



Diocesan Pilgrimage of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Plenary 2020 Candle

in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly (13-14 September 2019)



24th February – 13th September 2019

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Dear Clergy, Parish and School Communities

In preparation for our Diocesan Assembly on 13-14 September this year, the Diocesan community is being invited to embark on a period of prayer and preparation in the months leading up to the Assembly.

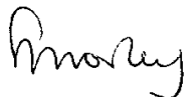
This will take the form of a Diocesan Pilgrimage of the Icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help (the Patroness of our Diocese) and the Diocesan Plenary 2020 Candle. Each parish will host the Icon and Candle for one week with the opportunity to receive and bless the Icon at weekend Masses and have it displayed for prayer during the week. During this time, parishes are encouraged to invite parishioners and also school communities to be involved. With this letter, you will find a resource pack of ritual and prayer that may be used for different circumstances. Please adapt as desired for your community's use.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage will commence at St Mary's Cathedral Sale on the weekend of Sunday 24th February. A timetable for the Pilgrimage throughout the Diocese is attached.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the host parish to contact the parish next on the roster and make arrangements for the Icon, Candle, Easel and materials to be taken to the next parish by Friday at the latest, so that they can be displayed at all weekend Masses.

Don't forget to take photos and send them to me at the Diocesan Office. We would like to publish them on our Diocesan Facebook page. Please be sure to ask for permission first before sending images of minors.

Kind regards



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Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Diocesan Pilgrimage Kit

- Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- Carry box for the Icon
- Easel – to display Icon
- Fabrics – to drape easel
- Plenary 2020 Candle – this has no holder so you may wish to place it securely on a candle stand
- Resource Folder

Please handle the Icon, Candle and Easel with care!

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Pilgrimage Roster (February-September 2019)

FEBRUARY

Sun 24th St Mary's Cathedral Sale

MARCH

Sun 3rd Yarram Parish

Sun 10th Foster Parish

Sun 17th Leongatha Parish

Sun 24th Korumburra Parish

Sun 31st Wonthaggi Parish

APRIL

Sun 7th Cowes Parish

Sun 14th – Sunday 21st Holy Week and Easter Triduum

Sun 28th Cranbourne Parish

MAY

Sun 5th Clyde North Parish

Sun 12th Narre Warren Parish

Sun 19th Pakenham Parish

Sun 26th Berwick Parish

JUNE

Sun 2nd Koo Wee Rup Parish

Sun 9th Iona-Maryknoll Parish

Sun 16th Bairnsdale Parish

Sun 23rd Lake Entrance Parish

Sun 30th Orbost Parish

JULY

Sun 7th Maffra Parish

Sun 14th Cowwarr-Heyfield Parish

Sun 21st Traralgon Parish

Sun 28th Churchill Parish

AUGUST

Sun 4th Morwell Parish

Sun 11th Newborough Parish

Sun 18th Moe Parish

Sun 25th Trafalgar Parish

SEPTEMBER

Sun 1st Drouin Parish

Sun 8th Warragul Parish

13th -14th Diocesan Assembly, Warragul

BULLETIN NOTICE: Diocesan Assembly and Pilgrimage

Bishop Patrick has announced a Diocesan Assembly to be held on 13-14 September at Marist-Sion College Warragul. During the Plenary Council 2020 *Listening and Dialogue* process, several common topics have emerged. It has become evident that many of the suggestions which have been made can be initiated and implemented at a local Diocesan level. The Diocesan Assembly, while part of the overall Plenary journey, is of vital importance as it will provide us with the opportunity to together discern and discuss what it is that we can do here and now for our local Church in the Diocese of Sale.

In the months leading up to the Assembly, the Diocesan community is being invited to embark on a period of prayer and preparation with a Diocesan Pilgrimage of the Icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help (the patroness of our Diocese) and the Diocesan Plenary 2020 Candle. Each parish will host the Icon and Candle for one week with the opportunity to receive and bless the Icon at weekend Masses and have it displayed for prayer during the week.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

All parishes are invited to join in a prayer roster by praying for the parish in the diocese who is currently hosting the Icon and Plenary Candle as part of the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Reader **In this time of preparation for our Diocesan Assembly, we pray for the community of St. xxxx parish, xxxx (*town name*). May they be graced with the fruits of the Holy Spirit as they host the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and pray to her. Lord, hear us.**

All **Lord, hear our prayer**

Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The original Byzantine icon dates from the 15th century, and possibly from the 13th. It has been in Rome since 1499 and is now housed in the church of St Alphonsus Liguori and in the care of the Redemptorists.

It shows the Virgin Mary holding the child Jesus, who seems to be a small adult. Jesus clasps the right hand of his mother as he looks upwards where the archangels Michael and Gabriel are holding the instruments of his redeeming passion. St Michael holds the spear, the wine soaked sponge and the crown of thorns, while St Gabriel holds the cross and nails.



As the Christ child contemplates this vision of his coming passion there is a hint of his anguish shown by the loss of one of his sandals. Yet the icon also depicts the triumph of the resurrection shown by the glorious gold of the background and the angels holding the instruments like trophies.

Mary looks outward; she is both holding her child and presenting him to the faithful viewer. It is worth noting that the figures of Mary and Jesus are both crowned in this copy. The crowns were added in 1867.

Under this title of Perpetual Help, Mary is patroness of several parishes. Significantly for us, Our Lady of Perpetual Help is patroness of the Diocese of Sale. Our first bishop, James Corbett, obtained a copy of the icon when he visited Europe in 1889-90. He returned in February 1890, bringing the icon, along with a group of priests he recruited in Ireland and the first sisters of Our Lady of Sion. The icon is now enshrined in St Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

The copy I have has been in my family for many years. I recall seeing it in the home of my grandparents, Tom and Mary Slater, in Leongatha, and believe it had been with them on their farm at Nerrena beforehand. After they died in the 1960s it moved to my own parents' home and since they died I have kept it.

I could only guess when my grandparents obtained their copy, perhaps when they married in 1917, or possibly at the time of a Redemptorist parish mission in later years.

Fr Peter Slater VG
Parish Priest, Warragul & Drouin



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Celebrating our faith
Shaping our future*

Diocesan Pilgrimage of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Plenary 2020 Candle

Lighting of the Plenary 2020 Candle & Prayer of Reception of Icon during Sunday Eucharist

*Place the Diocesan Plenary Candle in a suitable position in the sanctuary.
The Icon may be brought forward in procession or already be in place in a position suitable
for veneration.*

LIGHTING OF THE PLENARY 2020 CANDLE

Priest

As we light this Plenary 2020 Candle, we join ourselves with Catholic communities all over Australia in praying for our Church and in seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare for the Plenary Council 2020.

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit upon us to grace us and guide us in this time of preparation for the Plenary Council. Help us to know your will so that we may show forth your love and beauty in our service for others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Priest

Lord God, we acknowledge your infinite glory and the abundance of your gifts. Before the foundation of the world, you appointed Christ the beginning and end of all things.

You chose the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother and companion of your Son, the image and model of your Church, the Mother and advocate of us all.



She is the new Eve, through whom you restored what the first Eve had lost. She is the daughter of Zion, who echoed in her heart the longings of the Patriarchs and the hopes of Israel.

She is the poor and lowly servant, who trusted solely in her Lord. In the fullness of time she was delivered of the Son of Justice, the Dayspring from on High, Your Son, Jesus Christ. In her flesh she was his Mother, in her person, his disciple, in her love, his servant.

(Hand raised in blessing over the icon)

Almighty Father, we ask you now to bless† & sanctify this Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of our diocese of Sale. May our veneration of her image pay fitting homage to the Blessed Mother of Your Son.

May all who look upon this sacred image, come to know her protection and maternal care, tracing in their hearts the pattern of holiness. Bless them with faith and hope, love and humility. May they search for peace, strive for justice and realise your love, as they pursue their journey through life towards your heavenly city, where the Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes as Mother and reigns as Queen.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen





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Children's Prayer Service: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Gather the children around the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help; provide a vessel with sand for tapers to be placed or a bowl into which petals or flowers are to be placed; tapers or flowers provided or available for each child; response sheet.

Prayer Leader

Let us all get comfortable... let us be still... close our eyes... shut out the distractions... be aware that we are in the presence of God. (*pause*)



Jesus said, "where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there"

Let us light a candle to remind us of that promise.

A single candle is lit or light the Plenary 2020 Candle

Introduction

We gather around this image of Mary, the mother of Jesus, because it is very special for the people of Gippsland. This icon of Mary, the mother of God, is called **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**... and the people of our Diocese look to her for continual help. A beautiful hand painted image, the same as this, hangs in the cathedral in Sale. She is the patroness of the diocese. But this copy we have here with us today is over a hundred years old. It has been loaned to us by Fr Peter Slater, the parish priest of Warragul. It belonged to his grandparents and has had a special place in his family for all these years.



Have a close look at the picture.

Notice how Jesus is safely cradled in his mother's arms. See, also, how he looks anxiously at Gabriel the Archangel, who holds the cross and nails for His Crucifixion. And on his left, Michael the Archangel holds the lance, spear, and the container of vinegar. And look closely at Our Lady's face. See looks very serious and grave... perhaps thinking about her Son's future suffering and death on the cross for us!

Opening Prayer

Mother of Perpetual Help,
you have been blessed and favoured by God.
You became not only the Mother of the Jesus,
but Mother of all of us as well.
We come to you today as your loving children.
Watch over us and take care of us.
As you held the child **Jesus** in your loving arms,
so take us in your arms.
Be a mother ready at every moment to help us.
For God who is mighty has done great things for you,
and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God.
Pray for us, our Good Mother,
That we may grow into the people your Son is calling us to be.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son and our Lord.
All: Amen

Prayers For Ourselves and Others

Please choose the prayers you wish to include. You are welcome to compose additional prayers as desired.

Leader Mother Mary, never has been known in any age that anyone who asked you for help was left unaided. Hear our needs at this time...

Reader For the Church, that we may join together as a family to show Christ to the world. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For Pope Francis, that the Holy Spirit may always guide him as he leads the Church. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For our bishop, Bishop Patrick O'Regan, that he may always follow the example of Christ the Good Shepherd. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For our parish community, that as brothers and sisters in Christ, we may be united to one another in faith, hope, and love. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For our school, that all of us may grow in wisdom and truth. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For our teachers, that they may always point us in the right direction. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For our parents, that we may always be grateful for what they have done for us. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For our friends, that we may be caring and loving towards them. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For those who are lonely and sad, that we may see their need and do something about it. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For those pushed to the edges, that we may have the courage to bring them into the centre. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For those who have less than us, that we may add to the quality of their lives by sharing what we have. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader For ourselves, that we may become the best person that we can possibly be. Lord, hear us. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Mother Mary, who always sees our need, share our deepest concerns with your Son so that his healing power may enter into us through our hearts, minds and voices. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Ritual Action

*Students are invited, one by one, to light a taper or place a flower in front of the **image** of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. By doing so they give homage and honour to the **person** of Mary herself. Suitable music or a Marian hymn can be played whilst this is happening.*

Unison Prayer

Mother of Perpetual Help,
your picture tells us so much about you.
It reminds us to reach out and help those in need.
Help us understand that our lives belong to others
as much as they belong to us.

Mary, our Good Mother,
we know we cannot heal every sorrow or solve every problem.
But with God's grace, we intend to do what we can.
May we be true witnesses to the world
that love for one another really matters.
May our daily actions show how fully our lives are modelled after yours,
Mother of Perpetual Help.

Blessing

May you always honour Mary, the Mother of God

Amen

May you always seek help from Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Amen

May Our Lady of Perpetual Help, lead you to Jesus

Amen

May Almighty God bless us all ...
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen



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in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly 2019

Gathering

*We gather around the icon of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**, the patroness of our Diocese of Sale, to pray for our own needs, the needs of our parish and the wider Australian church in this time of the Plenary Council 2020.*

This particular image is over a hundred years old. It has been loaned to us by Fr Peter Slater, the parish priest of Warragul. It belonged to his grandparents and has had a special place in his family for all these years.

The icon, together with the Plenary Candle, is making its own pilgrimage to each of the parishes of the diocese in the lead up to the Diocesan Assembly in September 2019.



Sign of the Cross

Opening Prayer

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favoured by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but the Mother of the redeemed as well.

We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and his mercy is from age to age on those who love him. Intercede for us, our Good Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, our Mother of Perpetual Help. We ask this through your Son, Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Litany To Miriam (sung or recited) ¹

Cantor

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

All

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Holy Mary, Mother of God
Mother of the Church
Mother of the world

Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us

Mother of Divine Grace
Mother of Good Counsel
Mother of our Saviour

Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us

Faithful follower of Jesus
Sharer in Christ's Passion
Seeker of God's will

Pray for us
Pray for us
Pray for us

Cantor God here among us, show us your mercy,
stay with your people, come to our help.

All God here among us, show us your mercy,
stay with your people, come to our help.



God here a - mong us, show us your mer - cy, stay with your peo - ple, come to our help.

First Luminous Mystery of the Rosary: Jesus is Baptised in The Jordan ²



Matthew 3:13-17. *Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

Decade of the Rosary: Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary (10), Glory Be

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² Image by Robert Nyman on Unsplash.

Litany To Miriam *(sung or recited)*

Cantor

Mary, at Bethlehem

Mary, at Nazareth

Mary, at Cana

Mary, standing by the Cross

Mary, in the Upper Room

Mary, taken to heaven

Mary, model of humanity

Model of virtue and prayer

Image of the Church

All

Pray for us

Pray for us

Pray for us

Pray for us

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Pray for us

Pray for us

Pray for us

Cantor: God here among us, show us your mercy,
stay with your people, come to our help.

**All: God here among us, show us your mercy,
stay with your people, come to our help.**



Second Luminous Mystery: The Wedding Feast of Cana

John 2:1-5. *On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."*



Decade of the Rosary: Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary (10), Glory Be

Litany To Miriam (sung or recited)

Cantor

All

Virgin most free
Wife most loving
Spouse of Joseph

Guide us to Christ
Guide us to Christ
Guide us to Christ

Mother most fulfilled
Mother of mothers
Mother we need

Guide us to Christ
Guide us to Christ
Guide us to Christ

Joy of Israel
Honour of our people
Trusting Heart

Guide us to Christ
Guide us to Christ
Guide us to Christ

Hymn of the Joyful
Advocate of Life
Guardian of the young

Guide us to Christ
Guide us to Christ
Guide us to Christ

Companion of the pilgrim
Resort of the traveller
Protector of the exiled

Guide us to Christ
Guide us to Christ
Guide us to Christ

Cantor: God here among us, show us your mercy,
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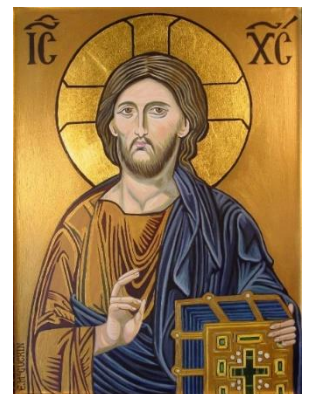
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Third Luminous Mystery: Proclamation of the Kingdom

Matthew 5:3,6. *“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven...Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice, for they shall have their fill.”*

Decade of the Rosary: Lord’s Prayer, Hail Mary (10), Glory Be



Litany To Miriam (sung or recited)

Cantor

All

Comforter of the sick
Nurse of the aged
Consoler of the widowed

Stand with us now
Stand with us now
Stand with us now

Help to those in pain
Strength of the broken hearted
Champion of the oppressed

Stand with us now
Stand with us now
Stand with us now

Defender of the poor
Hope of those forsaken
Courage for the heartsick

Stand with us now
Stand with us now
Stand with us now

Voice of the unborn
Support of the family
Friend of the single

Stand with us now
Stand with us now
Stand with us now

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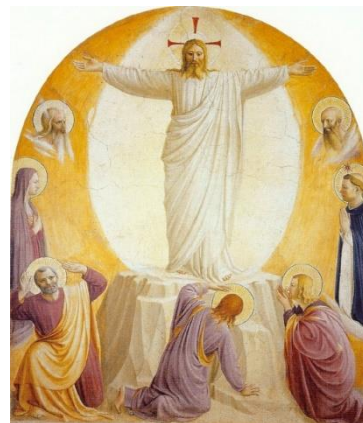
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God here a - mong us, show us your mer - cy, stay with your peo - ple, come to our help.

Fourth Luminous Mystery: The Transfiguration

Mark 9:2-7. After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."



Decade of the Rosary: Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary (10), Glory Be

Litany to Miriam (sung or recited)

Cantor

All

Woman of humility
Woman of poverty
Woman of suffering

**Remember us to God
Remember us to God
Remember us to God**

Woman of anxiety
Woman of hope
Woman of faith

**Remember us to God
Remember us to God
Remember us to God**

Woman who listened
Woman who wondered
Woman who followed Him

**Remember us to God
Remember us to God
Remember us to God**

Woman most whole
Woman of purity
Woman centred in God

**Remember us to God
Remember us to God
Remember us to God**

Temple of the Holy Spirit
Woman who loved Him
Our Good Mother

**Remember us to God
Remember us to God
Remember us to God**

Cantor: God here among us, show us your mercy,
stay with your people, come to our help.

**All: God here among us, show us your mercy,
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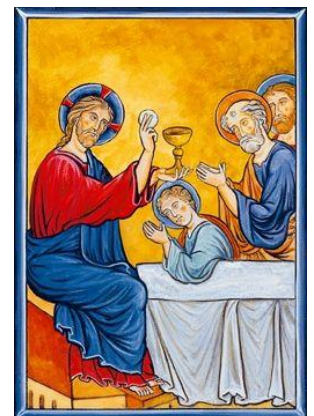


Fifth Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist

Matthew 26:26-29.

Jesus took bread...and gave it to his disciples saying: 'Take this and eat it, this is My Body'...and taking the chalice: 'Drink of this, for this is My Blood of the New Testament, which shall be shed for many unto the remission of sins.

Decade of the Rosary: Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary (10), Glory Be



Veneration of the Icon

Priest: Lord and Divine Master of all that exists,
long have your people of this Diocese of Sale
venerated the icon
of your Holy Mother, Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

As we stand devoutly before her icon
and give her homage, forgive us for the times
when we have not lived up to the dignity
of being your children.

Protect us from all evil and call us forward into a time
where we share your love in deed and truth.

All: Amen



*We are invited forward to venerate the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help...
and place a flower as a sign of homage to Our Lady.*

This can be done in silence, with quiet music or Marian hymns

Prayer Before the Icon

O God, Father of mercies,
whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross,
chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother,
to be our Mother also,
grant, we pray, that with her loving help
your Church may be more fruitful day by day
and, exulting in the holiness of her children,
may draw to her embrace all families.
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.

All Amen.

God's Word For Us Today (John 19:25-27)³

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your

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son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Gospel

Spend a few minutes contemplating the short reflection below:

The words of Our Lord to His beloved disciple, "Behold your mother," are an invitation to contemplate Mary. Kneeling reverently before the icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Perpetual Help, the words of the Crucified invite us to behold our Mother as she is depicted in her miraculous image. "And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (Jn 19:27). Wherever the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is given a place of honour, Mary herself is welcomed and received there. It has been said that there is scarcely a family in Ireland without an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. There are similar reports from the Philippines and from Haiti. Her image is also much loved on the sub-continent. When families, parish communities, and individuals welcome an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help they are, in effect, imitating the Apostle Saint John. The presence of the icon expresses a spiritual desire to abide with Mary and to remain beneath her gaze.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 97) ⁴

Reader Sing to the Lord a new song,
 for he has done marvellous deeds.

**All Sing to the Lord a new song,
 for he has done marvellous deeds.**

Reader Sing a new song to the Lord
 for he has worked wonders.
 His right hand and his holy arm
 have brought salvation.

**All Sing to the Lord a new song,
 for he has done marvellous deeds.**

⁴ Psalm 97 from the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, 1981, 1968, ICEL Inc, All rights reserved.

Reader The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

**All Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous deeds.**

Reader All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy.

**All Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous deeds.**



Prayers of Intercession

Priest On this day, when we venerate Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the
Patroness of our Diocese, let us pray humbly to her Son.

Reader For the reunion of those who believe in Christ:
that the love of the Mother of God may help them one day to
recover true fraternity. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Son of the living God, hear us!

Reader For the Catholic Church in Australia:
that our communities may respond to the call of the of the
Plenary Council 2020 and discern the whisperings of the Holy
Spirit. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Son of the living God, hear us!

Reader For the whole Diocesan family as we prepare for our Diocesan Assembly in September: that we may together listen to the Holy Spirit guiding us along the way. Let us pray to the Lord.

All Son of the living God, hear us!

Reader For those who govern us:
that they may always seek to foster peace among the nations.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All Son of the living God, hear us!

Reader For all those who are sick, in spirit, mind or body:
that by the intercession of the Virgin Mary
they may be delivered from their pain.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All Son of the living God, hear us!

Reader For those who are in distress
and who labour under heavy burdens:
that, by the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
they may find the comfort they need.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All Son of the living God, hear us!

Reader For ourselves, who joyfully put our trust
in the protection of Mary, our Mother:
that in our life we may imitate her virtues of trust and simplicity.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All Son of the living God, hear us!

We pray in silence for our own intentions.

Priest Remember your Church, O Lord, and hear our humble prayers
for they are presented to you through the intercession of
the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All Amen.

Blessing of Medals and Rosaries

All are invited to hold their rosaries and medals aloft for blessing.

Priest Blessed be your name, O Lord;
You are the fount and source of every blessing,
and you look with delight
upon the devout practices of the faithful.
Draw near, we pray,
to these your people and,
as they use these symbols
of their faith and devotion to you,
grant that they may also strive
to be transformed
into the likeness of Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you for ever
and ever.



All **Amen**

Final Blessing

Priest Eternal God and Father,
by whose power we are created and by whose love we are
redeemed:
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that, like Mary, our Good Mother, we may give ourselves to your
service,
and live this day in love to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

**“In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties,
think of Mary, call upon Mary.
Let not her name depart from your lips,
never suffer it to leave your heart.
And that you may obtain the assistance of her prayer,
neglect not to walk in her footsteps.
With her for your guide, you shall never go astray;
invoking her, you shall never lose heart.”**

St Bernard of Clairvaux

Hymn Suggestions

Hail Mary (OF/GLM)
Hail Mary, Full of Grace (SOM)
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman (CWB2/GA/GP1)
Hail Queen of Heaven (CWB1&2/GA)
Help of Christians (CWB1&2)
Immaculate Mary We Praise God (CWB1&2/GA)
In the Footsteps of Jesus (MROJ)
Magnificat (GA)
Many Roads One Journey (MROJ)
Mary, A Woman of Faith (LTMW/MPC/SOM)
Mary Our Mother (LC/SOM)
My Spirit Sings (CWB2/FIWS)
Our Lady of the Southern Cross (PP)
Our Lady of the Way (MROJ)
Our Lady Help of Christians (IJH)
Salve Regina (CWB1&2/GA)
Servant of the Word (CWB2)
Standing by the Southern Cross (SYJ)
Sub Tuum Praesidium (CWB2)
The Magnificat (AOV1)
There Is Nothing Told (CWB2/GA)
We Walk With Mary (IJH)

Music Codes

AOV	As One Voice, volumes 1 &2
CWB	Catholic Worship Book, volumes 1 &2
FIWS	Forever I Will Sing - Michael Mangan (Litmus Productions)
GA	Gather Australia
GLM	God Loves Me – John Burland
GP1	Glory & Praise – St Louis Jesuits
IJH	In Joyful Hope – John Burland
LC	Let's Celebrate! – John Burland
LTMW	Lord, Teach Me Your Ways – John Burland
MPC	Move, Pray, Celebrate – John Burland
MROJ	Many Roads, One Journey – Andrew Chinn
OF	One Family – John Burland
PP	People of PeaCe – Andrew Chinn
SOM	Songs of Mary – John Burland
SYJ	Sing Your Joy - Michael Mangan (Litmus Productions)