

The FEAST of OUR LADY of
FATIMA



Saturday, 10 May 2025

Vigil Mass at 6pm followed by procession

Walk with Our Lady of Fatima in a candle-lit procession around St Mary's Cathedral as we pray for the needs of the Church and our world.



CELEBRATION FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Please do not light your own candles. Wait until the flame from the Paschal Candle is passed onto you. Please hold onto the white handkerchiefs given to you with the booklet. These will be for the end of the procession when we farewell Our Lady of Fatima.

The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is processed from Our Lady's Chapel to the front of the main altar as the choir sing::

Totally Yours (Totus Tuus)

Totus Tuus, Maria.
Gratia plena, Dominus tecum,
Totus Tuus, Ora pro nobis,
Maria, Maria

Chants de l'Emmanuel (2005)

INTRODUCTION

Celebrant: On October 13, 1917, Our Lady appeared for the sixth time and final time to the three Shepherd children at Fatima. A crowd of 70,000 people followed the children to the site where Mary appeared. Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta saw a great light as Our Lady appeared to them revealing herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and reminding us all to pray the Rosary daily. As Mary disappeared, an intense light filled the sky as the sun moved and danced around displaying magnificent colours for all to see. This 'Miracle of the Sun' moved everyone to believe in the apparitions and messages of Fatima. Our Lady fulfilled her promise to the Shepherd children of a sign for all to believe. As we now light our candles, we spread that light which warms the lives of everyone in the world, bringing us all to closer union with God.

BLESSING OF CANDLES

The Bishop lights his candle from the Paschal Candle and the flame is passed to those priests and servers around the altar who then pass the flame to the faithful, symbolising the spread of the Light of Christ as they prepare to pray the Holy Rosary. As the faithful light their candles the choir sing:

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me, the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1965)

Celebrant: God, You are the Creator of light and have given unto us, Your beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and to overcome death. We ask you to bless these candles, which we light in praise and honour of you, through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, Queen of Light. Help us persevere like the saints, in drawing on our baptismal graces of faith, hope, and love, as we await to enter Your Heavenly Kingdom. We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever more.

R Amen.

THE RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Celebrant: On October 13th, 1917, Lucia was asked to build a chapel in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary and to continue praying the Rosary daily. Listening to Our Blessed Mother, let us join in praying the Most Holy Rosary.

As we lift our candles, let us meditate on the Glorious Mysteries..

The Holy Rosary is recited. The Bishop will read a reflection and a reader will introduce the mystery before each decade. The Our Father is prayed in English, the first part of the Hail Mary will be prayed in several languages and the Glory Be will be sung in Latin.

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

✠ Amen.

All recite the Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

We pray three Hail Marys for an increase of the three theological virtues of Faith, of Hope and of Charity.

All pray three Hail Marys

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: ‘When I die, where will I be, where will I go?’ When we meditate on the Glorious Mysteries, this eschatological question arises in our hearts. Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, reminds us of our ultimate vocation to be saints and to enter Eternal rest in Heaven. Jesus by his life, death, and resurrection, gains for us our salvation, showing us the path to heaven. Tonight, fixing our gaze and hearts on Our Lady, let us ask her to guide us on the way to our heavenly home.

Reader: The First Glorious Mystery: The Resurrection of Jesus

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.’ [Luke 24:1-5]

Recited in English

Reader: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

R Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

10 Hail Marys are recited in Arabic and English

Reader: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Sung in Latin

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Celebrant: Our Blessed Mother announced to the world through the three Shepherd children to “pray, pray a lot, pray the Rosary every day.” Let us all pray to hear the voice of God and speak with Him; pray to discover God’s love and mercy; pray to learn how to discern God’s will in our lives; pray for the conversion of hearts; and pray that we all find peace in our hearts. Tonight, fixing our gaze and hearts on Our Lady, let us ask her to teach us to pray.

Reader: The Second Glorious Mystery: The Ascension

“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.” [Mark 16:19]

Recited in English

Reader: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

R Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

10 Hail Marys are recited in Croatian and English

Reader: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Sung in Latin

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Celebrant: St. Bernard tells us that “Mary is that star whose light spreads throughout the world [...]. In dangers, in difficulties and doubts; think of Mary and invoke her! Let her name never depart from your mouth or heart; and that you may obtain the benefit of her intercession, forget not to imitate the example of her life. In following her, you cannot go astray; in appealing to her, you cannot despair; and in thinking of her, you cannot wander. While she supports you, you cannot fall; while she protects you, you cannot fear; while she guides you, you cannot feel fatigue.” Tonight, fixing our gaze and hearts on Our Lady, let us ask her to keep us safe under her mantle.

Reader: The Third Glorious Mystery: The descent of the Holy Spirit

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” [Acts 2:1-4]

Recited in English

Reader: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

R Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

10 Hail Marys are recited in Vietnamese and English

Reader: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Sung in Latin

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Celebrant: “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” These words prayed in the Hail Mary reveal the closeness of Mary to God as it was from her body that the Son of God was made incarnate. Mary was endowed with a most glorious transfiguration as she was assumed into Heaven. Her soul ascended with angels on high to exultant union with God. Mary’s Assumption into Heaven reveals the overflowing grace of Christ’s redemptive death on the Cross for love of us. Tonight, fixing our gaze and heart on Our Lady, let us ask her to assist us on the path to Heaven, transforming the thorns of tribulation into the roses of eternal merit.

Reader: The Fourth Glorious Mystery: The Assumption

“Henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me.” [Luke 1:48-49]

Recited in English

Reader: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

R Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

10 Hail Marys are recited in Portuguese and English

Reader: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Sung in Latin

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Celebrant: Mary revealed herself to Lucia saying “My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the path that will lead you to God.” How many of our fears have found refuge in the heart of Our Heavenly Mother? By finding refuge and recollecting ourselves in Mary’s Immaculate Heart, she will teach us to trust in God and to open our hearts to His love and mercy. Tonight, fixing our gaze and hearts on Our Lady, let us ask her to be our guiding light.

Reader: The Fifth Glorious Mystery: The Crowning of Our Lady Queen of Heaven

“And 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]

Recited in English

Reader: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

R Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

10 Hail Marys are recited in Malayalam and English

Reader: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

R Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Sung in Latin

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

PROCESSION OF CANDLES

Celebrant: As we follow the procession of candles, let us keep our eyes fixed on Mary. Leading us, she keeps us close to Our Lord. Let us ask Our Lady to keep us in her heart and to place us in the heart of her Son, Jesus.

The Hymns are sung as the procession commences

Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail Queen of heaven, the Ocean Star,
Guide of the Wanderer 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 wanderer, 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 sorrows, 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.

Fr John Lingard (1851)

Mary, Woman of the Promise

Mary, woman of the promise;
Vessel of your people's dreams,
Through your open, willing spirit,
Waters of God's goodness streamed.

Mary, song of holy wisdom,
Sung before the world began,
Faithful to the Word within, you
Carried out God's wondrous plan.

Mary, morning star of justice;
Mirror of the radiant light,
In the shadows, of life's journey,
Be a beacon for our sight.

Mary, model of compassion;
Wounded by your offspring's pain,
When our hearts are torn by sorrow,
Teach us how to love again.

Mary, woman of the Gospel;
Humble home for treasured seed,
Help us to be true disciples
Bearing fruit in word and deed.

Mary Frances Fleischaker (1988)

Daily, Daily, Sing to Mary

Daily, daily sing to Mary;
Sing, my soul, her praises due.
All her glorious actions cherish,
With the heart's devotion true.
Lost in wond'ring contemplation,
Be her majesty confessed!
Call her Mother, call her Virgin,
Happy Mother, Virgin blest!

She is mighty to deliver;
Call her, trust her lovingly.
When the tempest rages round you,
She will calm the troubled sea.
Gifts of heaven she has given,
Noble Lady, to our race;
She, the Queen, who clothes her subjects
With the light of God's own grace.

Sing, my tongue, the Virgin's honors,
Who for us her Maker bore,
For the curse of old inflicted,
Peace and blessings to restore.
Sing in songs of praise unending,
Sing the world's majestic Queen;
Weary not nor faint in telling
All the gifts that earth has seen.

All my senses, heart, affections,
Strive to sound her glory forth.
Spread abroad the sweet memorials
Of the Virgin's priceless worth.
Where the voice of music thrilling,
Where the tongues of eloquence,
That can utter hymns befitting
All her matchless excellence?

All our joys do flow from Mary;
All then join her praise to sing.
Trembling, sing the Virgin Mother,
Mother of our Lord and King.
While we sing her awesome glory,
Far above our fancy's reach,
Let our hearts be quick to offer
Love the heart alone can reach.

Henry Bittleston (1854)

Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! (At Fatima's Cove)

The thirteenth of May, In the Cova d'Iria
Appeared, oh so brilliant, the Virgin Maria
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

The Virgin Maria, Encircled with light,
Our own dearest Mother, And heaven's delight.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

To three little shepherds, Our Lady appeared
The light of Her grace, To Her Son souls endeared
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

With war and its evils, The whole world was seething
And countless of thousands, Were mourning and weeping.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

To save all poor souls, Who had wandered astray,
With words of sweet comfort, She asked us to pray.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

By honouring Mary, And loving Her Son
The peace of the world, Will most surely be won.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

Afonso Lopes Vieira (1929)

Reader: As we hold these candles in our hands, let us keep our eyes fixed on you, Our Heavenly Mother. Let us entrust our lives, the lives of our families, and all those who are closest to us to you. God the Almighty Father chose you to be the mother of His Only-begotten Son and to be honoured and loved by all generations. Mary, Mother of God, we invoke you as our spiritual and heavenly mother as we open our hearts and pray:

R Intercede for us full of grace.

Reader: Mary, God made you the Mother of mercy. Help us feel your tender motherly love.

R Intercede for us full of grace.

Reader: Mary, Holy Virgin of virgins, God entrusted you to be the mother of Jesus and wife of Saint Joseph. Help all mothers foster the same love and holiness in their homes just as you did.

R Intercede for us full of grace.

Reader: Mary, Mother of hope and cause of our joy, at the foot of the cross you were filled with joy for the resurrection of your Son. Help us to be filled with same hope and joy in times of tribulation.

R Intercede for us full of grace.

Reader: Mary, Virgin most faithful, you were the most faithful servant with your 'fiat' to God. Help us to be disciples of your Son and faithful servants to the will of God.

R Intercede for us full of grace.

Reader: Mary, you were crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. Help us all to be saints and enter Eternal rest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

R Intercede for us full of grace.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reader: For all Bishops and clergy: that they may lead their flocks with humility and guide all on the path to Heaven. We pray to the Lord.

R Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Reader: For world leaders: that they may always be responsive to the needs of the poor, the hungry, and the vulnerable. We pray to the Lord.

R Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Reader: For our young people: that they may hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. We pray to the Lord.

R Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Reader: For the sick, the lonely and the grieving: that they may unite their sufferings to the cross of Christ. We pray to the Lord.

R Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Reader: For the needs we hold in the silence of our hearts. We pray to the Lord.

R Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Reader: For peace in our world: may the Queen of Peace reign in our hearts, our homes, our church, our communities and the world. May those who have suffered from violence be healed by the loving embrace of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, through his mother Mary. We pray to the Lord.

R Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Reader: For the faithful departed: that they may be led by the Good Shepherd to the waters of eternal life. We pray to the Lord.

R Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Celebrant: Our Omniscient, Omnipotent and Omnipresent God, you are Love and Goodness itself. Answer our prayers, grant us your grace, and keep us close to your Son, the Good Shepherd, on the path to eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

✠ **Amen.**

Salve, Regina is sung in latin as the procession concludes.

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus exsules filii Evae, ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte; et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who deigned to choose the virginal womb of Mary Most Holy for your abode. Grant us the grace to be defended by her protection and to celebrate her feast with holy joy. We ask this of You, in unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

✠ **Amen.**

All pray 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 to 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 mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

The celebrant says:

Dóminus vobíscum.

✠ **Et cum spíritu tuo.**

Sit nomen Dómini benedíctum.

✠ **Ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.**

Adiutórium nostrum in nómine Dómini.

✠ Qui fecit cælum et terram. Benedícat vos omnípotens Deus, Pater,
+ et Filius, + et Spíritus + Sanctus.

WAVING WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS

We invite you to join us in the tradition from the Our lady of Fatima procession in Portugal as we wave our white handkerchiefs to farewell our Blessed Mother.

The Hymn O Fatima, Farewell! is sung as the Congregation waves white handkerchiefs.

O Fatima, Farewell!

O Virgin of the Rosary, of Fatima dear Lady,
O dearest Queen of Heaven, to save thou' art ever ready.
O Virgin of the Rosary of Fatima dear Lady,
As now we leave your sanctuary, once more we kneel before thee.

Refrain:

**Just one, more final prayer, as we leave, O Mother dear!
May our hearts ever ring with the words that we sing:
Oh Fatima! Farewell! Dear Mother, Farewell!**

Before we leave O Mother, oh, hear our prayer of sorrow,
And save us from all danger, today, tonight, tomorrow.
Before we leave, O Mother, have mercy on our sorrow,
And ever be our guardian, today, tonight, tomorrow. **Refrain**

O Mother as we leave you, the tears, our eyes are springing,
But still our hearts with happiness, your love, your praise are singing.
O Mother as we leave you, our eyes with tears are dimming,
But though we weep at parting, our souls with love are brimming. **Refrain**

Stephen DeCesare (2000, 2017)



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