

## **Novena to Mary, Untier of Knots - Day 9, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Restoration of Hope and Harmony – the Peace the world cannot give**

**Opening Hymn: Lord of all hopefulness** - see *Hymn No.39 on separate white Hymn sheets*

#### **Welcome**

#### **Opening Prayer read by Fr John**

God our loving Father, we come to you on the final day of our Novena to Mary the Untier of Knots. We have entrusted to her all the knots in our lives, our losses our sorrows our suffering our separation and our grief. We pray that through the power of her prayer and through the outpouring of your Holy Spirit we may receive at your hands the gift of true Hope. And we make our prayer to you through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (11:1-10)**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD  
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist,  
and faithfulness the girdle of his loins.  
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
and the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall feed;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.  
In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples;  
him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace** - see *Hymn No.40 on separate white Hymn sheets*

### **A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:28-32)**

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?

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

### **Celtic Alleluia sung**

**Verse - The Almighty has done great things for me, Holy is His name**

### **Celtic Alleluia sung**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (1:39-45)**

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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

### **Homily**

#### **Period of silence**

*Let us reflect for a moment on the knots that we have placed in the basket and entrusted to Mary.*

**Hymn: Amazing Grace** - see *Hymn No.41* on separate white Hymn sheets

### **Bidding Prayers**

We have placed our knots in the hands of Mary

We pray for those of us who have had difficulty in surrendering their knots

We pray for those who overwhelmed by grief and loss are not unable let go of pain and grief

We pray for those in denial over the pain and suffering in their lives and have buried it so deeply that it has left them empty and hopeless

We pray for loved ones who are not here and whose knots cause us sorrow and confusion.

We pray for our parish communities here this week that having been blessed by the gentleness and compassion of Mary we may always provide a safe haven those in need of any kind.

We pray for those who have faith fully participated in the Novena for so many days both here at St Mary's and a home and on line and further afield.

We pray for those who have made this week possible, our priests and our helpers; our musicians, our singers and readers; those who have given people lifts; those who have brought cakes and biscuits, made tea and coffee; and all those for whom the blessings of our Novena are reward enough for their labours.

We pray with Mary Untier of Knots, who brings our needs to the attention of her Son as we say together the **Memorare** .....

**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 with 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 clemency hear and answer me. Amen.**

*Fr John will now bless Mini Ribbons and each of you is invited to come forward and receive one. Take one away with you as a reminder of our 9 days shared Novena experience. Our knots have been surrendered and are now with Mary. We have let them go. Our mini ribbons are a sign of the gift of real Hope that Mary has given us in return. Our fears and sorrows may resurface but we now know that we can always turn to her for help.*

*During this time we will sing:-*

**Hymn: Peace perfect peace** - see Hymn No.42 on separate white Hymn sheets

**Hymn: Christ be beside me** - see Hymn No.43 on separate white Hymn sheets

**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 all for coming to our Novena and for your encouragement and support in so many ways during these past 9 days.*

*May the Church be a place of God's mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged, the Church must be with doors wide open so that all may enter. And we must go out through these doors and proclaim the Gospel*  
**- Pope Francis**

*The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every person; it takes up the hopes that inspire our activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of Heaven; it keeps us from discouragement; it sustains us during times of abandonment; it opens up our hearts in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope we are preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity - **Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1818)***