remains only for this risen life to be revealed with him in glory (Colossians 2:12; 3:4). The Spirit of God and of Christ, described in the Johannine writings as the Paraclete or Helper, leads us into all truth, giving us an ever deeper appreciation of God's gift to us. The Spirit also gives us strength and zeal to do God's work in all our ways of life.

*Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'*

**The Word: Year A, Lent, Palm Sunday**

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4- 7  
2nd Reading Philipians 2:6-11  
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66 The Passion

**Prayer of the Church**

**Psalter Week 5**

- Sun** + Seasonal Proper
- Mon** + Seasonal Proper
- Tues** + Seasonal Proper
- Wed** + Proper of Saints
- Thu** + Seasonal Proper
- Fri** + Seasonal Proper
- Sat** + Seasonal Proper

**This Week's Feasts & Saints**

- Mon**
- Tue**
- Wed**
- Thu** St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
- Fri**
- Sat** St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

## The Word: Year A, Lent, Sunday 5

### First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

### Responsorial Psalm (129)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of Redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive,  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness;  
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord;  
I count on his word.

My soul is waiting on the Lord  
more than watchman for day break.  
Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of Redemption.

### Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will never die.  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

### Gospel:

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?

A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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## ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT OF ENGLAND TO OUR LADY

*Some months back, preparations were begun by the Bishops of England, to make this a time of Re-dedication of England to Mary, Mother of God. While Covid-19 has hampered public celebrations of this, we are all invited to make the Re-dedication as individuals and as families.*

This Re-dedication is both a personal promise of the people of England, and a renewal of the entrustment vows made by King Richard II in 1381. On this day we accept God's gift of His Mother, the cause of our joy, as she leads us to Christ through her example as the First Disciple, and invites us to "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5).

The Re-dedication is taking place on 29 March. It will be fulfilled by an act of prayer across the country through The Angelus Promise (pg 7) and The Act of Entrustment, below.

The Re-dedication may be celebrated wherever you may be on the day. Ideally, this would be 12.00nn, the time of the Angelus, but may take place at any convenient time during the day.

*The following is based on a Prayer of Erasmus 1532, Dedication of England to the Mother of God 1893, Prayer for England, from 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.

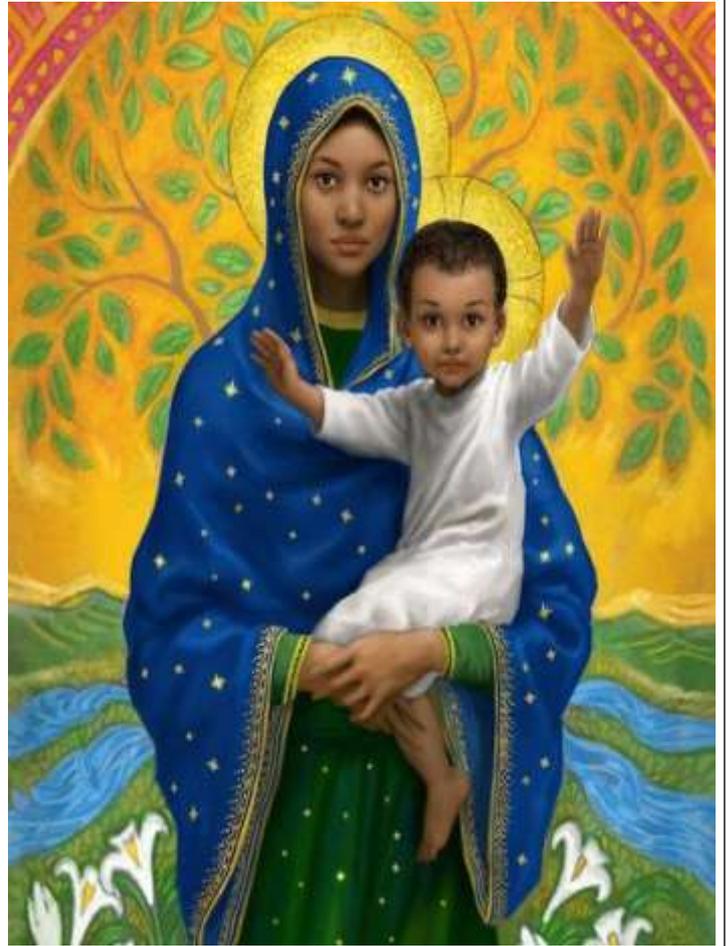
V: Pray for us O Holy Mother of God

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

**All:** 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.



## ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT - 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.

*The Angelus Promise may, of course, be recited alone or with others. It might commonly be recited at the hours of 6.00am, 12.00nn, and 6.00pm, but may be recited at any time.*

*Further details about the Angelus Promise and the Re-dedication of our Country to Mary may be found on the website [www.Behold2020.com](http://www.Behold2020.com)*