

Mass to celebrate the
28th Anniversary
of Our Lady's appearance at Medjugorje

At the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Hamilton, New Zealand

Celebrant: Monsignor Frank Eggleton



Thursday 25th June 2009

Beginning with the Rosary at 6.30pm



Opening hymn

HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Hail Queen of Heaven 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 prayer through thee.

Remind thy Son that He has paid

The price of our iniquity.

Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea,

Pray for the sinner, pray for me.

And while to Him who reigns above,

In Godhead one, in Persons three.

The source of life, of grace, of love,

Homage we pay on bended knee.

Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the Sea,

Pray for thy children, pray for me.

Opening prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Numbers 6: 22-27

Response:

THE MAGNIFICAT (sung)

My soul doth magnify the Lord

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour

For he that is mighty hath done great things

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Second Reading Galatians 4: 4-7

Celtic Alleluia

Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

Homily:

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: We place our prayers before our God.

Mary was disturbed by the angel's message but trusted God's message of the Good News. Like her, may we be open to God's purposes and may we be ready to accept God's will.... We pray to the Lord.

May we be filled with joy as we recall the many miracles at Medjugorje and may we moved by God's generosity. May we live lives that reflect the Gospel teaching, so that others come to share our faith and joy...We pray to the Lord.

God chose Mary to be the Mother of the Saviour and we too have a place in God's plan of salvation. May we be faithful followers of ChristWe pray to the Lord.

We pray for peace in the world. That warring nations will seek a path to peace. We pray for peace in our country, for peace in our local communities and peace in families. Lord help each one of us to be instruments of your peaceWe pray to the Lord.

We pray for our beloved dead, especially those who nurtured us and formed us in faith. May they rest in peace and enjoy God's presence forever.....We pray to the Lord.

Presider: God of all consolation, we place our prayers before you Grant us what we need. We make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen

LITURGY OF EUCHARIST

Holy, Holy

Memorial acclamation:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Great Amen

Lamb Of God

Communion Song

GENTLE AS SILENCE

**Oh the love of my Lord is the essence
Of all that I love here on earth
All the beauty I see, He has given to me
And His giving is gentle as silence.**

**Every day, every hour, every moment
Has been blessed by the strength of His love
At the turn of each tide He is there at my side
And His touch is as gentle as silence.**

**There've been times when I've turned from his presence
And I've walked other paths other ways
But I've called on His name in the dark of my shame
And His mercy was gentle as silence.**

Closing hymn

IMMACULATE MARY

**Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you
His pow'r and his mercy, his grace giv'n to you.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!**

**Your child is the Saviour, all hope lies in him:
He gives us new life and redeems us from sin.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!**

**In glory forever now close to your Son
All ages will praise you for all God has done.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!**

**Through you to your Son lead us, Mary, we pray;
Through Christ to the Father is our only way.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!**

