

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, MUMBLES

## HOME PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAYS

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A), 13 September 2020

*This home prayer service can be used by a single person (sole participant) or by family members at home. Where there are two or more persons, a family member leads the prayer service (including reading the reflection). Where possible, the participant(s) should have the prayer service around a table with a lighted candle, a crucifix and a Bible (or missal).*

### ENTRANCE SONG (OR ANTIPHON)

*An opening song may be sung or the following antiphon is recited. All stand.*

**Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.**

*We begin with the sign of the Cross:*

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*A leader or the sole participant says:*

**Blessed be the God of all consolation,  
who has shown us his great mercy.  
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

*Response: Blessed be God for ever.*

### INTRODUCTION

*Where there are two or more persons in the house, the leader introduces the celebration in these or similar words:*

**We cannot celebrate today the Lord of  
compassion and love, the Lord who died for us  
and who lives to intercede for us, unless each of  
us has forgiven his brother from his heart.**

### PENITENTIAL ACT

*The sole participant or leader introduces the penitential act saying:*

**Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves for this celebration.**

*A brief pause for silence follows.*

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to  
do, through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*The sole participant or the leader says:  
May almighty God have mercy on us,*

**forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.**

*Response: Amen.*

### COLLECT

The sole participant or leader says the Collect Prayer:

**Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.  
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

*Response: Amen.*

### READINGS

After each reading a brief silence is observed. It is desirable to take all the readings with the responsorial psalm, all of which are available in the Sunday Missal. Where all readings of the Sunday cannot be taken, the Gospel (printed below) is read. The one who reads the Gospel, if not a priest or deacon, does not say "The Lord be with you" but begins with "A reading from the holy Gospel according to...".

First Reading:	Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 102(103):1-4,9-12
Second Reading:	Romans 14:7-9
Gospel Acclamation:	Jn13:34
Gospel:	Matthew 18:21-35

### **A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole

sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me” he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

## **The Gospel of the Lord**

### **REFLECTION**

*The sole participant or leader reads a homily prepared by the priest; or may give a short reflection on the scripture readings of the day. The reflection is followed by a period of silence.*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The creed is said:*

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.

### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

*The General Intercessions are said.*

*Leader:* Every day we pray that God will forgive us our sins as we are prepared to forgive our neighbour. In our intentions, let us seek the mercy of the God who forgives.

*Reader:* Let us pray for the reconciling Church which brings healing to penitents. Lord, in your mercy  
*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray for men and women skilled in the arts of diplomacy in situations of political tension. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray for those who cannot forgive and forget. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer

*Reader:* Let us pray that those who are sick with the coronavirus may regain their health through quality medical care and may those who have died from the virus find eternal rest with God. Lord, in your mercy  
*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray for our sick and housebound parishioners, that they may be strengthened through the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* In thanksgiving to the Lord, we pray for parishioners who mark their birthdays this week: Delyth Johnson, Beryl Rees, Angela Matthews. May the Lord bless and keep them. Lord, in your mercy  
*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray to our Father in the words Our Saviour taught us: **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*After a brief period of silence, the Prayer of Spiritual Communion is said by all.*

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

*A song of thanksgiving may be sung after the prayer of spiritual communion.*

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*The sole participant or leader says the concluding prayer:*

**May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The sole participant or leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the Sign of the Cross while saying the following:*

**May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**