

# OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA, MUMBLES

## HOME PRAYER SERVICE FOR SUNDAYS

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A), 25 October 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.*

**Let your hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
turn to the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.**

*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:*

**Today, through the strength that Christ gives us,  
we can celebrate with the joy of the Holy Spirit that  
great commandment of love which once had to be  
imposed on men under threat of God's avenging  
anger.**

### 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:

**Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
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: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17(18):2-4,47,51

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Acclamation: Jn14:23

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

### 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:* As servants of the living God, our saviour, our rock, our mighty help, let us turn to him in humble prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray for the Church, our Mother and Teacher guiding us to live according to the two great commandments. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray for leaders in government who love and serve their neighbours. Lord, in your mercy

*Response:* Hear our prayer.

*Reader:* Let us pray for widows and orphans and poor folk who cry out for justice. 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: Brian White, Kazia Obara, John Grant. 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.**