

## **Novena to Mary, Untier of Knots**

### **Day 4 - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Untying the Knots of challenging Relationships**

Welcome

**Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace** - see *Hymn No. 16 on separate white Hymn sheets*

Reminder of our Knots

*Opportunity particularly for those joining our Novena for the first time today to identify knots in their lives. Also people who have been before who may have been pondering and have discovered additional hidden or denied knots.*

*On each day of the novena, so far we have been reflecting on potential knots in our lives: injustice, disappointment, grief, loss, hopelessness, betrayal, resentment, physical and mental suffering in all its forms, addiction, family disunity, relationship breakdown, confusion, separation, grief and loss, conflict and discord etc.*

*We may wish to identify for ourselves individuals or situations that need healing and peace. There are maybe people we love who we wish were here with us. Perhaps they have problems and knots that they are not addressing. Maybe there are people close to us who have left the Church. This may cause us pain and confusion and leave us broken hearted. Perhaps this is our knot rather than theirs as we realize that God has a loving plan for all of his children.*

*Later in the service, ribbons will be distributed to each of us in which we can tie knots to represent each of the knots in our lives. We will then be invited to process with them to the picture of Mary, Untier of Knots, and place them in the basket at her feet.*

### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1Cor 13:1-13)**

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and it is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: Let there be love shared among us** -see *Hymn No. 17 on separate white Hymn sheets*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8:31-39)**

With God on our side, who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits,

could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing therefore can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. As scripture promised: For your sake we are being massacred daily, and reckoned as sheep for the slaughter. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of Him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: As the deer pants for the water** - see *Hymn No. 18 on separate white Hymn sheets*

### **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (20:20-28)**

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came with her sons to make a request of him, and bowed low; and he said to her, 'What is it you want?' She said to him, 'Promise that these two sons of mine may sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your kingdom'. 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus answered. 'Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They replied, 'We can'. 'Very well,' he said, 'you shall drink my cup, but as for seats at my right hand and my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted by my Father.'

When the other ten heard this they were indignant with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that among the pagans the rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This must not happen among you. No; anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Homily**

**Hymn: One more step along the road I go** -see *Hymn No. 19 on separate white Hymn sheets*

*Distribution of ribbons followed by period of silence during which we identify for ourselves individuals with whom we are in conflict, or have strained relationship or are alienated from.*

Invitation to place knotted ribbons in basket at feet of Mary Untier of Knots while singing:-

**Hymn: Amazing Grace** - see *Hymn No.20 on separate white Hymn sheets*

**Hymn: Holy Virgin by God's decree** - see *Hymn No.21 on separate white Hymn sheets*  
(as time allows during placing of ribbons)

**Daily Novena Prayer to Mary, Untier of Knots** – see *words on white Novena Hymns sheet*

**Daily Novena Hymn: Hail Queen of Heav'n, the Ocean Star** – see *Hymn No.1 on separate white Hymn sheets*

*Thank you for coming to our Novena - Please feel free to take this copy service sheet away with you*