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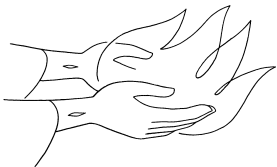
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS
TUESDAY 4TH MAY -
Tuesday 1st June 2021

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis and the Southwark Archdiocese Catholic Charismatic Team are delighted to offer a wonderful opportunity for personal and diocesan renewal. Through the Life in the Spirit Seminars you will be invited to grow in your love of the Lord, welcome the Spirit into your life afresh and pray for the renewal of our diocese.

Each Tuesday evening the seminars will feature a talk from a gifted speaker and small group sharing.

On Saturday 22nd May, in addition to the Tuesday evenings, the series will feature a double-bill of seminars (a separate link will be emailed to all registrants for this special day).

For more information go to the **Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis** at:
<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/>
 or Google: **Southwark Catholic Charismatic Renewal Team.**



PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE END TO THE PANDEMIC: We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment. Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity, and continued health. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, **O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.**

ST MARY OF THE CRAYS NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT **THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) - 2nd May 2021** **In the Year of St Joseph: 8th Dec. 2020 - 8th Dec. 2021**

SAINT JOSEPH:

Comfort of the Afflicted: Pray for us! Hope of the Sick: Pray for us!
Patron of the Dying: Pray for us! Terror of Demons: Pray for us!

HOLY ROSARY MAY MARATHON **TO END THE 'PANDEMIC'**

Pope Francis has invited Catholics and 30 Marian Shrines around the world, including the Shrine at Walsingham, to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham has been selected to start the month of prayer on Saturday May 1. Shrine Rector Mgr Philip Moger and the Shrine Team will be praying.

The event will start with an address of the Holy Father and liturgical programme from Rome at 5pm UK time which will be broadcast through Walsingham's livestream.

The recitation of the rosary from Walsingham will be live streamed to the Vatican Television Centre so that Pope Francis can join in live around 6pm UK time.

The Walsingham Intention is for those who have died from the pandemic across the world.

The broadcast will be supported by EWTN and is best watched through the

Shrine's Facebook Page
 or
YouTube Walsingham Catholic TV.

PRAYER INITIATIVE

"The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," read a statement released by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization.

Pope Francis will open the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms.

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6:00pm Rome time (5:00pm UK time ?) from the various Shines taking part in the initiative.

The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

END TO THE PANDEMIC

This year's dedication of May to pandemic-related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020.

Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed, daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta.

After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.

Source: Vatican News

The Fifteen Promises of Mary to Christians Who Recite the Rosary

- Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary, shall receive signal graces.
- I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the rosary.
- The rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
- The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the rosary, shall not perish.
- Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life
- Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
- Those who are faithful to recite the rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
- I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the rosary.
- The faithful children of the rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in heaven.
- You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the rosary.
- All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
- I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
- All who recite the rosary are my sons, and brothers of my only Son Jesus Christ.
- Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

(Given to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche).

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Prayer of Pope Francis in the Year of St Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



MARIAN ANTPHON FOR EASTER TIME:

(For use instead of the Angelus at 6:00am, 12 noon, and 6:00pm.)

V: Regina caeli, laetare: Alleluia!

V: Queen of Heaven, rejoice! Alleluia!

R: Quia quem meruisti portare. Alleluia.

R: For He Whom you did merit to bear. Alleluia.

V: Resurrexit, sicut dixit. Alleluia.

V: Has Risen, as He said. Alleluia.

R: Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

R: Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V: Gaude et Laetare, Virgo Maria. Alleluia.

V: Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R: Quia surrexit Dominus vere. Alleluia.

R: For the Lord is truly Risen. Alleluia.

Oremus.

Let us pray.

Deus, Qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es:

O God, Who have been pleased to gladden the world by the Resurrection of Your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we pray, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may receive the joys of everlasting life.

praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genitricem Virginum Mariam, pereptue capiamus gaudia vitae.

Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. R: Amen.

Through the same Christ Our Lord. R: Amen.