

## Recent Parish Collections/Income (August/September, 2024):

### Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth:

17th/18th August	Plate Collection: £602.60	Direct to Bank: £65.77	<b>Total: £668.37</b>
24th/25th August	Plate Collection: £605.20	Direct to Bank: £65.77	<b>Total: £670.97</b>
31st Aug./1st Sept.	Plate Collection: £680.38	Direct to Bank: £63.46	<b>Total: £743.84</b>
7th/8th Sept.	Plate Collection: £627.91	Direct to Bank: £63.46	<b>Total: £691.37</b>
14th/15th Sept.	Plate Collection: £564.12	Direct to Bank: £63.46	<b>Total: £627.58</b>
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests' Collection: £165.50</b>			
21st/22nd Sept.	Plate Collection: £494.13	Direct to Bank: £63.46	<b>Total: £557.59</b>
28th/29th Sept.	Plate Collection: £615.96	Direct to Bank: £63.46	<b>Total: £679.42</b>

Total Offertories for September (only): **£3,299.80** Average Weekly Collection for Sept.: **£659.96**

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### St. James', Kinross:

17th/18th August	Plate Collection: £276.50	Direct to Bank: £600.00	<b>Total: £876.50</b>
24th/25th August	Plate Collection: £300.70	Direct to Bank: £600.00	<b>Total: £900.70</b>
<b>31st Aug./1st Sept.</b>	<b>Plate Collection: £225.10</b>	<b>Direct to Bank: £600.00</b>	<b>Total: £825.10</b>
7th/8th Sept.	Plate Collection: £224.83	Direct to Bank: £600.00	<b>Total: £824.83</b>
14th/15th Sept.	Plate Collection: £333.89	Direct to Bank: £600.00	<b>Total: £933.89</b>
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests' Collection: £213.50</b>			
21st/22nd Sept.	Plate Collection: £338.83	Direct to Bank: £600.00	<b>Total: £938.83</b>
28th /29th Sept.	Plate Collection: £268.62	Direct to Bank: £600.00	<b>Total: £868.62</b>

**Total Offertories for September (only): £ 4,391.27** Average Weekly Collection for Sept.: **£878.25**

Parish BBQ Income - **£456.00**

Many thanks, as always, for your generous support of the parishes. The parishes depend entirely upon your financial contributions in order to function. If you are a tax payer you can add to your contributions by donating with Gift Aid - for every £1.00 you contribute the parish can claim an additional 25p from HMRC, which amounts to a significant contribution to the parish finances over the year at no extra cost to yourself - you simply need to fill in a straightforward and confidential Gift Aid Form. If you do not currently Gift Aid your donations please speak to Fr. Martin or to Gordon McGregor in Our Lady's, or Tom Traynor in St. James'. If you wish to pay directly into the bank the bank details are below, please use a reference with your name that will show on the parish bank statement to indicate your contribution. Our Lady of Lourdes' Bank Details: (Bank of Scotland) DIOCESE OF DUNKELD OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Account No. 14176562, Sort Code: 80-22-60 St. James' Bank Details: (Royal Bank of Scotland) ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE DUNKELD, Account No. 00255001, Sort Code: 83-23-47

**The Ladies' Group will be meeting on Tuesday 8th Oct. at 2.00p.m. in the church hall at St. James' and thereafter fortnightly - please speak to Catherine Sweeney for further details.**

**Fair Trade Stall in St. James' church hall after Masses this weekend.**

### Congratulations to the September Winners in Our Lady's 100 Club

**£50** - Gerard Rodger (28), **£10** - Mark Finnon (83), Lisa Brown (66), Gwyneth Pearson (36), and Fr. Martin Pletts (72). Thanks to members for their support of the parish, anyone wishing to become a member should speak to Gordon McGregor or Fr. Martin about getting a number.

# Parish Newsletter

## Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth

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## St. James', Kinross

In the Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld - Scottish Charity Number: SC001810

**"Everyday, as long as this *today* lasts, keep encouraging one another"**

Hebrews 3:13

### Parish Newsletter for:

**27th & 28th & 29th Sundays in Ordinary Time - Year B, 2024**

### Meeting about the New Lectionary

On Tuesday 23rd October from 6.30 - 7.30p.m. we will have a meeting led by Fr. Paul Denney, a good friend of mine, in regard to the New Lectionary which will come into use in Advent this year. It is important that all involved in the ministry of reading in the parish attend this meeting for their information, but the meeting will also be open to any other parishioners who have an interest in the subject. The meeting will take place in the church hall at Our Lady of Lourdes', Perth, and is for St. James' parishioners, Our Lady's parishioners and parishioners of St. John the Baptist's. Fr. Paul has been directly involved in the translation and compilation of the texts. I look forward to seeing you there, God bless, Fr. Martin

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## Times of Holy Mass, Confessions, etc. for the next couple of weeks

**Monday 7th October - Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary** - Catechism Class in St. James' church hall after school until 4.30p.m., Prayer Group in the church hall from 7.00 - 9.15p.m.

**Tuesday 8th October - Votive Mass of the Holy Angels** - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in Our Lady's, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Tea & Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions from 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

**Wednesday 9th October - Optional Memorial of St. Denis & his companions** - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in St. James', followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Tea & Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions from 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

**Thursday 10th October - Votive Mass of the Most Holy Eucharist** - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in Our Lady's, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

**Friday 11th October - Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus** - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in St. James', followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

**Saturday 12th October - Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B** - Confessions in Our Lady's from 4.00 - 4.45p.m. followed by the Vigil Mass at 5.00p.m. Vigil Mass in St. James' at 7.00p.m. with opportunity for Confessions after Mass.

**Sunday 13th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B** - Holy Mass at 9.00a.m. in St. James, and Holy Mass at 11.00a.m. in Our Lady's.

*From Monday 14th to Friday 18th inclusive I am attending the "Unbound European Catholic Priest Retreat 2024", this means that there will be no weekday Masses or devotions for that week. If you are interested in learning more about this conference/retreat you can look at: <https://unboundpriestuk.carrd.co/assets/videos/video01.mp4?v=b8d242fb> In case of pastoral emergency during this time please contact Canon Mulholland on 01738 259371 or for the Ninewells Catholic chaplain call: 07821624124*

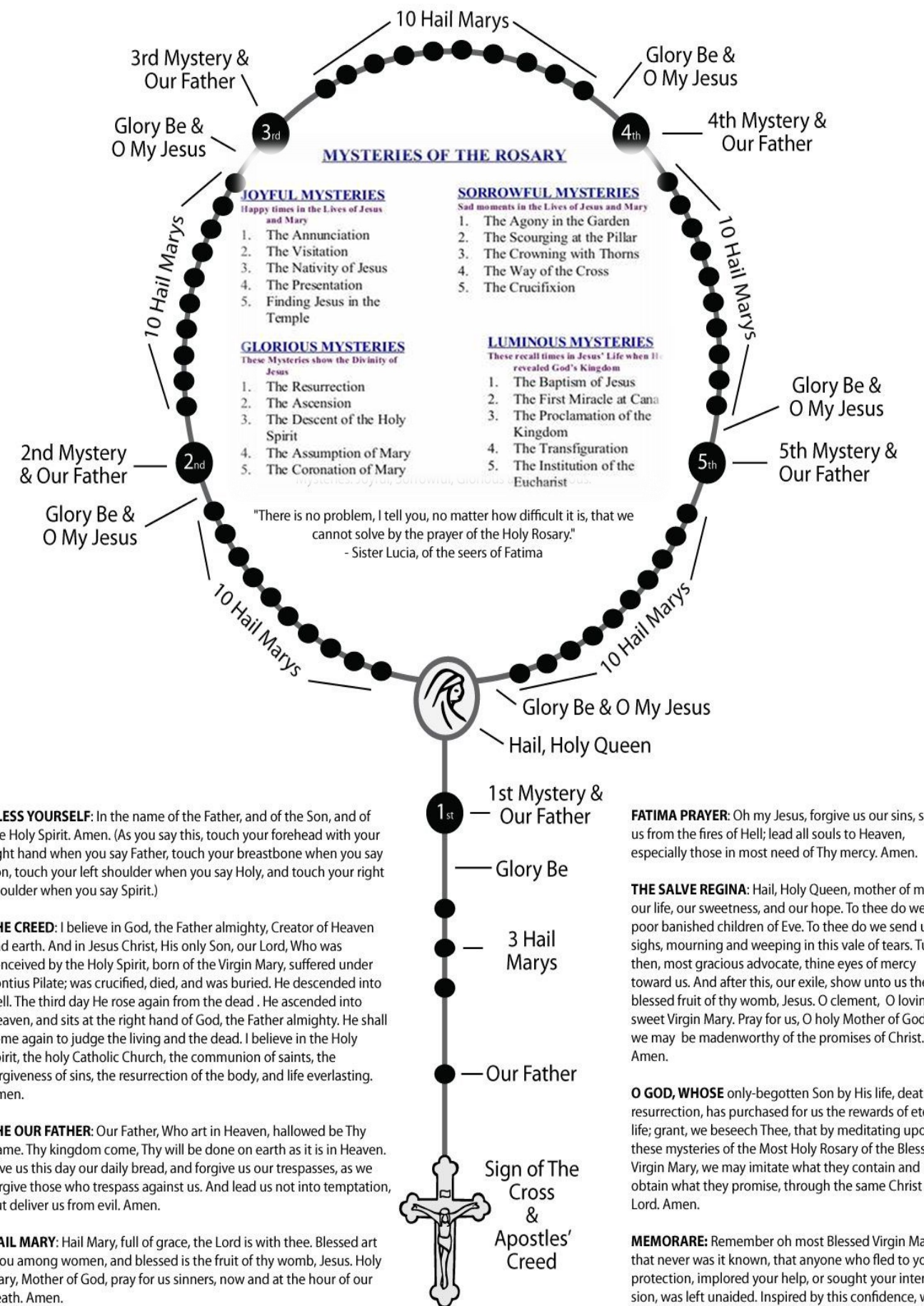
**Saturday 19th October - Vigil of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B** - Confessions in Our Lady's from 4.00 - 4.45p.m. followed by the Vigil Mass at 5.00p.m. Vigil Mass in St. James' at 7.00p.m. with opportunity for Confessions after Mass.

**Sunday 20th October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B** - Holy Mass at 9.00a.m. in St. James, and Holy Mass at 11.00a.m. in Our Lady's.

**Monday 21st October - Monday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time** - Catechism Class in St. James' church hall after school until 4.30p.m., Prayer Group in the church hall from 7.00 - 9.15p.m.

**Tuesday 22nd October - Memorial of Pope St. John Paul II** - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in Our Lady's, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Tea & Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions from 6.00 - 7.00p.m.

## A 'how to' guide for praying the Holy Rosary



**BLESS YOURSELF:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (As you say this, touch your forehead with your right hand when you say Father, touch your breastbone when you say Son, touch your left shoulder when you say Holy, and touch your right shoulder when you say Spirit.)

**THE CREED:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**THE OUR FATHER:** Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**HAIL MARY:** 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. Amen.

**GLORY BE** to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. [www.thecatholickid.com](http://www.thecatholickid.com)



newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the centre of each "Hail Mary".

## 15 Promises for Praying the Most Holy Rosary

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve Me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise My special protection and the greatest graces to all who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. 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.
5. The soul which recommends itself to Me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. 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.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful in reciting 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.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of Me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the holy Rosary shall be aided by Me in their necessities.
13. 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.
14. All who recite the Rosary are My sons, and brothers of My only Son, Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to My Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

**Wednesday 23rd October - Optional Memorial of St. John of Capistrano** - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in St. James', followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m. Tea & Coffee in the church hall after Holy Mass. **Meeting for all parish readers and interested parishioners on the New Lectionary in Our Lady of Lourdes' church hall from 6.30-7.30p.m.**

**Thursday 24th October - Optional Memorial of St. Antony Mary Claret** - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in Our Lady's, followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

**Friday 25th October - Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus** - Holy Rosary at 9.30a.m. in St. James', followed by Holy Mass at 10.00a.m.

**Saturday 26th October - Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B** - Confessions in Our Lady's from 4.00 - 4.45p.m. followed by the Vigil Mass at 5.00p.m. Vigil Mass in St. James' at 7.00p.m. with opportunity for Confessions after Mass.

**Sunday 27th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B** - Holy Mass at 9.00a.m. in St. James, and Holy Mass at 11.00a.m. in Our Lady's.

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B - 5th/6th October

- ♦ Genesis 2:18-24 - *A man and his wife become one body*
- ♦ Psalm 127(128) - **Response:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.
- ♦ Hebrews 2:9-11 - *The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified.*
- ♦ **Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**
  - ♦ St. Mark 10:2-12 - *What God has united, man must not divide.*

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B - 12th/13th October

- ♦ Wisdom 7:7-11 - *I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones.*
- ♦ Psalm 89(90) - **Response:** Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.
- ♦ Hebrews 4:12-13 - *The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword.*
- ♦ **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!**
  - ♦ St. Mark 10:17-30 (long version) - *Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me.*

### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B - 19th/20th October

- ♦ Isaiah 53:10-11 - *If he offers his life in atonement, what the Lord wishes will be done.*
- ♦ Psalm 32(33) - **Response:** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.
  - ♦ Hebrews 4:14-16 - *Our high priest is one who has been tempted in every way that we are.*
- ♦ **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**
  - ♦ St. Mark 10:35-45 (long version) - *The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.*



**The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.** According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alain de la Roche, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources – from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church – it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify

to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." -- *Mary in our Life* by Fr. William G. Most

The Rosary had its origin in the liturgical mentality of former ages. Even at the present time it is called "Mary's Psalter." There still are Catholics who consider the 150 Hail Marys a substitute for the 150 psalms for those persons who neither have the time, the education, nor the opportunity to pray the Hours of the Divine Office. Thus "Mary's Psalter" is a shortened, simplified "breviary" – alongside the common Hour-prayer of the Church. – *The Church's Year of Grace*, Dr. Pius Parsch

The Rosary is Christocentric setting forth the entire life of Jesus Christ, the passion, death, resurrection and glory. Of course, the Rosary honours and contemplates Mary too, and rightly so, for the same reason that the Liturgical Year does likewise: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she"<sup>142</sup> (*Mediator Dei*). Meditation on this cycle of Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries makes the Rosary not only "a breviary or summary of the Gospel and of Christian life, but also a compendium of the Liturgical Year. Therewith the Rosary stands revealed as a dynamic teacher and nurturer of Christian faith, morality, and spiritual perfection, fostering in

various ways faith, hope, charity, and the other virtues, and mediating special graces, all to the end that we may become more and more like unto Christ. – *Mariology*, Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.

No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary is more widely practiced among the faithful or found by them to be more satisfyingly complete than the Rosary, which has come to be regarded as the very badge of Catholic piety. No form of extra-liturgical devotion to Mary has been recommended more warmly or frequently by the Popes. With perhaps two exceptions, all the Sovereign Pontiffs from Sixtus IV in 1478 down to John XXIII, especially Leo XIII (in 23 documents, ten of them encyclicals entirely on the Rosary) and his successors, have extolled this form of prayer, which has been the favorite, moreover, of such saints as Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, Louis de Montfort, Alphonsus Liguori, Don Bosco, Bernadette, and many more.

The authentic Rosary is a happy combination of vocal and mental prayer, each of which is essential to the devotion. It is incorrect to say that meditation is "the very essence of the Rosary devotion," for vocal recitation of the prayers is also of the essence. Meditation is, of course, the nobler element, the "soul," while vocal prayer is the "body" of the devotion. The Rosary, Pope Leo XIII declared, "is composed of two parts, distinct but inseparable – the meditation on the mysteries and the recitation of the prayers. It is thus a kind of prayer that requires not only some raising of the soul to God, but also a particular and explicit attention" (*Incunda semper*). Hence, as Pope Pius XI stated, they err "who consider this devotion merely a boresome formula repeated with monotonous and singsong intonation" (*Ingravescentibus malis*). Moreover, as Pius XI put it, "both piety and love, although always breathing forth the same words, do not, however, repeat the same thing, but they fervently express something ever new which the loving heart always sends forth." And finally, in the words of Pius XII,

"the recitation of identical formulas, repeated so many times, rather than rendering the prayer sterile and boring, has on the contrary the admirable quality of infusing confidence in him who prays, and brings to bear a gentle compulsion on the motherly heart of Mary (*Ingravescentibus malis*). – *Mariology*, Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M.

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said:

Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the