

'Mary's Dowry': Rome restates claim to ENGLAND

Over the next couple of years, the Roman Catholic Church will be touting their Walsingham Statue of Mary around England as they 'rededicate' England to the Virgin Mary – commemorating a proclamation by King Richard II in 1381 when he declared concerning **ENGLAND**, '**This is your Dowry, O Pius Virgin**'. Despite the Reformation and all the Constitutional changes that took place in its wake, Rome has never given up its claim to and aspiration for 'sovereignty' over England. Rome has a web site giving details of all the events planned and it can be accessed on this link –

<http://dowrytour.org.uk/>

The British Church Newspaper of 10th May 2019 published an article under the heading **Pope to declare England "Dowry of May"** and herewith are some extracts from it –

'The Pope has set a date for their formal declaration that England has been returned to them as its "Dowry of Mary". It will be during May next year. Next week (16-18 May), a statue of "Our Lady of Walsingham" will be at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St Mary and St Boniface in Plymouth, where a number of ceremonies, and a special Mass will be held as part of a three-day "triduum of prayer". This Papal campaign is part of the "Mary's Dowry Tour", organised by the "Pilgrim Bureau" of the Office of our Lady of Walsingham, the place of the "Catholic National Shrine of our Lady Mary". The "Holy House" in Walsingham was erected as a purported replica of Mary's house in Nazareth, causing England to be called: "The holy Land, Our Lady's Dowry", and Walsingham being termed: "The New Nazareth" When the tour was announced, R C Archbishop, Vincent Nichols, declared it was: "A moment of great promise ... for the Church in this country and for our mission".

The "Dowry of Mary" tradition is said to date from the reign of Edward the Confessor (1042-66), at a time when the English church was descending ever-deeper into Mary worship. Later, a 14th century painting portrayed King Richard II and consort, Anne of Bohemia at Westminster Abbey in 1381. They are praying at the "Shrine of Our Lady of Pew", offering England to "Our Lady, as Her Dowry". He holds a parchment with a Latin inscription: "This is your dowry, O pious virgin" ... Much later Pope Leo XIII declared: "When England goes back to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England".

Pope St Paul II spoke of England as Mary's Dowry during his visit to England in 1982: "Let us learn from this Mary, our Mother. In England, the Dowry of Mary, the faithful, for centuries, have made pilgrimage to her at Walsingham. Today, Walsingham comes to Wembley ... Mary will teach us how to be silent and listen to God ... **Christ will conquer through her**, because he wants the Church's victories now, and in the future, to be linked to her'.

The article included this phrase "**at a time when the English church was descending ever-deeper into Mary worship**". In reality that has been the situation for a long, long time because of course the Church of England has its own shrine and statue of Mary at Walsingham and they parade it every year. In 2014 I wrote about this terrible idolatry linked to Walsingham and that article that can be accessed on this link

<http://www.takeheed.info/pdf/November-2014/Walsingham.pdf>

Will the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, be speaking out against this 'rededication' of **England** as "**Mary's Dowry**"? Highly unlikely as he is a close friend of Pope Francis and Archbishop Vincent Nicholls as you can read on this link –

<https://catholicherald.co.uk/news/2019/01/24/justin-welby-i-dont-mind-if-anglicans-convert-to-catholicism/>

The true Mary of the Bible would be horrified by what is being done supposedly in her name by both the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of England – "**blind leaders of the blind**" (**Matthew 15:14** and **Luke 6:39**).

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