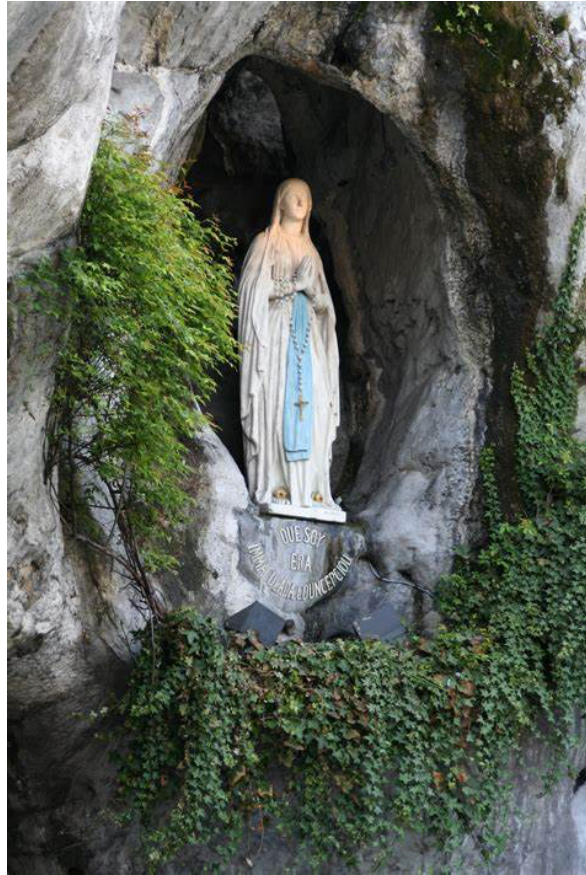


OBLATE LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE



LOURDES THEME:
'BRINGING LOURDES HOME'

SEPTEMBER 2020

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.

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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,

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.