

Refuge for your children so weak,  
sure protection all can seek.  
Problems of life you help us to face.  
Mary, we trust you, hail full of grace.  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

To our needy world of today  
love and beauty you portray,  
showing the path to Christ, we must trace.  
Mary, our Mother, hail, full of grace.  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

*Jean-Paul Lecot, tr. W. Raymond Lawrence*

**Thursday, 27 July 2023**

**Closing Mass in the Chapel of St Bernadette Côté Grotte with  
Procession and lighting of the Pilgrimage Candle  
VOTIVE MASS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

**Processional Hymn**

O Mother blest, whom God bestows  
on sinners and on just,  
what joy, what hope thou givest those  
who in thy mercy trust.  
*Thou art clement, thou art chaste,  
Mary, thou art fair;  
of all mothers sweetest, blest;  
none with thee compare.*

O heavenly mother, mistress sweet.  
It never yet was told  
that suppliant sinner left thy feet  
unpitied, unconsoled.

O mother pitiful and mild,  
cease not to pray for me;  
for I do love thee as a child,  
and sigh for love of thee.

Most powerful mother, we all know  
thy son denies thee nought;  
thou askest, wishest it, and lo!  
His power thy will hath wrought.

O Mother blest, for me obtain  
ungrateful though I be,  
to love that God who first could deign  
to show such love for me.

*St Alphonsus Liguori (1699-1787),  
tr. Edmund Vaughan CSsR (1827-1908)*

### **Kyrie**

Kýrie, eléison.

**Kýrie, eléison.**

Christe, eléison.

**Christe, eléison.**

Kýrie, eléison.

**Kýrie, eléison.**

*Lourdes Mass, Jean-Paul Lecot*

### **Gloria**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo,

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### **Reading**

*Acts 1:12-14*

After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the apostles went back to Jerusalem, a short distance away, no more than a sabbath walk; and when they reached the city they went to the upper room where they were staying; there were Peter and John, James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Jude son of James. All these joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Judith 13:18-19*

**You are the highest honour of our race!**

May you be blessed, my daughter, by God Most High,  
beyond all women on earth;  
and may the Lord God be blessed,

the creator of heaven and earth.

The trust you have shown shall not pass  
from the memories of men,  
but shall ever remind them  
of the power of God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, among women.  
Blest is your Son, the Lord Jesus.  
you have shown us, hope of heaven, joy of life.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Celtic Alleluia © Fintan O'Carroll/Christopher Walker*

**Gospel**

*John 19:25-27*

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister,  
Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother  
and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother,  
'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your  
mother.' And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in  
his home.

**Offertory Hymn**

O Mary, conceived in the grace of your Son,  
the firstfruits of vict'ry on Calvary won!  
He chose you as Mother to bring him to birth,  
the one fitting shrine for his dwelling on earth.

Immaculate Virgin, with motherhood blest,  
true God is the child that in your womb did rest!  
With you shall we ever Magnificat sing,  
whose Son is our Maker and Saviour and King!

O Mother, who stood by your Son till his death,  
still stand by your children till life's dying breath!  
O pray for us all as in glory you share  
your Son's resurrection, his masterpiece fair!

*James Quinn SJ (1919-2010)*

### **Holy, Holy**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus.

*Lourdes Mass, Jean-Paul Lecot*

### **Memorial Acclamation**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

*English Missal chant tone*

### **Lamb of God**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

**Miserere nobis.**

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**Miserere nobis.**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:

**Dona nobis pacem.**

*Lourdes Mass 2, Jean-Paul Lecot*

### **Communion Hymns**

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.

Benedicta tu in mulieribus,

et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,

ora pro nobis peccatoribus,

nunc et in ora mortis nostrae,

nunc et in ora mortis nostrae.

*Edwin Fawcett*

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

*Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)*

### **Blessing of Devotional Articles**

*After the Prayer after Communion the Cardinal will invite you to hold up any devotional items that you wish to be blessed.*

Blessed be your name, O Lord,

you are the fount and source of every blessing,

and you look with delight upon the devout practices of the faithful.

Draw near, we pray, to these your servants  
and, as they use these symbols of their faith and devotion,  
grant that they may also strive to be transformed  
into the likeness of Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

And may these articles and those who use them be blessed,  
in the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Pilgrimage Closing Prayers**

Our pilgrimage has been a privileged period of grace  
given us by God.

We, who have come in trust to this holy place,  
are moved with a new resolve to be renewed in heart.

This holy place that we have visited is a reminder  
that we are all united to Christ

through Mary as the Mother of the Church  
and the mother of us all.

As we return home, let us renew our love for the Church,  
which we see in our Blessed Mother:

Let us dedicate ourselves once more to fulfilling the vocation  
God has given each of us in the life of the Church,  
so that, like Mary, we may be a bright light shining out in the world,  
and that all who are burdened by darkness and turmoil  
may be brought to experience, through us and through Mary,  
the love of Jesus Christ and the hope he brings.

Let us pray.

Grant that we your servants, Lord,  
may enjoy unending health of mind and body,  
and through the prayers of the ever blessed Virgin Mary,  
who revealed herself to Bernadette in this holy place  
as the holy and Immaculate Conception,  
free us from our sorrows in this world  
and give us eternal happiness in the next.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Solemn Blessing**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

May God, the Lord of heaven and earth,  
who so graciously has accompanied you on this pilgrimage,  
continue to keep you under his protection.

**Amen.**

May God, who gathered all his scattered children in Christ Jesus,  
grant that you will be of one heart and one mind in Christ.

**Amen.**

May God, whose goodness inspires in you  
all that you desire and achieve,  
strengthen your devotion by his blessing.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Recessional 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 sinner; 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.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,  
to thee, blest advocate, we cry;  
pity our sorrow, calm our fears,  
and soothe with hope our misery.  
Refuge in grief, star of the sea,  
pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above,  
in Godhead One, in Persons Three,  
the source of life, of grace, of love,  
homage we pay on bended knee,  
do thou, bright Queen, star of the sea,  
pray for thy children, pray for me.

*John Lingard (1771-1851), based on Salve Regina*

*As the procession arrives at the Chapelle de Lumière:*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Dear Mother of our Saviour Christ  
we hail thee, and depart.  
Our pilgrimage is now complete  
we leave petitions at thy feet;  
enfold them in thy heart,  
enfold them in thy heart.

Be with us as we journey home,  
Mother of God, we pray;  
make us to love thy blessed Son  
and may his holy will be done;  
in duty, day by day,  
in duty, day by day.

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Let us thank God for the blessings of this pilgrimage  
and recommit ourselves to be Christ's missionary disciples  
in the service of his Church.

*We all say together:*

**O Lord, you are my God,  
and for you I long with all my heart.  
As I stand before you in this place  
where the Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette,  
I renew my desire to follow wherever you may lead.  
Take me and use me for your Gospel.**

**Grant me the grace to overcome my weaknesses;  
to bear my burdens lightly;  
to be attentive to your voice;  
and to be zealous in your service.  
As I return home from Lourdes,  
give me that faith which will never remain silent,  
that hope which will never cease to trust,  
that love which will burn always brightly,  
and that joy which delights in your Church.**

### **Litany of the Saints**

Christ, hear us.

**Christ, hear us.**

Christ, graciously hear us.

**Christ, graciously hear us.**

Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Pray for us.**

St Bernadette.

**Pray for us.**

Holy Family of Nazareth.

**Protect us who hope in you.**

### **Salve, Regina**

Salve, Regína, mater misericórdiae:

Vita, dulcédo, et spes nostra, salve.

Ad te clamámus, éxsules, filii Hevæ.

Ad te suspirámus, geméntes et flentes,  
in hac lacrimárum valle.

Eia ergo, Advocáta nostra,

illos tuos misericórdes óculos ad nos convérte.

Et Iesum, benedíctum fructum ventris tui,  
nobis post hoc exsílum osténde.

Ó clemens: Ó pia: Ó dulcis Virgo María.