COVID-19:

UNITED IN PRAYER

And the world came together as the people stayed apart.¹

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



INTENTIONS

We pray for all those who are suffering.

We pray that we follow the examples of Mary Our Good Mother and St Marcellin in times of distress.

We pray for all our students, in schools and in welfare .

We pray for all those who care and support others in a time of pandemic.

For what else shall we pray...

Let us remember we are in the holy presence of God.

OPENING PRAYER

God of compassion and love, give us hearts this day to be your presence in the world. Wherever we go, whoever we meet, whatever situations we find ourselves in, let us be examples of your justice, love and compassion. May the examples of Mary Our Good Mother and St Marcellin Champagnat guide us.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE LISTEN Speak Lord, your servant is listening...

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (11:27)

TRUE BLESSEDNESS.

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you. But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.' **No. 12** 9 June 2020



WE REFLECT

Mary accepted the will of God in her life and was called "blessed" by Elizabeth.

Mary is the first beatitude of God.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the meek, blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the pure in heart, blessed are the peacemakers, blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake.

And Mary said, "Let it be done to me according to your word."

WE RESPOND

Response: O holy dwelling place of God, O holy temple of the Word, O holy Mary, Mother of God.

O blessed beyond all others, of every land and race, possessing in your soul, the fulness of God's grace. **R.**

From heav'n the angel Gabriel announced the ancient plan, and humbly you accepted, to bear the God made man. **R.**

With joy beyond all measure, you cared for God's own son, and pondered in your heart the new age now begun. **R.**

Exquisite was your sorrow, unequaled was the loss you suffered when your son was raised upon a cross **R**.

All praise and adoration we sing now to your son who reigns in highest heaven and has the vict'ry won. **R.**

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CLOSING PRAYER

God of compassion and love, we praise you and we thank you for the gift of life. May our lives be blessed though following the examples of Mary Our Good Mother and your servant St Marcellin Champagnat. Blessed be your glorious name both now and forever.

Amen.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mary Our Good Mother And let us always remember Pray for Us Pray for Us Pray for Us To Pray for One Another