



CELEBRATING THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL
W/C SUN 16TH MAY 2022, 5TH WEEK OF EASTER

HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

During the Easter season (the 50 days of feasting after Easter Sunday), falls the month of May. During this month Primary school children may hold May processions where they crown a statue of Mary with flowers, there'll be an increase of Marian hymns sung in churches, and rosary's said left, right and centre. This month of devotion to Mary doesn't detract from the joy of Easter, but enhances it! The prayers used in Church reach out to Mary at the resurrection of her son; "Rejoice, Mother of Light: Jesus, the sun of justice, overcoming the darkness of the tomb, sheds his radiance over the whole world, alleluia!" This woman, still only in her 40s, what had she just been through? What had she been thinking as she watched her son die? Did she remember the prophecy made just after Jesus' birth? - "Many in Israel will fall, and many will rise because of this child. He will be a sign from God that many people will not accept.... And the things that happen will pierce your own heart too." These words had come true, her heart pierced as Jesus hung on the cross, left to die. And yet, her trust in God remained. She was the model of prayer as she prayed with the apostles as they waited, showing them how to persevere in faith and hope.



And Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit
rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has
looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all
generations will call me blessed; for
he who is mighty has done great
things for me, and holy is his name."



MASS READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27
They put fresh heart into the disciples
Psalm: 144
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5
A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem
Gospel: John 13:31-33,34-35
In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

WE PRAY FOR...

All those we know who are sick and housebound, those in care or in hospital, and those who have recently died. We pray especially for healing for Nicky Taylor and Patricia Boe.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 18th: 8.25am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 18th: P5 7H in the Chapel
Thursday 19th: 8.45am 10AD & 10AG Chapel
Thursday 19th: P2 8H in the Chapel
Thursday 19th: P5 7A in the Chapel
Friday 20th: 8.15am Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael
Friday 20th: 8.45am 9AD & 9AG Chapel
Friday 20th: P3 8F in the Chapel
Friday 20th: P5 7W in the Chapel