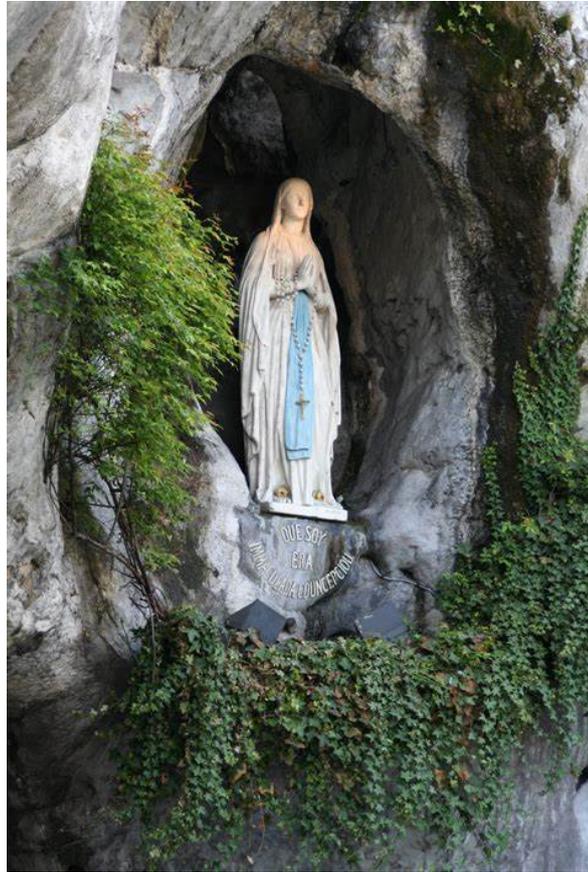


# OBLATE LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE



**LOURDES THEME:**  
**'BRINGING LOURDES HOME'**

SEPTEMBER 2020

## Sunday, September 20 - OPENING MASS

### Entrance Hymn - ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions,  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

### INTRODUCTION

**Reader:** You are all very welcome to the opening Mass of our virtual pilgrimage. We come together as the Oblate family. Though not in Lourdes this year, still we are united in heart and Spirit and over these days of pilgrimage we will bring Lourdes to our homes and hearts. We come together as missionary disciples of Jesus: each of us has been called by name

We remember in a special way today, those who are currently seriously ill with Covid-19. We also pray for those people around the world who have lost their lives to the coronavirus.

### **Penitential Rite**

Brothers and sisters let us take a moment to acknowledge the deep love that God has for each one for us. In the light of that love we ask mercy for the times we have not been true to the person God created us to be.

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

**Priest:** Lord, have mercy.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** Christ, have mercy.

**People:** Christ, have mercy.

**Priest:** Lord, have mercy.

**People:** Lord, have mercy.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

#### **A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 55: 6-9**

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked person abandon his way, and the evil person his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will have mercy on him, and to our God who

is rich and forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth, as my ways are above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm (SUNG)**

Only in God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my salvation.

He only is my rock, my strength, and my salvation.

**My stronghold, my Saviour; I shall not be afraid at all;**

**My stronghold, my Saviour: I shall not be moved**

Only in God is found safety when my enemy pursues me

Only in God is found glory, when I am found meek and found lowly.

**My stronghold, my Saviour; I shall not be afraid at all;**

**My stronghold, my Saviour: I shall not be moved**

Only in God is my soul at rest: in him comes my salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation (SUNG – Celtic Alleluia)**

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

### **The Gospel: St. Matthew 20:1-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, 'You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.' So they went.

At about the sixth hour, and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour, he went out and found more people standing around, and he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. He said to them, 'You go into my vineyard too.' In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.'

So, those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the landowner. 'The men who came last', they said, 'have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat.'

He answered one of them and said, 'My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go.

I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first, last."

The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

## HOMILY

### Prayer of the Faithful

**Presider:** Let us bring our prayers of intercession to God, in whom alone we dwell in safety.

**Reader:** Your response is: **Lord graciously hear us.**

**People:** **Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** We pray for all who are gravely ill with the coronavirus. May they know your comfort and peace.

Lord hear us.

**People:** **Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** We pray for our frontline health workers: Doctors, Nurses, Carers and Medical Researchers that through their skills and insights people may be restored to health.

Lord hear us.

**People:** **Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** We pray for all who are bereaved. Help these families and friends as they struggle to come to terms with grief and loss.

We pray with them in a short moment of silence.

**(short silent moment)**

Lord hear us.

**People:** **Lord graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** Mary, our Mother, you stood at the cross of Jesus your Son and

endured so much pain, loss, and grief. We ask your intercession as we pray:

**People:** Hail Mary....

**Presider:** Loving God, we bring all these prayers, those spoken and those unspoken in our hearts, through the same Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Offertory Instrumental – ‘Ag Críost an Síol’*

### Invitation to Prayer

**PC:** Pray my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**People:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

### Prayer over the Offerings

**PC:** Take to yourself, O Lord, the gifts your people offer, that in this holy sacrament we may enter the mystery which we profess with devotion and faith.. Through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**PC:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your Spirit.

**PC:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**PC:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right and just.

### *Sanctus (Sung)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### *The mystery of faith (Sung):*

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection  
until you come again.

### *The Communion Rite*

**PC:** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**People:** Our Father....                      .... But deliver us from evil.

**PC:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil and graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always freed from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**People:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

**PC:** Lord, Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**PC:** The peace of the Lord be with you always

**People:** And with your Spirit.

### **Lamb of God (*Sung*)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

### **Invitation to Communion**

**PC:** Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say  
the word and my soul shall be healed.

### **Spiritual Communion (see last page)**

#### **Quiet Instrumental - "Hiding Place" (Lawton)**

### **COMMUNION HYMN – 'Soul of my Saviour'**

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest  
Blood of my Saviour bathe me in thy tide  
Wash me ye waters, streaming from his side

Strength and protection may his passion be  
O blessed Jesus hear and answer me  
Deep in thy wounds Lord, hide and shelter me  
So shall I never, ever part from thee

## Communion Reflection

Every day I need you Lord, but this day especially.  
I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come  
This day, more than any other day,  
I need to feel you near me.  
To fortify my courage, and to overcome my fear.  
And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reminder for all those joining us to submit prayers/ petitions
- Our virtual pilgrimage continues this evening with Stations of the Cross at 5pm and torchlight procession from Lourdes at 8pm
- Tomorrow morning, we begin our day with a daily reflection at 9.30am
- 12 noon tomorrow will be Mass of the Immaculate Conception

## Prayer after Communion

**Priest:**

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may feel the power of your redemption in the celebration of the eucharist and in the conduct of our lives.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## BLESSING

**Priest:** Stretch forth your strong right hand, O God, and shield your faithful people, that we may seek you with all our heart and receive those things for which we rightly pray. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## The Concluding Rite

**PC:** The Lord be with you

**People:** And with your spirit.

**PC:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**PC:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Recessional Hymn: Holy Virgin by God's decree

Holy Virgin, by God's decree,  
You were called eternally;  
That he could give his Son to our race.  
Mary, we praise you, hail, full of grace.  
*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.*

By your faith and loving accord,  
As the handmaid of the Lord,  
You undertook God's plan to embrace.  
Mary, we thank you, hail, full of grace.  
*Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.*

## Monday, September 21 - MASS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### Entrance Hymn

The bells of the Angelus are calling to pray,  
In sweet tones announcing the sacred Ave.

*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

An angel of mercy led Bernadette's feet,  
Where flows the deep torrent, Our Lady to greet.

*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing,  
Who reigns now with Christ, our redeemer and King.

*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

*Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.*

**PC.** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the  
Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**PC.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:** And with your spirit.

### INTRODUCTION

**Reader:** –United in heart and spirit, we gather together virtually as the  
Oblate family – and remembering our theme for this year ‘Bringing Lourdes  
home” we invite you - whoever you are, wherever you are, however you

are feeling - to join us for this celebration of the Mass of the Immaculate Conception.

Mary's reply to the Angel Gabriel, was a "Yes" that she would be the mother of Jesus. Mary said 'Yes' despite not knowing what trials and tribulations, joys or sorrows she would suffer as mother of her baby, God's son. In this humble woman of Nazareth, the Father recognises one who trusts him with no reserve; and thus God's Son is given as a growing embryo in the womb of his mother, like any growing child totally dependent on the goodwill of his parents. We are called to have similar trust in the love, power, and mercy of God, especially in these difficult times.

### Penitential Rite

Responding to Our Lady's invitation to Bernadette, we come together as the Oblate family; with confidence let us ask our Father's forgiveness, for he is full of gentleness and compassion:

**PC.** Lord have mercy.

**People:** Lord have mercy.

**PC.** Christ have mercy.

**People:** Christ have mercy

**PC.** Lord have mercy.

**People:** Lord have mercy.

**PC.** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**People:** Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading

#### A reading from the letter to the Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted children, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### The Responsorial Psalm (*SUNG*)

**Sing to the Lord, alleluia; sing to the Lord (x2)**

Bless his name, announce his salvation

Day after day; alleluia

**Sing to the Lord, alleluia; sing to the Lord**

Give to him, you fam'lies of peoples

Glory and praise, alleluia

**Sing to the Lord, alleluia; sing to the Lord**

Tell his glories, tell all the nations

Day after day; alleluia.

**Sing to the Lord, alleluia; sing to the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation (*SUNG – Celtic Alleluia*)**

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee!

Blessed art thou among women!

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia

**PC.** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**PC.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke.

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**The Gospel: St. Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I

am a virgin?’ ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you’ the angel answered ‘and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God’ ‘I am the handmaid of the Lord,’ said Mary ‘let what you have said be done to me.’ And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

### Remembering our Dead

**Reader:** Since 1883 many people have travelled to Lourdes as part of the Oblate Pilgrimage in answer to the call of Our Lady “to come in procession.” Each pilgrim makes their own unique and sacred journey and it helps to make our time together prayerful and memorable. Today we remember and pray for all those who have gone before us.

**Fr Lorcan:** Tender and Loving God we give thanks for the gift of those who have shared our pilgrimage journey. Keep them safely in your care. Accept our prayers for those who have died in Christ and who are buried with him in the sure and certain hope of rising again.

Compassionate God, we bring to you members of our Oblate family who have died and are close to our hearts and we remember especially those who have died in the past year.....

***(Names of the deceased are read out)***

*Quiet Instrumental as names are called - "There is a Place" (Liam Lawton)*

**All:** Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. AMEN

**Lorcan:** I now invite you to join with me as together we offer our prayer of remembrance:

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,  
we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,  
we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,  
we remember them

So long as we live, they too shall live,  
for they are now a part of us,  
as we remember them.

**Celebrant:** Tender and compassionate God, we offer our prayer of thankfulness and gratefulness for those who have been part of our lives, shared in our pilgrimage and whom we are now remembering in this Book. We are thankful for those who continue to love, support, and encourage us. We ask that you continue to be light in the dark for us, giving us hope, encouragement and direction. As we remember our

dead may we continue to live our daily lives treasuring the memories of these special people and may we bring your light and life to others. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **The Prayer of the Faithful**

**PC.** Let us praise God who chose Mary as the mother of His Son and wanted all generations to call her Blessed. With confidence we pray:

**Reader:** We pray for the Pope, bishops and all who minister to God's people. May they be good witnesses and models of the love and mercy of God.

Lord hear us:

**People:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader:** Through the prayers of Mary, we pray for the sick, whether in mind or body, and for the oppressed of this world. Grant peace, comfort, and salvation to all.

Lord hear us:

**People:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader:** We pray for those who have died, whether from Coronavirus and other illnesses, especially the members of the OMI family. We pray that they may follow Mary into the glory of the heavenly Kingdom.

Lord hear us:

**People:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader:** We remember in a special way all those who work and have worked in the front line during the pandemic. May the love of God surround them and keep them safe.

Lord hear us:

**People:** Lord, graciously hear us.

**Reader:** Let us ask Mary to pray with us and for us.

**People:** Hail Mary....

**PC.** May we, like Mary, be able to say to 'Yes' to whatever has been, is now and whatever will be, so that we and our actions will be blessed through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### *Instrumental - "The Weaver" (Liam Lawton)*

#### The Preparation of the Altar and Gifts

**PC.** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**People:** Blessed be God forever.

**PC.** (*quietly*) By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

**PC.** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have

received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**People:** Blessed be God forever.

**PC.** (*quietly*) With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted to you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*The celebrant washes his hands, saying:*

**PC.** Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

### Invitation to Prayer

**PC.** Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### Prayer over the gifts

**PC.** Graciously accept the saving sacrifice, which we offer you, O Lord, and grant that through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, we may be delivered from all our faults and failings. Through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**PC.** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**PC.** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**PC.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right and just.

## *Sanctus (Sung)*

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## *The mystery of faith (Sung):*

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection  
until you come again.

## *The Communion Rite*

**PC.** Let us pray in the words that our Saviour has gifted us:

**People:** Our Father .... but deliver us from evil.

**PC.** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**People:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

**PC.** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will; who live and reign for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**PC.** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And with your spirit.

## Breaking of the Bread

### Lamb of God (*SUNG*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

## Holy Communion

**PC.** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say  
the word and my soul shall be healed.

### Spiritual Communion (see last page)

### Quiet Instrumental: *"This is my body"* (Owens/Lundy)

#### HYMN: *"A Mhuire Mháthair"* (traditional)

A Mhuire Mháthair, 'sé seo my ghuí

Go maire Íosa go deo im' chroí

*Ave Maria, mo ghrá Ave,*

*Is tusa mo mháthair, is máthair Dé*

A Mhuire Mháthair, i rith mo shaoil

Bí liom mar dhídean ar Thegach aon bhaol

*Ave Maria, mo ghrá Ave,*

*Is tusa mo mháthair, is máthair Dé*

A Mhuire Mháthair, 'tá lán de ghrás  
Go raibh tú taobh liom ar uair mo bháis  
*Ave Maria, mo ghrá Ave,*  
*Is tusa mo mháthair, is máthair Dé*

### **Communion Reflection**

Every day I need you Lord, but this day especially.  
I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come  
This day, more than any other day,  
I need to feel you near me.  
To fortify my courage, and to overcome my fear.  
And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand.

### **Prayer after Communion**

**PC.** Let us pray.

May the Sacrament we have received, O Lord our God, heal in us the wounds of that fault from which in a singular way you preserved Blessed Mary in her Immaculate Conception. Through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A reminder to send in prayer / petitions
- 5pm today - the Blessed Sacrament Procession
- 9pm this evening – prayer led by the Oblate Youth Service
- Tomorrow morning we have our daily prayer reflection at 9.30am
- Tomorrow's mass at 12 noon will be a Mass of Anointing.

## The Concluding Rite

### Blessing

Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing that like Mary we will be faithful followers of Jesus in all circumstances of our lives.

**PC.** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**PC.** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**PC.** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Closing Hymn – O Lord my God

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the worlds thy hand has made.

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:*

*How great thou art, how great thou art.*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee:*

*How great thou art, how great thou art.*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.

That on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

*Then sings my soul, .....*

## Tuesday, September 22 - MASS OF ANOINTING

Tuesday 22nd September 2020

### Entrance Hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord the Holy One is here  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace  
No work too hard for him; in faith receive from him  
Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

### INTRODUCTION

**Reader:** Welcome to our Mass of anointing. In the midst of these difficult days we come before the Lord with our vulnerabilities and brokenness as we seek healing and inner strength. As we journey towards living through these 'new normal' times, no doubt we all have questions and petitions that we would have liked to have sent to Our Lady's Grotto at Lourdes.

*(Short silent pause)*

### Penitential Rite

**PC.** As we prepare to celebrate these sacred mysteries, we ask forgiveness:  
*(pause)*

**PC.** You come to refresh us with your healing love.  
*Lord have mercy*

**ALL:** Lord have mercy

**PC.** You come to renew us with your mercy.

*Christ have mercy*

**ALL:** Christ have mercy

**PC:** You come to restore us with your tender compassion.

*Lord have mercy*

**ALL:** Lord have mercy

**PC.** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**ALL:** Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

#### A Reading from the book of Proverbs 30: 5-9

Every word of God proves true; He is a shield for those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die:

Remove far from me falsehood and lying;

give me neither poverty nor riches;

feed me with the food that is needful for me,

Lest I be full, and deny you, and say, "*Who is the Lord?*"

Or lest I be poor, and steal, and profane the name of my God.

The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm 26 (SUNG)**

**The Lord will heal the broken heart;  
God will seek the lost and find them**

I will bless the Lord all of my days  
I will bless the Lord and give God praise  
For the humble heart the Lord will guard  
In the Father's care may you rest from harm

**The Lord will heal the broken heart;  
God will seek the lost and find them**

You who live in love shall never die,  
You keep your word need never hide  
For the Lord will seek the righteous soul  
May the peace of God be your life and soul

**The Lord will heal the broken heart;  
God will seek the lost and find them**

**Gospel Acclamation (SUNG)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Go and show yourself to the priest,  
and make an offering for your cleansing. Alleluia!

**PC.** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**PC.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke.

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 5: 12-15

When Jesus was in one of the cities, there was a man full of leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, *“Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.”* And Jesus stretched out the man’s hand, and touched him, saying: *“I will. Be clean.”* And immediately, the leprosy left him. And Jesus charged the man to tell no one; but *“go, and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to the people.”*

But now more than ever the report went abroad concerning him; and great multitudes gathered to hear and to be healed of their sicknesses.

But Jesus withdrew to the wilderness and prayed.

The Gospel of the Lord

**People:**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### LITURGY OF ANOINTING

**Celebrant:** We now move into our Liturgy of Anointing. God’s tender healing is freely offered to each of us. In a few minutes, you will be invited to experience the healing touch of the Lord through anointing with the sacred oil.

### THE BLESSING OF THE OIL

**Celebrant:** God of all consolation, you chose to send your Son to heal the world. Graciously listen to our prayer of faith: send the power of your Holy Spirit, the Consoler, into this precious oil, this soothing ointment, this rich gift, this fruit of the earth.

Bless this oil + and sanctify it for our use. Make this oil a remedy for all who are anointed with it; heal them in body, in soul and in spirit, and deliver them from every affliction. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**Celebrant:** My friends join with me now in praying with those who are seriously ill, and in praying for them to be healed and strengthened in this time of uncertainty. We pray also for those who have dedicated themselves to caring for the sick, whether in their own homes, hospitals or nursing and care homes.

Our response is: **Heal us, body and soul.**

**People:** Heal us, body and soul.

**PC:** For what we have done, and for what we have failed to do.

Abba, Father, if it be possible,

**People:** Heal us, body and soul.

**PC:** Lord Jesus, you told us again and again, *'Do not be afraid.'*

Jesus, Friend and brother,

**People:** Heal us, body and soul.

**PC:** Holy Spirit, you bind up our wounds and breathe life into our bones.

Spirit of God,

**People:** Heal us, body and soul.

**PC:** Loving God may the joy and healing that this Sacrament brings to our spirit, also bring strength to our bodies and minds as we prepare to receive it. We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

## INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Blessing for Inner Healing

PC. Stretch forth your strong right hand, O God, and shield your faithful people, that we may seek you with all our hearts and receive those things for which we rightly pray. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People. Amen.

(The Clergy lower their outstretched hands)

PC. God of love and compassion, ease the sufferings of all who have gathered here today. Through your healing power, may we experience your healing presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

People. Amen.

## THE ANOINTING

The priests anoint each person in turn.

First, they anoint the forehead saying:

*“Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit.”*

People. Amen.

Then, they anoint the hands saying:

*“May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.”*

People. Amen.

## HYMN during Anointing – Be still and Know that I am God

Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know that I am God  
Be still and know that I am God

I am the Lord that health thee (x3)

In thee O Lord I put my trust (x3)

### Prayer of the Faithful

**PC.** Loving and compassionate God, we now come before you and offer you all our prayers and intentions...

**Reader:** We pray that we constantly draw on our faith in Jesus to give us strength in times of sickness in mind and body.

*(pause)* Lord hear us.

**People.** Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:** We pray for all families who have experienced trauma and unimaginable grief with the loss of loved ones to the coronavirus. Lord, may they experience your healing touch and presence as they strive to come to terms with their loss.

*(pause)* Lord hear us.

**People.** Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:** We pray for our medical teams as they selflessly give of their time and expertise in hospitals, ambulance services, nursing homes and care homes, in supporting patients with the coronavirus.

*(pause)* Lord hear us.

**People.** Lord graciously hear us.

**Reader:** We bring to mind the silent intentions present in our hearts.

*(a quiet moment of silence)*

We offer all our prayers to God through Mary as we pray:

**People.** Hail Mary...

**Celebrant:** Father in heaven, through this holy anointing, grant our sisters and brothers comfort in their suffering. When they are afraid give them courage, when afflicted give them patience, when dejected afford them hope, and when alone assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**People.** Amen.

**Offertory Instrumental: 'Ubi Caritas'**

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Invitation to Prayer**

**PC.** Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People.** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
For the praise and glory of his name,  
For our good, and the good of all his Church.

## Sanctus - SUNG

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The mystery of faith *(Sung)*:

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection  
until you come again

## The Communion Rite

**PC.** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we  
dare to say:

**People.** Our Father.... .....but deliver us from evil.

**PC.** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in  
our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from  
sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the  
coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**People.** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now  
and forever.

**PC.** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my

peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**People.** Amen.

**PC.** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People.** And with your spirit.

**PC.** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### **Lamb of God (SUNG)**

. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

### **Holy Communion**

**PC.** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**People:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**Spiritual Communion see page 75**

**Communion Instrumental: "Only a Shadow" (Carey Landey)**

## HYMN ‘O Sacrament Most Holy’

O sacrament most holy;  
O sacrament divine  
All praise and all thanksgiving  
be every moment thine (x3)

### Communion Reflection

Every day I need you Lord  
But this day especially;  
I need some extra strength  
to face whatever is to come. This day more than any other day  
I need to feel you near me to fortify my courage  
and to overcome my fear. And so dear Lord  
hold my trembling hand.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please continue during today to send in prayer/petitions
- 5pm – Rosary, coming to us from Jersey, Edinburgh, Wales, Newbridge, London
- 9pm – Closing Service

### Prayer after Communion

### The Concluding Rites

**PC.** The Lord be with you.

**People.** And with your spirit.

**PC.** May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son, + and  
the Holy Spirit.

**People.** Amen.

**PC.** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**People.** Thanks be to God.

### Closing Hymn

Hail Queen of heav'n, the ocean star,  
Guide of the wand'rer here below.  
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,  
Save us from peril and from woe.  
Mother of Christ, star of the sea;  
Pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,  
We sinners make our prayers through thee;  
Remind thy Son that he has paid,  
The price of our iniquity.  
Virgin most pure, star of the sea,  
Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

## Tuesday, September 22 - THANKSGIVING AND MISSIONING SERVICE

**Presider:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People.** Amen.

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

**People.** And with your spirit.

### Opening Hymn:

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

Give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

Keep me praising till the break of day.

*Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings.*

*Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna to the King.*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting, etc. *(Repeat Chorus)*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, etc. *(Repeat Chorus)*

### INTRODUCTION

**Reader:** Welcome to the final liturgy of the Oblate virtual pilgrimage, a service of Thanksgiving and Missioning.

In these unusual times, when we are unable to physically meet in large numbers, we give thanks to God for all the various hidden blessings received over the days of this virtual pilgrimage.

We have a second large candle present in our gathering – both online and present here with us. This candle is our missioning candle and it represents the light of Christ, which was first lit and held up at our baptism by our parents and godparents. As this candle is lit, we call to mind how Mary, our Mother, showed us the pathway to being a **missionary disciple**.

*We invite all those who are joining us on-line to light a candle during this our final time of time of prayer together.*

Let us ponder for a few quiet moments:

- \* What is Mary, our Mother, asking of us today?
- \* In what way is Mary, our Mother, asking us to build and strengthen our families and our communities during these 'new normal times'?

**(A few moments of SILENCE)**

### **LIGHTING OF OUR MISSIONING CANDLE**

**Presider:** Lord, our God, we thank you for the Good News which has freshly entered our lives during these past few days. We praise and thank you for sending us out as your missionary disciples and we ask that as we light this candle, this same missionary spirit may touch and heal broken hearts. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### **Proclamation of our SCRIPTURE READING**

**PC.** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**PC.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

### **A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew 28: 16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him; though some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them:

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of time.”*

The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## HOMILY

### Concluding Prayer

**Presider:** Once again we remember those who asked us to pray for them during these days of our Oblate virtual pilgrimage.

*(Short moment of silent prayer)*

**Presider:** O Mary conceived without sin.

**People:** Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

**Presider:** We pray the Memorare prayer together

### The Memorare (said by all the People)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

**Presider:** As our pilgrimage ends, we take a few quiet moments to thank God for all the blessings and graces we have received from Him.

*(a few quiet moments of thanksgiving)*

We pray that God may very soon bring us back together as the Oblate family. We

make this our prayer through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**Presider:** Our Lady of Lourdes

**People.** Pray for us

**Presider:** St. Bernadette

**People.** Pray for us

**Presider:** St. Eugene de Mazenod

**People.** Pray for us

**Presider:** We ask God's blessing:

**People.** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **HYMN sung at end "As I kneel before you"**

As I kneel before you, as I bow my head in prayer  
Take this day, make it yours,  
And fill me with your love  
**Ave Maria, gratia plena**  
**Dominus tecum benedicta tu**

All I have I give you, ev'ry dream and wish are yours  
Mother of Christ, mother of mind  
Present them to my Lord  
**Ave Maria, gratia plena**  
**Dominus tecum benedicta tu**

### **Act of Spiritual Communion prayer**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things  
And I long for You in my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
As though You have already come  
I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.