

Evening Prayer Wednesday 31st May, 2023
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
At 5.00 pm in Church and online www.donnybrookparish.ie

Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth (The Boys Choir of Harlem)

Psalm 66 (67)

Leader: Today we are celebrating the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: come, let us sing to the Lord.

ALL God be gracious and bless us, let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon the earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the peoples praise you, O God: Let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and exult, for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its fruit for God, our God has blessed us. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Today we are celebrating the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: come, let us sing to the Lord.

Psalm 121 (122)

Leader: Mary entered the house of Zachary and greeted Elizabeth.

ALL: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May
peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!'

For the love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For the love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.
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Reader Reads Psalm-Prayer

When you rose from the dead, Lord Jesus, you formed the Church
into your new body and made of her the new Jerusalem, united in
your Spirit. Give us peace in our day. Make all nations come to your
Church to share your gifts in fellowship, that they may render you
thanks without end and come to your eternal city.

Psalm 126 (127) Without the Lord, we labour in vain.

Leader: When I heard your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

ALL: If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do its builders labour;
If the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising, your going later to rest,
you who toil for the bread you eat, when he pours gifts on his beloved while
they slumber.

Truly children are a gift from the Lord, a blessing, the fruit of the womb.
Indeed the children of youth are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of they who have filled their quivers with these arrows!
They will have no cause for shame when they dispute with their foes in the
gateways.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen
When I heard your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.

Reader Reads Psalm-Prayer

You command the seed to rise, Lord God, though the farmer is
unaware. Grant that those who labour for you may trust not in their
work but in your help. Remembering that the land is brought to
flower not with human tears but with those of your Son, may the
Church rely only upon your gifts.

Canticle (Ephesians 1)

Leader: You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

ALL: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

He chose him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

He destined us in love to be his children through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and on earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Reader Reads Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:5-7

Wrap yourselves in humility to be servants of each other, because God refuses the proud and will always favour the humble. Bow down, then, before the power of God now, and he will raise you up on the appointed day; unload all your worries on to him, since he is looking after you.

Reader Leads Short Responsory

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

- *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.*

You are most blessed of all women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

- *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

- *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.*

Annemarie

Look to the Star of the Sea, call upon Mary – in danger, in distress, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. May her name never be far from your lips or far from your heart ... St Bernard.

Time for Reflection, personal prayer and hymns before Our Lord present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Hymns:

1. **Peace True Peace**
2. **Here Am I Lord**
3. **Evening Prayer (Andre Rieu)**
4. **Immaculate Mother (Arnel Aquino SJ)**
5. **Bring Flowers of the Rarest (Daughters of Mary)**

**ALL: Beneath your compassion, we take refuge, O Mother of God:
do not despise our petitions in time of trouble:
but rescue us from dangers,
only pure, only blessed one. Amen.**

(Earliest known Marian Prayer, originally written in Greek)

ALL: Prayer to St. Joseph

O Saint Joseph, you are a man greatly favoured by the Most High. The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family. You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector.

Dear St. Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident in his absolute power and goodness, look upon us. Please take our needs into your heart and present them to your Son. Help us then, good St. Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise and to act with love. We praise and thank God with joy. St. Joseph, we love you. **Amen**

CANTICLE OF MARY Magnificat.

Leader: All generations will call me blessed, because God has had regard for his servant in her lowliness.

ALL: 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 be blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy 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,
He sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.
All generations will call me blessed, because God has had regard for his servant in her lowliness.

Reader Leads**INTERCESSIONS**

Let us praise God the Father who chose Mary as the mother of his Son and wanted all generations to call her blessed. With confidence we pray:

- *May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.*

Lord, by the light of your Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Virgin Mary, may the Church be united heart and soul, held fast by love. Remember all who are consecrated to your service, our Priests and Religious. Touch the hearts of many to offer themselves in priesthood, religious life and service in your Church.

- *May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.*

Lord, grant us the protection of your Holy Mother Mary, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted and help of all Christians.

- *May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.*

Lord, you crowned Our Lady Queen of Heaven, may all our faithful departed enter your kingdom and rejoice with your saints for ever.

- *May the Virgin Mary intercede for us.*

Let us pray in the words Our Father gave us:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name ...

To Mary, Our Mother, we pray:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace ...

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to you.

READER LEADS The Divine Praises

Blessed be God

Blessed be His Holy Name

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man

Blessed be the name of Jesus

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart

Blessed be his Most Precious Blood

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar

Blessed be the Holy Spirit the Paraclete

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse

Blessed be God in his Angels and in His Saints. Amen

Luna is reposed in the Tabernacle. O Sacrament Most Holy ...

ALL: Concluding Prayer: Lord, you inspired the Blessed Virgin Mary, when she was carrying your Son, to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Grant that we may, with the help of the Holy Spirit, together with Our Lady, glorify your Name. 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. Amen.

Our Lady, Our Queen and Our Mother, *Pray for us.*

St. Joseph, *Pray for us.*

St. Michael the Archangel, *Pray for us.*

ALL: The Lord bless us and for ever keep us close to Him and grant us his Peace. Amen.

Hymn: The Lord Bless You and Keep You (Aled Jones & Russell Watson)