



Ta' Pinu Shrine

Our Lady, Queen of the Family

A CALL TO PRAYER



Mary, Queen and Mother of Christendom

PROCLAIMING THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

An Extract of AD CAELI REGINAM ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PIUS XII (Oct 1954-Vatican City.)

...In order to understand better the sublime dignity of the Mother of God over all creatures, let us recall that the holy Mother of God was, at the very moment of her Immaculate Conception, **so filled with grace as to surpass the grace of all the Saints.**

Pius IX wrote, God "showed her with heavenly gifts and graces from the treasury of His divinity so far beyond what He gave to all the angels and saints that she was ever free from the least stain of sin; she is so beautiful and perfect, and possesses such fullness of innocence and holiness, that under God a greater could not be dreamed, and only God can comprehend the marvel."

The Blessed Virgin possessed, after Christ, not only the highest degree of excellence and perfection, but also a share in that influence by which He, her Son and our Redeemer, is rightly said to reign over the minds and wills of men. For if through His Humanity the divine Word performs

miracles and gives graces, if He uses His Sacraments and Saints as instruments for the salvation of men,

why should He not make use of the role and work of His most holy Mother in imparting to us the fruits of redemption?

"With a heart that is truly a mother's," Pius IX quotes, "made Queen of heaven and earth by the Lord, exalted above all choirs of angels and saints, and standing at the right hand of her only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, she intercedes powerfully for us with a mother's prayers, obtains what she seeks, and cannot be refused."

... Let her churches be thronged by the faithful, her feast-days honoured;

May the beads of the Rosary be in the hands of all;

May Christians gather, in small numbers and large, to sing her praises in churches, in homes, in hospitals, in prisons.

May Mary's name be held in highest reverence, a name sweeter than honey and more precious than jewels; may none utter blasphemous words, the sign of a defiled soul, against that name graced with such dignity and revered for its motherly goodness;



'Queen of Heaven and Earth'

Let no one be so bold as to speak a syllable which lacks the respect due to her name.

All, according to their state, should strive to bring alive the wondrous virtues of our heavenly Queen and most loving Mother through constant effort of mind and manner. Thus will it come about that all Christians, in honouring and imitating their sublime Queen and Mother, will realize they are truly brothers, and with all envy and avarice thrust aside, will promote love among classes, respect the rights of the weak, and cherish peace. No one should think himself a son of Mary, worthy of being received under her powerful protection, unless, like her, he is just, gentle and pure, and shows a sincere desire for true brotherhood, not harming or injuring but rather helping and comforting others.

In some countries of the world there are people who are unjustly persecuted for professing their Christian faith and who are deprived of their divine and human rights to freedom; up till now reasonable demands and repeated protests have availed nothing to remove these evils.

- **May the powerful Queen of creation**, whose radiant glance banishes storms and tempests and brings back cloudless skies, look upon these her innocent and tormented children with eyes of mercy;
- **May the Blessed Virgin**, who is able to subdue violence beneath her foot, grant to them that they may soon enjoy the rightful freedom to practice their religion openly, so that, while serving the cause of the Gospel, they may also contribute to the strength and progress of nations by their harmonious cooperation, by the practice of extraordinary virtues which are a glowing example in the midst of bitter trials.
- **May the Queen and Mother of Christendom** hear Our prayers, and by her peace make happy a world shaken by hate, and may, after this exile show unto us all Jesus, Who will be our eternal peace and joy, as a promise of God's divine help and a pledge of Our love.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church **THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS**

"After confessing "the holy catholic Church," the Apostles' Creed adds "the communion of saints." In a certain sense this article is a further explanation of the preceding: "What is the Church if not the assembly of all the saints?" **THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS IS THE CHURCH.**

"Since all the faithful form one body, the good of each is communicated to the others....
We must therefore believe that there exists a communion of goods in the Church. But the most important member is Christ, since he is the head....
Therefore, the riches of Christ are communicated to all the members, through the sacraments."

"As this Church is governed by one and the same Spirit, all the goods she has received necessarily become a common fund." The term "communion of saints" therefore has two closely linked meanings: communion in holy things (sancta)" and "among holy persons (sancti).

"Sancta sancti's! ("God's holy gifts for God's holy people") is proclaimed by the celebrant in most Eastern liturgies during the elevation of the holy Gifts before the distribution of communion. the faithful (sancta) are fed by Christ's holy body and blood (sancta) to grow in the communion of the Holy Spirit (koinonia) and to communicate it to the world.

Quote: A man accustomed to use insulting word will never become disciplined all his days (Sirach 23:15)



Gospel Reflection :

"Ephphatha" that is "Be opened" (Mark 7:34)

St. Mark tells us that, while Jesus was passing through the Decapolis region, the people brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hands on him. He took him aside in private, put his finger into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and said to him "Ephphatha". And his ears were opened and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. In this episode we see, first of all, the faith those people had in Jesus.

Jesus, without any hesitation, took the deaf and dumb man aside, away from the crowd, and cured him. Jesus' behaviour shows us that he loves intimacy between him and us. And being in such intimacy with him, he is happy and ready to grant us what we need to strengthen our spiritual bond with him. This is what the adoration of the Holy Eucharist leads to. This is why we should never miss to say, at least, a "Hello" to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament whenever we get the occasion to do it.

In the story of this 'deaf and dumb' man, we see a big similarity to those people who are deaf to the word of God, and reluctant to thank and praise him with their tongue, for so many graces they receive day and night. They have a sharp tongue that cuts like a double edged sword to swear, to gossip, to criticise others' good works, but as far as thanksgiving and praise are concerned, they are dumb. Similarly, they are deaf to listen to the word of God, wherever it comes from, whether they get it through the reading of the Gospel, or through a sermon, a good council, or through some other religious source. They have ears but renounce to hear. In fact the Psalmist complains: *"Lord you do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear."* Ps. 39:13



If we want to please Jesus, first of all, we should have faith in him like those people who presented the deaf man for healing, and something more than that too! We should "recognise him exactly the way Peter replied when Jesus asked the apostles: *"But you, who do you think I am?"* And Peter answered *"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God"*.

If we really believe who Jesus is, we might become one with him, like what St. John Marie Vianney said, *"Like two candles that melt and become one"*

There are also two special commands Jesus wants us to listen to and practice in this month.

Those who want to follow Jesus must be humble and not jealous.

When Jesus revealed to his disciples how he will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death and after three days he will rise again, they did not understand well what he said. Therefore they began to argue 'which one of them was the greatest'. So he sat down, called the twelve to him and said, *"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last and servant of all."* What an awful urge of commanding others crops up in certain people, to the extent that they start

Date	Liturgical Celebrations for September 2015
Sat 5th Sept 2015	First Saturday of the Month Devotion at 2.00p.m Rosary procession, Confession , Holy Mass and Benediction
Sun 6 th & 27 th September	Our Lady of Lanka Oratory Private Family prayer day
SAT 12TH SEPTEMBER	Feast of Our Lady of LaVang From 11a.m : Holy Mass followed by Rosary Procession to the Vietnamese Oratory
SUN 13TH SEPTEMBER	Feast of Our Lady of Good Health, Vailankanni From 1.45 p.m. Rosary in procession to 'Our Mother of Good Health Vailankanni Oratory', and back to the Shrine. Followed by Confession, Novena, Intercessory and Supplication Prayers & Holy Mass
SUN 20TH SEPTEMBER	Feast of Our Lady of Grace & Padre Pio of Pietrelcina From 1.00p.m. Rosary, Adoration, followed by Holy Mass and Benediction Mass will be said in English and Italian by Fr. Fragapane Rosary procession to the Oratory.
Sun 21 st September	From 7.30p.m. Mother Mary and Child Novena
Sun 30 th Sept 2015	From 11.30a.m Holy Hour St James the Apostle's Youth Group
Main Events for October 2015	
SAT 4TH OCTOBER	From 2p.m Feast of Our Lady of the HOLY ROSARY Santa Cruz (Fort Cochin) Community Rosary Procession , Novena prayers, Holy Mass and Benediction
SAT 10TH OCTOBER	Feast of Our Lady of Fatima From 7.00 p.m. Rosary Procession to & from the Oratory , Holy Mass Mass will be said in Portuguese
SUN 11TH OCTOBER	From 9.30 a.m. Rosary Procession to & from the Oratory , Holy Mass
SUN 18TH OCTOBER	Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary (Sri Lankan Community) from 10.00a.m. Rosary, procession followed by Holy Mass

About Us...

Special Devotions, Pilgrimages and other activities are welcome at any time at the Our Lady Ta Pinu Shrine, All Nations Marian Centre. We are happy to listen to your requests and we' will attempt to meet your requirements so that you may experience a peaceful time away in our "space to grow" , and to ensure you enjoy a worthwhile yet memorable & reflective experience.

For more information about how we can assist in planning your activity to be held at the Marian Centre, Please contact us on the numbers listed on page 4 or simply send us an email

A Message of Appreciation

Last month, we heartfully thanked the members from Couples for Christ (Melbourne) for visiting us. We prayed and hoped to see them and other communities back for more of those events in future.

On Saturday 15th August 2015, our prayers were once again answered.

The All Nations Marian Centre was blessed to be the pilgrimage destination for Youth leaders coming from parishes around Melbourne (Nth Sunshine, Coburg, Lalor, Hampton, Croydon & Melton South).

The Youth groups were from the Neo-catechumenal communities in those parishes and they stayed with us for a **"scrutazio" of the Word of God.** We look forward this month for the visit of another youth group from St James parish. Thank you to Ben Anthony as well as Jeff and Gay Jones for organising this event.

Msgr Benedict Camilleri.



planning to crash the rival person involved. And if it is a shame for a social case, how much more would be in an ecclesiastical matter!!

Mark tells us how John and the other apostles seemed to be frustrated when they saw a man, who was not one of them, casting out devils in the name of Jesus and they tried to stop him.

But Jesus was not pleased at all with the apostles' action. In fact he rebuked their manners saying: *"You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us"*. Unfortunately we find people among us, who try to stop others from doing good service to God, because they do not belong to their "circles".

Dear Friends, let us ask Jesus to heal our "deafness" and "dumbness" so that we serve Jesus, our God the way He deserves and the way we should!



The Furnace was fixed

An inspirational story about the Eucharist

In January 2004, a heavy snowfall hit Surrey, British Columbia, and its surrounding areas. This part of Canada is known for its mild winters so this was unusual weather for those of us who live there.

The power in our home went out early that morning because of the snowstorm, and the house was cold when we woke up. The furnace had stopped working during the blackout, and when the power was restored, it still wouldn't work.

We turned on the fireplace in the family room but it did not give off enough heat to warm the whole house. We knew it would be very expensive to leave it on all the time, so my husband tried everything he could do to fix the furnace himself. Knowing the high cost of hiring a repairman, we didn't want to call a professional to repair it, if we didn't have to. My husband wasn't successful, so we finally

decided to hire someone to come and fix our furnace for us.

After we made that decision, we were worried that we would not get anyone to fix it right away because the weather was so bad. Plus, we were still concerned about the high cost of repairs.

It was almost time for the daily Mass on television, which I watch when I can't get to church. My husband joined me in watching it and during the consecration, as the priest raised the holy Eucharist, my husband and I heard the motor of the furnace turn back on. It made a sound like it was running okay.

We quickly looked at each other but didn't say a word since the mass was still going on. As Mass ended, our home was starting to warm up but part of the house remained a bit cold. We found out that the furnace fan which pushes the warm air out of the vents was not working.

I believed that God had fixed the furnace, but my husband was not completely convinced. He thought since the fan was not working, God did not really fix the problem. I checked the vents again there was still no warm air coming out. I prayed to Jesus, telling Him that I believed that He had fixed the furnace and asked Him if he would do something about the fan so that my husband would believe too.

That night, as I was preparing for bed, I felt the warm air blowing on my feet. It was coming out of the vents!!! I immediately told my husband that Jesus had completely fixed the furnace.

It was humbling to experience firsthand how God takes

"Let me imitate you, O Divine Saviour,
- working for the glory of God and the good
of others." (Three minutes a day -James Keller)

POPE FRANCIS ISSUED A TWOFOLD APPEAL ON SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 2015:

1. **For persecuted Christians**
2. **For all persons forced to flee their homes in search of a peaceful and secure existence in foreign lands.**

The Holy Father went on to say, "It is also a stimulus to legislators and government leaders to guarantee religious freedom everywhere, and to the international community to put an end to the violence and oppression."

Pope Francis also asked the faithful to pray especially for the migrants, who have lost their lives while in flight from situations of persecution, instability, and even social and economic failure, in search of a better life. Promising continued prayers of his own as well for all the victims, the Pope joined himself especially to the prayers of the Church.

"We entrust each of them to the mercy of God," said Pope Francis, "and we ask Him to help us to cooperate effectively to prevent these crimes, which offend the entire human family."

(Extract : Vatican Radio)

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care of our needs, no matter how big or small they are.

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