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Warrington*



Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

20 July 2025

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

Holy Virgin, by God's decree (366)

Penitential Act

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

Gloria

Please join in singing the refrain:

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

(Glory, glory, to God in the highest!)

Collect

May the venerable intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes come to our aid, we pray, O Lord, and free us from every danger, so that we may rejoice in your peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

First Reading

(Genesis 18: 1-10)

A reading from the book of Genesis

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I

have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

He who does justice

will live in the presence of the Lord.

- 1 One who walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.
- 2 Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbour; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honours those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading

(Colossians 1: 24-28)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

(Luke 10: 38-42)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with

much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Creed & Bidding Prayers

Please join in singing the refrain:

**Credo in unum Deum,
Credo in unum Deum.**

(I believe in one God)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Song: As I kneel before you (360)

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive, O Lord, we ask, the prayers of your people with the sacrificial offerings, that, through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of your Son, no petition may go unanswered, no request be made in vain. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he
who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.**

Our Father

Notre père... Têve Mūsų... Vater unser... Ojczy nasz...
Padre nostro... 我們的父親

Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion Song

- 1 Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!
Hail, mother of mercy and of love, O Maria!

**Triumph, all ye cherubim;
sing with us, ye seraphim!
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!**

- 2 Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!
- 3 And when our life-breath leaves us, O Maria!
Show us thy Son, Christ Jesus. O Maria!

Hermannus Contractus (11th century)

Prayer after Communion

Renewed with this heavenly food,
we humbly implore you, Lord,
that, having received your Son, born of Mary,
under sacramental signs,
we may profess him in words
and hold fast to him in deeds.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

Immaculate Mary (365) verses 1-3, 8



Prayer of a Poor Beggar to Jesus

O Jesus, give me, I pray you,
the bread of humility, the bread of obedience,
the bread of charity, the bread of strength
to break my will and melt it to yours,
the bread of inner mortification,
the bread of detachment from creatures,
the bread of patience
to bear the pain that my heart suffers.
O Jesus, you want me crucified, fiat,
the bread of strength to suffering well,
the bread of seeing only you alone
in everything and always,
Jesus, Mary, the Cross,
I do not want other friends than these.

St Bernadette Soubirous (Personal Notebook, 1873)

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