

Prayer Programme: Rosary on the Coast for Life, Love and Faith - 2018

Leader's Intro: Today we join in with people from over 41 countries around the world who will gather on their coasts, borders and sacred places to pray the Rosary on this the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Something incredible is happening, and it's wonderful that Ireland is a part of it!

Hymn: Hail Queen of Heaven

Sign of the Cross

Thou, O Lord, will open my lips
R. And my tongue shall announce Thy praise
Incline unto my aid, O God
R. O Lord make haste to help me
Glory be....

Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary x 3, Glory be for the intentions of the Holy Father

1st Mystery: The Resurrection of Jesus

"But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here. Look, there is the place they laid Him." Mk 16:6

Reflection: In this mystery we remember that three days previously many had witnessed the death of Jesus. Nobody could dispute that Jesus had died a slow and painful death. Some of His enemies had even ascended Calvary just to see Him die, and to mock and ridicule Him. Jesus had to die so He could rise. He wanted us to know that God is more powerful than death. That death does not have the last word. He wanted

us to know that suffering also does not have the last word. And evil certainly doesn't!

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the key to our faith. It was different to Lazarus' rising because Lazarus would die again. Jesus' resurrection is forever. We are therefore an Easter People as St John Paul II said and Alleluia is our song. We are a people of hope. The greatest suffering, evil, even death itself cannot quench our hope because the Lord has risen from the dead, as He said He would. This is why simple men left everything and gave their lives to spread the good news of the resurrection around the world. The good news is that God loves us beyond anything we can ever imagine. He became one of us so He could show us this. His great suffering and death was part of the plan. Jesus has won the victory. Do not worry about a thing. Let us "rejoice and be glad".

Dear Mother Mary, help us to be people of hope. Help us to be lights in Ireland where so many are despairing and have lost hope.

Our Father, Hail Mary x 10, Glory be, Oh my Jesus forgive.....

Hymn: When Creation was begun

2nd Mystery: The Ascension of Jesus

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God." Mk:16.19

Reflection: After Jesus had risen from the dead, He appeared to 500 of the disciples over a period of forty days. It is sometimes asked why He didn't appear to many more? Blessed Cardinal

John Henry Newman said it is so that Jesus could continue His work of forming a small band of convinced followers. They were to be the ones who would then go out and change the world. We don't need massive numbers to change the world, just convinced and committed faithful, who will be humble enough to allow the Holy Spirit to act through them.

Jesus then ascended to His Father in Heaven though He promised to stay with us in a different way. He remains with us most especially in the Holy Eucharist and through His word, but we also meet Him gathered together in prayer and in the poorest of the poor. Mother Teresa said *"If I can see Jesus in the host then I will see His face in the poor."*

Dear Mother Mary, help us to believe that Jesus is in our midst as He promised His followers. Help us to see His face in our brothers and sisters.

Our Father, Hail Mary x 10, Glory be, Oh my Jesus forgive.....

Hymn: I'll sing a Hymn to Mary

3rd Mystery: The Descent of the Holy Spirit.

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." Acts 2:2

Reflection: After Jesus ascended to His Father, the apostles overcome by fear, locked themselves into the Upper Room to pray. Jesus

had promised them that the Father and He would send them the Paraclete, to help and guide them. They were not going to have to figure out everything by themselves, they were to be given Divine Assistance.

Something extraordinary happened when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples. They were no longer afraid. They went out and began to speak, praising God, and telling people about the good news of Jesus Christ, who had risen from the dead. Three thousand were converted that very day. The Holy Spirit continues to guide and direct the church and we have been told that “the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.” We therefore need not be afraid in any situation. Thank you Lord for the gift of your Church.

Dear Mother Mary, help us to believe that God is in control. Help us to overcome our fear and to be the evangelists that our country and Church so badly need at this time.

Our Father, Hail Mary x 10, Glory be, Oh my Jesus forgive

Hymn: As I Kneel Before You

4th Mystery: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“..we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” Munificentissimus Deus 1950

It was on the cross that Jesus gave us His Mother to be our spiritual mother. She was there at all the key moments in the life of her Son. Mary was also there to comfort the disciples, helping them in their mission.

Immaculately conceived, Mary never sinned. Her body would not experience decay and she was assumed into Heaven. We rejoice in this mystery because one of our own has gone to Heaven. Where she is now we too hope someday to be. Although Mary was given the extraordinary grace to be the Mother of Jesus it was only when she entered Heaven that she was embraced in the beatific vision. This is what Heaven is, and this is the indescribable joy that awaits us. To see God face to face. Now we only see Him with the eyes of faith, but when we enter Heaven please God, the veil will be removed and we will see God as He really is. His beauty, love, holiness and goodness.

Mary, our Mother, now cares for her spiritual children. This is why we are gathering today in many countries around the world. To pray with and through Mary. When we give her our prayers she presents them to God the Father on our behalf, and how much sweeter our poor prayers, sacrifices and good deeds are when they are presented by her.

Dear Mother Mary, help us to dwell in your Immaculate Heart. Help us to be like the servants at the wedding feast of Cana and to do whatever your Son asks us to do.

Our Father, Hail Mary x 10, Glory be, Oh my Jesus forgive

Hymn: The Bells of the Angelus

5th Mystery: The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” Rev 12:1

After Mary had been assumed into Heaven. God made her the Queen of Heaven. Mary now reigns in Heaven as our Queen. As she proclaims in the beautiful Magnificat *“Henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.”*

Mary, our Queen, is our great protector. *“Never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection...was left unaided”* Mary will come to our help when we implore her. She especially helps us at the moment of temptation, and also at the moment of death.

There are many ways we can ask for Mary’s protection. Many people wear the Brown Scapular many the Miraculous Medal. We instinctively know that Mary, our Queen, and our Mother can help us. Sr. Lucia of Fatima said God has given special power or efficacy to the prayer of the Rosary in these times. It is a beautiful prayer where we meditate on the mysteries of Christ through Mary, but it is also a prayer that history has shown can greatly help in the battle between good and evil. In each of the six apparitions at Fatima our Lady asked us to pray the Rosary every day. Sr. Lucia reminded us that *“There is no problem I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.”*

Dear Mother Mary, our Queen, help us to keep our eyes focused on the things of Heaven. Help us to turn to you in our time of need, and to pray the Rosary daily.

Our Father, Hail Mary x 10, Glory be, Oh my Jesus forgive ,,,,

Hymn: Salve Regina

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord have mercy on us.

R. Lord have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

R. Christ have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

R. Have mercy on us.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world:

R. Have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Ghost,

R. Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, ‘

R. Have mercy on us

Holy Mary,

R. pray for us (repeat at end of each phrase.)

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

Mother of Christ,

Mother of divine grace,

Mother most pure,

Mother most chaste,

Mother inviolate,

Mother undefiled,

Mother most amiable,

Mother most admirable,

Mother of good counsel,

Mother of our Creator,

Mother of our Savior,

Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,

Virgin most renowned,

Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen assumed into heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of peace.
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of Heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners, .

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, **R.** *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, **R.** *Graciously hear us O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, **R.** Have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray:

Grant, O Lord God, we beseech Thee, that we Thy servants may rejoice in continual health of mind and body; and, through the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, may be freed from present sorrow, and enjoy eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Memorare

St Michael the Archangel Prayer

Let us pray: O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection,.....

Blessing: (Given as a blessing by a priest, or recited as a petition by the laity)

Deliver us, we beg you O Lord, from all evils, past, present and to come, that by the intercession of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, together with St Joseph, St Patrick, the angels, saints and holy souls of this island mercifully grant peace through the most holy name of Jesus in our days, that through Thy Grace we may protect life, marriage and family and preserve faith in Ireland and throughout the world.

Through the Holy Name of Jesus, King of Ireland.

Sprinkle Holy Water

Bury or place the St Benedict Medals

Hymn: Our Lady of Knock or Faith of Our Fathers