

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life. Grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer to St Joseph by Pope Francis for the Pandemic

Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation and our world.

Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know, like you do, how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.

Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in caring for the sick.

Bless, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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



ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

Sister Mary Higney R.I.P.



Sr Mary was a member of the Order of Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (RNDM) and had served in the parish since early 2003. Sr Mary has done so much for our community over the past 18 years: visiting the sick and housebound, comforting the bereaved, preparing families for Baptism and Holy Communion, working with ecumenical projects and being a great welcoming and prayerful presence across the whole community. Please pray for Sr Mary, for her family, the Sisters of her order, especially Sr Louise with whom she shared her ministry here in religious community life at St Mary's Priory.

Reception of the Body of Sister Mary Higney RNDM Monday 3rd May 6pm

Opening Hymn:

Christ be Beside Me

Greeting and sprinkling with Holy Water

Placing of Christian Symbols and Constitutions of Religious Life:

The Word of God:

In her life, Sister Mary pondered the Word of God, lived by the Word of God and proclaimed the Word of God by her life of commitment and fidelity. May Christ now greet her with these words of eternal life: Come blessed of my Father!

The Cross:

In Baptism, Sister Mary was signed with the cross of Christ, to "put on Christ" and carry her cross. She witnessed through her life the presence of Christ in the world. May she now share in Christ's victory over sin and death.

The Constitutions:

The Constitutions are the unique expression of gospel living of The Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions. For 54 years, Sister Mary was encouraged and challenged in community by the vision of God's mission among us as laid out in these constitutions by the Foundress, Euphrasie Barbier,

The Ring:

The ring symbolises Sister Mary's vowed commitment to Christ through her life-long relationship of love, self-sacrifice and faithfulness.

Invitation to Prayer and Opening Prayer

Reading; A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

"He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness".

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *All:* Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Song of Farewell – May the Choirs of Angels Ernest Sands.
Verses from Psalm 27.

Refrain: May the choirs of angels come to greet you. May they speed you to paradise. May the Lord enfold you in his mercy. May you find eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (24:13–35)

"Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?"

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

Homily

Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Concluding Rites

Final Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers

Holy Rosary in Memory of Sister Mary 8pm.

The Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

The Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come 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.

For Faith Hope and Charity: Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be

Immaculate Mary! Our hearts are on fire; That title so wondrous Fills all our desire! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

1st Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus

We pray for God's glory, May His kingdom come; We pray for His Vicar, Our Father and Rome. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

2nd Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana

We pray for our Mother, The Church upon earth, And bless, sweetest Lady, The land of our birth. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

3rd Mystery: Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

For poor, sick, afflicted, thy mercy we crave; And comfort the dying, Thou light of the grave! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

4th Mystery: Transfiguration

In grief and temptation, in joy, or in pain, we'll ask thee, our Mother, nor seek thee in vain. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave Maria!

5th Mystery: Institution of the Eucharist

The Hail Holy Queen : 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 clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!