



**TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION -
AVE AVE AVE MARIA**

The Grotto
St Mary's, Chapel Lane, Belfast

Wednesday 11th February '15
8 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes

World day of the sick



Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for us. St Bernadette pray for us.

Tonight we unite in prayer and song with the thousands of pilgrims walking in torchlight procession through Lourdes. Our intentions here in Belfast will be prayed for by priests in Lourdes.

On Thursday 11th February 1858, Bernadette was collecting firewood with her sister Toinette and a friend. Looking for a place to cross a stream, Bernadette stopped to take off her stockings. A gush of wind came and looking up, "I saw a lady dress in white, she wore a white dress, an equally white veil, a blue belt and a yellow rose on each foot". Bernadette made the Sign of the Cross and said the Rosary with the lady. On the day of the 4th apparition on 19th February, Bernadette carried a lighted blessed candle to the grotto to pray. Later on, when Bernadette asked the lady who she was, She replied "I am the Immaculate Conception".

The grotto here in St Mary's, Belfast was opened in the Marian year of 1954 in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes. Over the last 60 years thousands of people in Belfast, have come to the grotto, to pray with Our Lady, just as Bernadette did in Lourdes. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Ave Ave Ave Maria.

Welcome

Lighting of the candles

The Bells of the Angelus

Joyful Mysteries

For healing of the sick

Luminous Mysteries

For healing in our families and communities

Sorrowful Mysteries

For the dignity of human life from conception to natural death

Glorious mysteries

For healing of our country, - our church, our media and governments, North and South, and for Our Lady's plan for Ireland

Crede and Close

1 The Bells of the Angelus

The bells of the Angelus
Are calling to pray
In sweet tones announcing
The sacred Ave
Ave Ave Ave Maria
Ave Ave Ave Maria
Immaculate Mary
Our hearts are all thine
Protect us they children
Who kneel at thy shrine

O bless us dear Lady
With blessings from heaven
And to our petitions
Let answer be given

2 Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail queen of heav'n the ocean star
Guide of the wanderer here below
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care
Save us from peril and from woe
Mother of Christ, star of the sea
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me

O gentle chaste and spotless maid
We sinners make our prayers to thee
Remind they son, that he has paid
The price of our iniquity
Virgin most pure, star of the sea
Pray for the sinner, pray for me

3 As I Kneel Before You

As I kneel before you
As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day make it yours
And fill me with your love
Ave Maria, gracia plena
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu

All I have I give you
Every dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine
Present them to my Lord

As I kneel before you
And I see your smiling face
Every thought, every word
Is lost in your embrace

4 Holy Mary Full of Grace

When creation was begun
God had chosen you to be
Mother of His blessed son
Holy Mary full of grace
Ave Ave Ave Maria

When creation was restored
You were there beside the Lord
Whom you cherished and adored
Holy Mary, full of grace
All of us are children too
Often doubtful what to do
Needing to confide in you
Holy Mary full of grace

Praise the father and the son
And the spirit three in one
As it was when time began,
Now and forever more, Amen.

5 The Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour
He looks on His servant in Her lowliness
Henceforth all ages will call me blessed

The Almighty works marvels for me
Holy is his name
His mercy is from age to age
On those who fear Him

He puts forth his arm in strength
And scatters the proud-hearted
He casts the mighty from their thrones
And raises the lowly
He fills the starving with good things
Sends the rich away empty
He protects Israel His servant
Remembering His mercy
The mercy promised to our fathers
To Abraham and His sons for ever

6 Mary Most Holy

Mary most holy from your hands falling
Are heaven's blessings, hear us now calling
Teach us to pray and work for God's glory
Ave Maria, Ave

Help us to witness, Christ is still living
Service to others, cheerfully giving,
Teach us to pray and work for God's glory
Ave Maria, Ave

Through joy and sorrow, each day's condition
Ever dear Mother, hear our petition
Teach us to pray and work for God's glory
Ave Maria, Ave

7 I'll Sing A Hymn to Mary

I'll sing a hymn to Mary
The mother of my God
The virgin of all virgins
Of David's royal blood
Oh teach me holy Mary
A loving song to frame
When wicked men blaspheme thee
I'll love and bless they name
Oh lily of the valley
Oh mystic rose, what tree
Or flower e'en the fairest
Is half so fair as thee
Oh let me though so lowly
Recite my mother's fame
When wicked men blaspheme thee
I'll love and bless they name

8 Salve Regina

Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae:
Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules, filii Hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte.
Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis, post hoc exilium ostende.
O clemens: O pia: O dulcis
Virgo Maria.

9 Holy is His name

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior.
For he has looked with mercy on my lowliness,
And my name will be forever exalted.
For the mighty God has done great things for me,
And his mercy will reach from age to age.
And holy, holy, holy is his name (x2).

He has mercy in ev'ry generation.
He has revealed his power and his glory.
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance,
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly.
He has come to help his servant Israel;
He remembers His promise to our fathers.
And holy, holy, holy is his name (x2).

10 O Mary of Graces

O Mary of graces and Mother of Christ
O may you direct me and guide me aright
O may you protect me from Satan's control
And may you protect me, in body and soul.

O may you protect me by land and by sea
And may you protect me from sorrows to be
A strong guard of angels, above me provide
May God be before me and God at my side.

11 Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God (x3)
I am the Lord that healeth thee (x3)
In thee O Lord, I put my trust (x3)

12 Lay Your Hands

Lay your hands gently upon us
Let their touch render your peace
Let them bring your forgiveness and healing
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands

You were sent to heal the broken hearted
You were sent to give sight to the blind
You desire to heal all our illness
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands

Lord we come to you through one another
Lord we come to you in all our need
Lord we come to you seeking wholeness
Lay your hands, gently lay your hands.

13 Father I Believe

Father I believe (X3), I believe in you
Jesus I believe (x3), I believe in you
Spirit I believe (x3), I believe in you

14 Our Lady of Knock

There were people of all ages
Gathered round the gable wall
Poor and humble men and women
Little children that you called
We are gathered here before you

And our hearts are just the same
Filled with joy at such a vision
As we praise your name.
Golden Rose Queen of Ireland
All my cares and troubles cease
As I kneel with love before you
Lady of Knock my Queen of peace.

Though your message was unspoken
The truth in silence lies
As I gaze upon your vision
And the truth I try to find
Here I stand with John the preacher
And with Joseph by your side
And I see the Lamb of God
On the altar glorified
Golden Rose Queen of Ireland....
And the lamb will conquer
And the woman clothed with the sun
Will shine her light on everyone
Yes the lamb will conquer
And the woman clothed with the sun
Will shine Her light on everyone

15 Credo

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, visibilium omnium, et invisibilium. Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo, Lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine, et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobi; sub Pontio Pilato passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum, sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est cum gloria, iudicare vivos et mortuos, cuius regni non erit finis. Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum, et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur, et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per Prophetas. Et unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

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