

## Readings and Prayers for

**12 September 2021:**

### **St Mary and St John Patronal Festival**

#### **Isaiah 61:10-11**

*Isaiah chapter 61 is a prophetic song of praise to God when the Jewish people finally return to Jerusalem from captivity in Babylon. The last two verses introduce ideas that will reappear in Mary's own song of praise.*

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

#### **Psalm 45:10-17**

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house,

<sup>11</sup>and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him;

<sup>12</sup>the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts, the richest of the people

<sup>13</sup>with all kinds of wealth. The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;

<sup>14</sup>in many-coloured robes she is led to the king; behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.

<sup>15</sup>With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king.

<sup>16</sup>In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons; you will make them princes in all the earth.

<sup>17</sup>I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations; therefore the peoples will praise you forever and ever.

#### **Galatians 4:4-7**

*Paul explains that because of Jesus we have all become God's children.*

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God

#### **John 19:25b-27**

*When Jesus was on the cross he gave his mother into the care of the disciple whom he loved.*

<sup>25</sup>Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

#### **Collect**

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Post Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that the Word made flesh proclaimed by your apostle John may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries, ever abide and live within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.