

Prayer cards to mark rededication of England as 'Dowry of Mary'



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Angelus prayer cards are being distributed throughout the Diocese of Shrewsbury as part of preparations for the rededication of England as the 'Dowry of Mary'.

The Bishop of Shrewsbury, Mark Davies, is asking Catholics of the diocese to say the Angelus on a daily basis ahead of the National Day of Rededication on 29th March.

He is making the prayer cards available in every parish of the diocese so that Catholics might have the text at their fingertips throughout the season of Lent.

Bishop Davies will announce the initiative in a pastoral letter read out at Masses this weekend, Saturday 29th February and Sunday 1st March.

The Angelus is a prayer centred around the Annunciation, when the Blessed Virgin Mary was visited by the Archangel Gabriel and freely assented to become the Mother of Jesus Christ by the action of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Davies wants Catholics to copy the fidelity of the Virgin Mary by uniting their assent to the will of God with hers.

The National Day of Rededication, which falls on the fifth Sunday of Lent, will see Catholics throughout the country making a personal 'Angelus promise' to God in union with the 'yes' of Mary at the Annunciation.

Communal acts of entrustment will be made in cathedrals at 12noon, renewing the vows of dedication made by King Richard II. Schools are invited to join the rededication on Monday 30th March.

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