

Novena to Mary, Untier of Knots

Day 1 - Friday 20th October, Identifying our Knots

Welcome and Introduction

Opening Hymn: As I kneel before you - see *Hymn No.2 on separate white Hymn sheets*

Opening Prayer

God our Loving Father, we gather in the name of your beloved Son Jesus confident that your Spirit is present among us and that you will give us everything that is good for us. We bring our needs before you through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of your Son. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:12-14; 2:1-4)

So from the Mount of Olives, as it is called, they 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.

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: Holy Virgin by God's Decree - see *Hymn No. 3 on separate white Hymn sheets*

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (1:26-38) – The Annunciation

In the sixth month 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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Identification of knots:

Priest: We pray to the Holy Spirit asking his help in identifying our personal knots.

Hymn: Come Holy Ghost creator come - see *Hymn No. 4 on separate white Hymn sheets*

Personal silent reflection 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.

Distribution of ribbons. Invitation that you each tie knots in your own ribbon identifying the principle concerns and confusion for which you seek the intercession of Mary Untier of Knots

Procession to place knotted ribbons in basket by the image of Mary Untier of Knots

During procession Hymns as time allows: **Immaculate Mary (Lourdes Hymn)** - Hymn No.5, **I'll sing a hymn to Mary** - Hymn No.6, **O Purest of creatures** - Hymn No.7, **Tell out my soul** - Hymn No.8

A Decade of the Rosary: The First Joyful Mystery, the Annunciation.

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

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

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.

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