

PARISH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

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NEWSLETTER 15th August, 2021 The Assumption of Our Lady

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MASS TIMES: Sunday 9.30 a.m. & 11.00 a.m. - currently by advanced reservation only but FULLY BOOKED to the end of August.

Weekdays (Tuesday – Friday) 10.00 a.m. – no need to book

Confessions: On request.

Today, the Church keeps the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, a special feast for us as our church is dedicated to, and under the patronage of Our Lady. Our Lady stands as an example to us of humble acceptance of God's will, and of maternal love and understanding.

Because of the nature of our building and other practical considerations, we will be continuing with Covid precautions, namely:

- attendance at Sunday mass by advanced booking only - FULLY BOOKED to the end of August.
(no reservation needed for weekday mass)
- social distancing within the church
- the wearing of masks

Whilst things are generally opening up and many people are feeling more confident out and about, that is not true for everyone. Our arrangements hopefully provide a safe environment for those who might not feel so confident. The situation will be kept under review depending on how things develop locally and nationally. The Covid infection rates in BCP are currently twice the national average and in Westbourne remain close to 600 per 100,000. Hopefully, a gradual and safe relaxation may be possible in the not too distant future. The Sunday masses are heavily subscribed but there is plenty of capacity at weekday masses. The Sunday obligation remains suspended and so, for some, it might be beneficial to attend during the week.

Liturgical Calendar

To request mass intentions, please email or phone the Parish Office or leave an envelope at the church.

Sunday 15 th August	The Assumption of Our Lady	People of the Parish
Monday 16 th	of the day (20 th week)	-
Tuesday 17 th	of the day (20 th week)	-
Wednesday 18 th	of the day (20 th week)	-
Thursday 19 th	of the day (20 th week)	-
Friday 20 th	St Bernard	-
Saturday 21 st	St Pius X	-
Sunday 22 nd	Twenty-First Sunday of the Year (B)	People of the Parish

Prayer Corner: Please remember all the sick and housebound of our parish especially: Patricia Kowalewska, Win Sheridan, Patricia Plumb, Kathleen Wood, Peter Henry, Phillip Rockford, Germain McAulay, Geoffrey Dixon, Joe Bonnici, and Marjorie Lee.

Mass times and church opening:

Sunday mass is at 9.30 & 11.00 a.m. **by advanced reservation only and FULLY BOOKED to the end of August.**
Weekday mass (Tuesday – Friday) is at 10.00 a.m. No need to book. There is generally good capacity on all days.

For all masses **please be punctual.** The doors will be closed five minutes before mass starts and it will not be possible to admit latecomers.

Please be advised that the Sunday obligation remains suspended and so, for some, it might be beneficial to attend during the week.

On Sundays, the church will remain open after the 9.30 mass until 10.30 for those who may wish to make short individual visits but will then be closed for cleaning before the 11.00 a.m. mass. During the week, the church will remain open after the 10.00 a.m. mass until 11.00 a.m.

Please note: There will be no access to the Hall, the lift or to the toilets.

How to make a reservation to attend a Sunday mass:

You can request a reservation by one of the following methods (in order of preference):-

- 1) Send an email to oliadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
- 2) Leave a clear message on the parish office phone **01202 760640**
- 3) In writing, and placed in the letter box by the church door, or by post to Our Lady Immaculate, Seamoor Road, Westbourne, BH4 9AE

When making a booking, please give the following details and you will be contacted by phone or email to let you know which mass you can be offered:-

Name(s)

Phone number or email address:

Number of seats required:

Which Sunday mass you would prefer: 9.30, or 11.00, or either.

Would you like to be added to the ongoing Sunday rota? Yes/No

Finance. A 'Thank you' to those who are using the 'Donate' button on the website. The 'Donate' button has the facility of adding a reference in the 'leave a message' box and also the option to Gift Aid any donation. Any donation with no specific reference will be treated as ordinary offertory. The parish's bank details are set out below for those who may wish to take out a standing order or make a bank transfer.

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15 AUGUST 2021 Sunday Message

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun, and the
moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son,
body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant, we pray,
that, always attentive to the things that are
above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory...
Amen.

FIRST READING Apocalypse 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.
The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and
the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.
Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a
woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the
moon, and with the twelve stars on her head
for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour,
crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then
a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red
dragon which had seven heads and ten horns,
and each of the seven heads crowned with
a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars
from the sky and dropped them to the earth,
and the dragon stopped in front of the woman
as she was having the child, so that he could
eat it as soon as it was born from its mother.
The woman brought a male child into the
world, the son who was to rule all the nations
with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken
straight up to God and to his throne, while
the woman escaped into the desert, where
God had made a place of safety ready. Then I
heard a voice shout from heaven, "Victory and
power and empire for ever have been won by
our God, and all authority for his Christ."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 44

Response:

On your right stands the queen,
in garments of gold.

- The daughters of kings are among your
loved ones.
On your right stands the queen in gold of
Ophir.
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:
forget your own people and your father's
house. (R.)
- So will the king desire your beauty:
he is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the
first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death
came through one man and in the same way
the resurrection of the dead has come through
one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all
men will be brought to life in Christ; but all
of them in their proper order: Christ as the
first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ,
those who belong to him. After that will come
the end, when he hands over the kingdom to
God the Father, having done away with every
sovereignty, authority and power. For he must
be king until he has put all his enemies under
his feet and the last of the enemies to be
destroyed is death, for everything is to be put
under his feet.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Mary has been taken up into heaven;
all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.
Mary set out and went as quickly as she
could to a town in the hill country of Judah.
She went into Zechariah's house and greeted
Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard
Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb
and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women
you are the most blessed, and blessed is the
fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured
with a visit from the mother of my Lord?
For the moment your greeting reached my
ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes,
blessed is she who believed that the promise
made her by the Lord would be fulfilled."
And Mary said:
"My soul proclaims the greatness of the
Lord
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;
because he has looked upon his lowly
handmaid.
Yes, from this day forward all generations
will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for
me.
Holy is his name,
and his mercy reaches from age to age for
those who fear him.
He has shown the power of his arm,
he has routed the proud of heart.
He has pulled down princes from their
thrones and exalted the lowly.
The hungry he has filled with good things,
the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his
servant, mindful of his mercy
– according to the promise he made to our
ancestors –
of his mercy to Abraham and to his
descendants for ever."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three
months and then went back home.
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

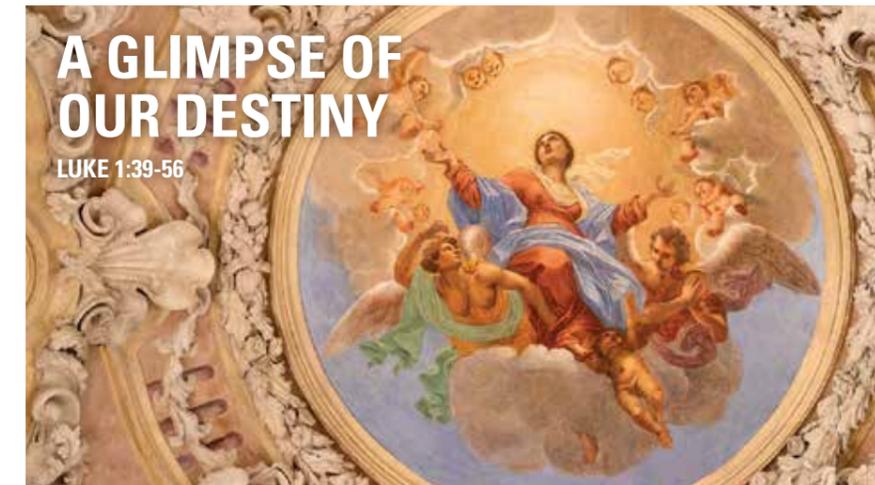
May this oblation, our tribute of homage,
rise up to you, O Lord,
and, through the intercession of the most
Blessed Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love,
constantly long for you... Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All generations will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty has done great things
for me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation,
we ask you to grant, O Lord,
that, through the intercession of the Blessed
Virgin Mary,
whom you assumed into heaven,
we may be brought to the glory of the
resurrection... Amen.

THE WORD

Teofilo Polacco's ceiling fresco of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Chiesa di Santa Maria Assunta, Riva del Garda, Italy

A GLIMPSE OF OUR DESTINY
LUKE 1:39-56

We know the story of Mary of Nazareth. We know the indispensable
role she played in God's plan for humanity, how she made it possible.
Christians have honoured Mary from the Church's earliest days.

So many feasts have been established in her honour, so many church buildings named for
her, so many religious congregations called after her. Mary has been given so many titles
– Mother of God, Mother of the Church, Madonna, Queen of Heaven, Mother of Perpetual
Help, Immaculate Conception – the list goes on.

Today we celebrate one of the great Marian feasts. The doctrine of the Assumption of
Mary was promulgated by Pope Pius XII in 1950. It declares that Mary, "having completed
the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". This
teaching is an acknowledgement of Mary's singular role in the story of salvation. It is also
a promise – that if we follow the example of Mary, if we seek always to say "yes" to God
as she did, then we too can look forward to life in God's presence for ever. ■

REFLECT

Henri Nouwen was a Dutch priest
and academic who taught at Yale
and Harvard universities in the
1970s and 80s. He was well known
for his books on spirituality and for
his reflections on his mental health
struggles. After her defeat in the 2016
US presidential election, Hillary Clinton
says she turned to one of his books, *The
Return of the Prodigal Son*, for comfort
in her grief. Nouwen's wisdom has been
a gift to many.

But even though he had gained
tremendous success as a writer and
academic, Nouwen began to feel that
something was missing in his life. He
sensed that God was calling him in
a different direction. Having prayed
about it, he finally found himself joining
the L'Arche community, a charity that
cares for those with intellectual and
developmental needs. Henri Nouwen,
this deep-thinking writer and professor,

this world-renowned spiritual guru, spent
his final years bathing those who could
not bathe themselves, feeding those who
could not feed themselves, celebrating
the sacraments with them, and seeing in
them the beautiful face of Christ.

Like Mary the mother of Jesus, Henri
Nouwen listened to God at work in his
life and responded to it to the best of
his ability. He heard the word of God
and kept it. Nouwen felt a profound
connection to Mary's simplicity and
humanity. In one of his journals, he
describes meeting a priest who summed
up Mary's meaning to the world: "To look
at Mary," the priest said, "is to see God's
original plan for humanity." "In her,"
Nouwen wrote, "we see the way God
wanted us to be... Mary shows us how to
receive the marvellous gift of God's love,
and how to respond to God's redemptive
action in our lives."

SAY

"Lord, thank you for giving me
Mary as my mother and model.
Help me to follow her example
so that I may share in her son's
resurrection. Amen."

PRAY

Many of us grew up in homes where the
Rosary was said every day. Pray the Rosary
today, focusing especially on Mary's glorious
assumption into heaven.

LEARN

On the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary, we celebrate our belief that the
mother of Jesus was taken up, body and soul,
into heaven, where she enjoys eternal life in
the company of her son. It is a joyful feast
because it points to what we believe will be
our destiny. We believe that what God has
done for Mary, God will do for us also – that
at the end of time God will raise our mortal
bodies and bring us into the fullness of God's
presence for ever.

DO

Rejoice in good news.

Heaven is promised to all who fix their eyes
on Jesus.

Ponder the joy and peace of the saints in
heaven.

This is what we celebrate on the feast of
the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
If Mary shows us "God's original plan for
humanity", so does her assumption into
heaven. In the assumption, preserved for
ever before the face of God, freed from
the corruption of the grave, Mary not only
fulfils her destiny – but also offers us a
glimpse of our destiny, too. Assumption
is what God wants for us. Heaven is what
God dreams for us. This is God's desire
and design for us.

Today's feast reminds us of that promise
– and that hope. We are called to model
ourselves on the Mother of God – in her
holiness, humility and humanity. If we
want to reach heaven, if we are to claim
our destiny, we must "listen to the word
of God and keep it". That means, very
simply, to live like Mary; to desire, like her,
to bring the Word into the world; to birth
Jesus every day, by all we say and do. ■

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Year B

Can you see any statues or pictures of Mary in church?



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory...

We say these words or sing a hymn as the priest approaches the altar.

We ask for God's help. Listen now to the priest as he offers this prayer.



DO YOU KNOW?

Mary's song of praise in today's Gospel is called the Magnificat, from the Latin in the first line. The Magnificat has a special place in our Church. It is said every evening as part of the Divine Office, the prayer of the Church.



FIRST READING APOCALYPSE 11:19; 12:1-6. 10

This vision expresses Christian beliefs in code. The scene is painted of a huge battle taking place between good and evil. A woman in the skies is giving birth while a dragon is waiting to destroy her baby as soon

as it is born. Thankfully the baby boy, born to rule over all nations, is taken straight to God and his throne. Even in this time of danger God has been there from the start, creating a safe place for the woman and her baby.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

A woman is central in the fight between good and evil in this vision.

The cantor or psalmist sings or says the psalm. Listen to the verses, and then respond by using these words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 44

On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.



SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26

Jesus' death and resurrection show us that good can come out of evil. Love will always win and Jesus' resurrection gives us all life. Human beings have brought pain and suffering into the world by ignoring

what God wants for us. Jesus shows us the way back to God. Everyone who follows Jesus will enjoy life forever with him. Jesus has power even over death and is proof that good will always win over evil.

LOOK at the reader and LISTEN.

Jesus shows us that good will always win over evil.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing. Alleluia!

We give a shout of praise to God, using these words taken from the Bible.



THINK

The Magnificat is very like the song that Hannah sings when she finds out she is expecting Samuel. Both women are thankful to God for their babies. What makes you want to sing and shout for joy? You may have a favourite song that you listen to or sing to yourself when you are feeling really happy - or perhaps you could make one up.



GOSPEL LUKE 1:39-56

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Luke.

As soon as Mary knows she is expecting a baby, she rushes to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth is delighted to see Mary and she knows something very special is happening. Mary's baby is blessed and Mary herself is blessed because she has believed the promise

made by God. Mary's faith in God has brought her great happiness and she sings her own song of joy, praising God. God's saving power is coming into the world. Mary's baby will turn the world upside down. In God's kingdom everyone is equal and there will be no more hunger or injustice.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel.

What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?



PRAY

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

Thank God for all the blessings in your life. Sing and shout for joy!



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray that we all will help to make God's kingdom real on earth. Help us to treat other people fairly and work to stop hunger in the world. Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. Here is a prayer you could say privately.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think about a time this week when you were worried or anxious and then think about a time when you were happy and full of joy.

Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for giving me hope that love and goodness will always be more powerful than evil. Help me to trust in your love. Amen.



ΙΧΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

- I (Jesus)
- X (Christos)
- Θ (Theou/God's)
- Υ (Uios/Son)
- Σ (Soter/Saviour)



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We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



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Sunday 15 August 2021

Luke 1:39-56

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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My name is _____

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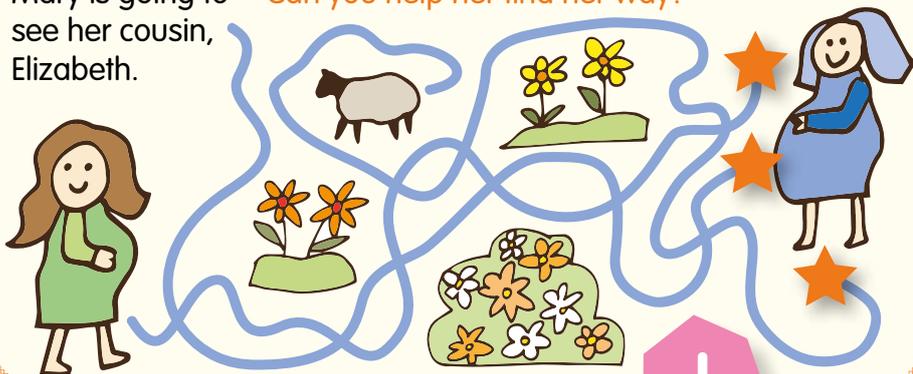
IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

When Mary find out she is pregnant, she goes to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. While she is there, Mary gives a prayer of thanks to God for the baby she is expecting - Jesus!

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THANK YOU!

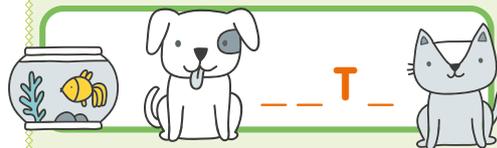
Mary is going to see her cousin, Elizabeth. Can you help her find her way?



J

Thank you God!

Use the picture clues and fill in the missing letters to find some things we can say "thank you" for.



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--- N ---



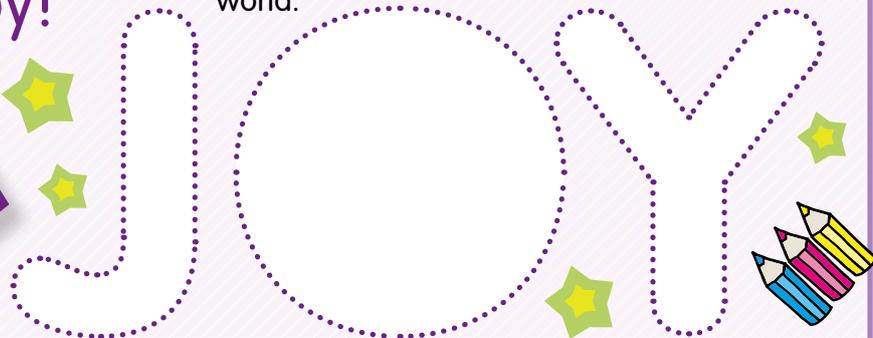
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Bringing joy!

Mary's baby, Jesus, brings joy to the world. How will you bring joy to the world this week?



Draw yourself inside the "O" doing something to spread happiness!

X

Mary's prayer

There are ten letters hidden around this page. When you find them, circle the same ones on the grid to reveal Mary's prayer.

B

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K	T	H	E	G	B	Z	W
Q	X	Z	J	L	O	R	D

N

Z

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I love you and, like Mary, I am so happy that you came to us. Be with me today and always. Amen.