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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA

The Church of England worshipping in Word and Sacrament at Lago Jardín, Los Balcones and La Siesta and ministering through the southern Costa Blanca and eastern Murcia.

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FATHER RICHARD'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th September 2024

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (transferred)

22nd September 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**WELCOME TO THE CHAPLAINCY OF SS PETER AND PAUL, TORREVIEJA.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH IN THIS CHAPLAINCY.**

**Please remember to turn off your mobile phone
before our services begin.
Please don't use a mobile phone in church. Pray instead!**

**Please remember to talk to God in prayer before our services begin.
There is plenty of time to talk to each other afterwards.
Your talking may distract someone else's praying.
Please keep a devotional silence.**

Father Richard's contact details are on the front of this newsletter.

Our Churchwardens are:
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We take the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults seriously. Our Safeguarding Policy is displayed at La Siesta and Lago Jardín and is available on our website:
<https://www.c-of-e-torre vieja.com/safeguarding-policy/>
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**Nuestra Señora de la Asunción at Los Balcones, our third church,
is closed for a major rebuilding project.**

Home Communions

Father Richard will take Holy Communion to people at home according to their circumstances. This is a privilege and enables for prayer in the home at difficult times and for the communicant to receive Holy Communion at home. Please never hesitate to contact me if you would like Holy Communion at home if you are unable to come to church because of sickness or being housebound.

Here are some guidelines to assist you:

1. If you can, please arrange a surface with a white cloth upon which I can place the Blessed Sacrament. If this is difficult please do not worry too much but it is appreciated.

2. The Priest will not enter into general conversation until after the celebration which lasts about ten minutes. Then he would appreciate a cup of tea and chat with you but if your circumstances don't allow, please do not worry.
3. Please consider giving a donation to the Church for the Priest's ministry. He will have had to drive to you and it also enables you to give your weekly collection to support the priestly ministry in the parish / chaplaincy. This means there can be a Priest available for you and for others with a priestly presence in the parish / chaplaincy. It is a long-established custom – if you can – to make an offering to the Church in thankfulness for the ministry of the Church.
4. You don't have to tidy up before the priest arrives! Just prepare spiritually for an encounter with Christ in the Eucharist by being prayerful before his arrival.

Father Richard writes:

Dear friends

Writing this before the Garden Party I would like to thank Sue, the Congregational Warden at La Siesta, and her merry band of helpers for all the work that is going into this event. I'm looking forward to it very much.

I thought I would use the newsletter this week to explain what's happening over the next couple of months so everyone knows what is going on. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am grateful that Father Martin is able to assist in the Chaplaincy to provide cover for me when I am away. This has made a huge difference to me personally and I know how many of you appreciate and are grateful for his priestly ministry.

He is covering for me this Sunday. As you some of you know I have additional responsibilities to my chaplaincy ministry. This weekend I was due to be leading a course for Readers, training them for funeral ministry. Unfortunately, this has been cancelled. I will use the time for a spiritual retreat. Priests are encouraged to have such a retreat annually and I have been rather lacking in this.

Because of my waiting for surgery at the start of this year and the delay until May, I am rather behind on my holiday allowance.

I will be away for two Sundays in October and two Sundays in November. Father Rodney Middleton is coming to us for the first Sunday in October (from the Costa Blanca Chaplaincy) and Joan Berry, our Congregational Worship Leader, will lead Liturgies of the Word on the second weekend of October in both our churches. Father Martin will celebrate two Masses at La Siesta in November with Joan leading a Liturgy of the Word at Lago Jardín. Priests in this Diocese have six Sundays a year "off" and this means I will be able to have this in full this year, the first time for a whole number of years. It will also mean, for the first time since 2019, I can two successive Sundays off!

This means you all know what is happening and why it is happening.

With my prayers and best wishes for you all, *Father Richard*

DATES AHEAD:



HARVEST FESTIVAL
Saturday 28th
September
1700 La Siesta

Sunday 29th
September
1130 Lago Jardín

You are invited to bring tinned and packet food to our churches for distribution to those who are supported by Mission Possible in Torrevieja. Please do bring everything by ten minutes before the Masses begin so we can arrange them beautifully around our altars. Thank you.

THREE OPPORTUNITIES AT 1700

Three different opportunities to pray...



Monday 21st October

1700 – 1800
HOLY HOUR AT LAGO
JARDÍN

An opportunity to be in the sacramental presence of the Lord. A time of quiet and led prayer beginning with Evening Prayer and concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Priest makes the sign of the cross over the people

with the Eucharistic Host, the real presence of Christ and we receive the blessing of Jesus. If you've never been to a Holy Hour before it is beautiful liturgy.



Monday 28th October

1700 MASS WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING LA SIESTA

At this Mass we come to the Lord to seek his healing grace – for our sufferings and our sorrows, for healing and wholeness, for grace and strength in the brokenness of the human condition. The Lord comes to us through the laying on of hands by the Priest and then anointing with the Oil of the Sick. A time to place ourselves in the hands of Jesus the Healer and

Reconciler and feel the touch of his hands and the effect of his sacramental grace.



Friday 8th November

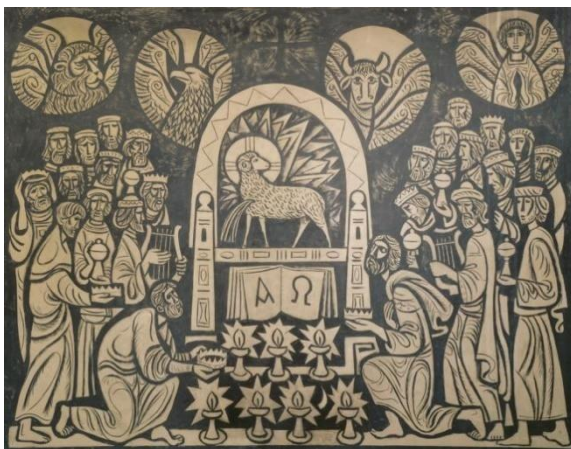
1700

HOLY ROSARY AT LAGO JARDÍN CHURCH

*Come and pray the compendium of the Gospel. If you have prayed the Rosary before or its new to you, you are invited to pray with Father Richard as we offer the Holy Rosary and meditate on the life of the Lord and join our prayers with his holy Mother. We name our petitions before the Lord and ask Our Lady to take up our prayers. **Hail***

Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death.

TWO IMPORTANT MASSES FOR NOVEMBER



Friday 1st November

ALL SAINTS

*****1030*** HOLY EUCHARIST**

Lago Jardín

This day is when the Church celebrates the great multitude of the Communion of Saints, the countless number of men and women of every time and place whose holiness is counted by God as a reward for their Christian witness.

“O Blest Communion! fellowship divine! We feebly struggle they in glory shine; Yet all are

one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluya! Alleluya!”

ALL SOULS DAY

"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen."

1030 REQUIEM MASS *La Siesta*

We pray for the faithful departed, our loved ones whom we see no longer in this life.

*From October you will be able to write the names you wish to be remembered in prayer. Most importantly, **come and pray for them yourself.***



FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHAPLAINCY

There are various ways of giving financially to the Chaplaincy for the work of the Church:

1. You can give in the plate each week.
 2. You give through the UK gift aid scheme if you are a UK tax payer.
 3. **You are encouraged to set up a standing order to the Chaplaincy – this helps us budget more effectively.**
 4. You can make an offset against your Spanish tax
 5. if you are Spanish tax payer.
- One off donations are gratefully received.

For more information contact Father Richard or the Churchwardens.

The Chaplaincy relies on generous and sacrificial giving in response to a generous God who sacrificed his Son for us all on the cross.

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UK Bank details. Barclays Bank PLC Account name: Diocese in Europe Fund

Account number: 40317039 Sort code: 20-06-13. Address : Tufton Street,London Please state TORREVIEJA as the reference so the money is correctly applied. The IBAN number is: GB16 BUKB 2006 1340 31 70 39.

God bless you all for your support. *Peter and Jennifer (Churchwardens)*

GIVING ONLINE:

<https://givealittle.co/c/3yXhRUWebr0Vqwf1OSVyV8>

GIVING BY QR CODE, APPLE PAY, GOOGLE WALLET:

Hover over the QR code and go from there!

See next page...



Thank you!



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

In this Chaplaincy...

The Chalice containing the Precious Blood of Christ is offered for those who wish to receive it. Holy Communion is offered with the words "The Body of Christ" to which you say **Amen** before consuming the Sacred Host. The words "The Blood of Christ" are said to which you say **Amen** before receiving from the Chalice. The Chalice is optional.

**INTINCTION IS NOT PERMITTED
FOR HEALTH AND HYGIENE REASONS.**

**ONGOING INFORMATION FOR OUR THREE CHURCHES
SERVICES ARE SHARED BETWEEN LAGO JARDÍN AND LA SIESTA
Los Balcones, Nuestra Señora de la Asunción
*remains closed for re-building.***

Services in the Chaplaincy:

Date	Time	Church
Sunday 15 th September	1130	La Siesta
Saturday 21 st September	1700	La Siesta
Sunday 22 nd September	1130	Lago Jardín
Saturday 28 th September	1700	HARVEST FESTIVAL La Siesta

Sunday 29 th September	1130	HARVEST FESTIVAL	Lago Jardín
Sunday 6 th October	1130		La Siesta
Saturday 12 th October	1700	Liturgy of the Word	La Siesta
Sunday 13 th October	1130	Liturgy of the Word	Lago Jardín
Sunday 20 th October	1130		La Siesta
Saturday 26 th October	1700		La Siesta
Sunday 27 th October	1130		Lago Jardín
Monday 28 th October	1700	Mass with Laying on of Hands and Anointing	La Siesta
Friday 1st November	1030	ALL SAINTS	Lago Jardín
Saturday 2nd November	1030	ALL SOULS	La Siesta
Sunday 3 rd November	1130		La Siesta

The Blessed Sacrament Lamp at Lago Jardín

burns this week for the Chaplaincy.

If you would like to dedicate the Blessed Sacrament for a week for a person, an intention, or in memory of a departed loved one, please see Father Richard. The cost is five euros for the week.

Father Richard's Prayer List for September 2024:

Please pray for the sick and those in particular need at this

time: His Majesty King Charles, Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales, Robert Gilbert, Michael Elliott, Lewis Elliott, David, Linda Thompson, Luke Thompson, Jamie Hill, Tony Capewell and family, Jamie Mack, Chris Hughes, Michelle Lane, Rhys Miles, Joey McNab, Eileen Shaw, Anna and Dick Horsnell, David Horsnell, Peter John, Martin Skillen, Raj Panchal, Paul McNab, Lesley Critchley, Gwen Simmons, Vicky,

Please help Father Richard by letting him know when people can be taken off the prayer list.

Please notify Father Richard of any corrections.



Please pray for the recently departed:

Those killed as a result of the conflicts in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Please advise Father Richard if there are any corrections to the above list.

If you wish a name to be added to the list of the sick you need to email Father Richard or write to him giving permission for yourself or ensure permission has been granted by someone else for their name to appear on this list. (GDPR regulations).

Sunday 15th September 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Gal 6: 14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Collect

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son
should undergo the Cross to save the human race,
grant, we pray,
that we, who have known his mystery on earth,
may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.
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.

First reading

Numbers 21:4-9

If anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked up at the bronze serpent and lived

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'
At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent
and
lived.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 77(78):1-2,34-38

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

Yet he who is full of compassion
 forgave them their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
 when he might have stirred up his rage.

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you;
because by your cross
you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 3:13-17

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up

as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

Homily

The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the cross.

Today we celebrate The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way. Today, let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realize we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become.

O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory.

Through your power may we share in the triumph of Christ Jesus.

Sunday 22nd September 2024

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbour,

grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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.

First reading

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The wicked prepare to ambush the just man

The godless say to themselves:

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 53(54):3-6,8

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

The Lord upholds my life.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

The Lord upholds my life.

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

The Lord upholds my life.

Second reading

James 3:16-4:3

The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Or:

cf.2Th2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Through the Good News God called us
to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which 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 of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

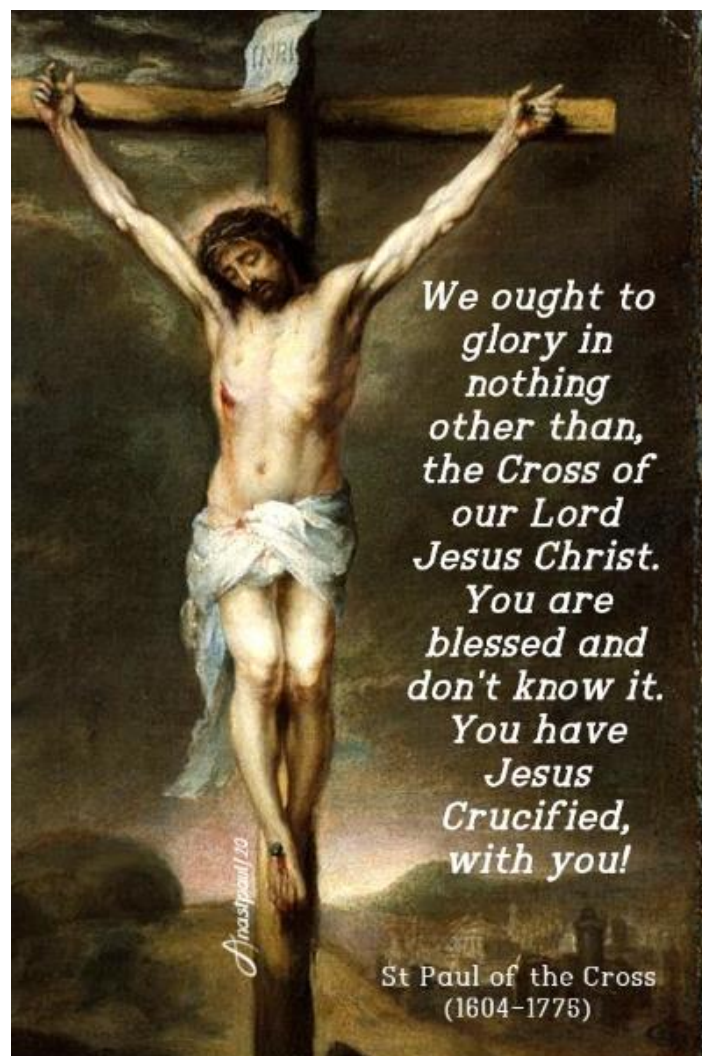
Homily

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to

preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.





The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of our death.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary, (as above)

And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, (as above)

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of thy son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His + cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**