

Celebrating May  
The Month of Mary



## May-The Month of Mary

May is a lovely month of the year, when nature begins again to really bloom and there is new life in plants, trees, and flowers. The days are longer and brighter, and we begin to think about longer summer days ahead.

May is also a very special month for us as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all. A full month is given over by the Church to Mary and during this month we are asked to think about Mary, say special prayers to Mary, have May Altars, sing hymns to Mary, have May processions with statues of Mary, all to tell Mary how much we love her, to ask her to help us to stay close to her son Jesus and to try to live as Jesus shows us.

God has a dream, a perfect plan for each one of us, for our lives. God had a dream for Mary and called Mary to do something special for him. He wants you to do something special for him, something only you can do because you are special too!

But God loves us, loved Mary so much, he allows us to choose to follow his dream, allowed Mary to choose to follow his dream, his perfect plan for her life. And we know Mary said yes. She loved God. She trusted God. So, she said yes!

We know that Mary said to the angel, "I will do whatever God wants," She did not know exactly what that would mean for her. She did not know what would happen or what her life would be like, but she trusted God totally and was willing to do whatever it was God wanted her to do.

So, during May, we thank Mary for saying yes to God, for being the Mother of Jesus, for loving Jesus, helping him to grow, to learn, to be ready to do the work of God his Father. We thank Mary for staying with Jesus on the way to the cross, when he died for us, for rejoicing when Jesus rose from the dead and for showing us how to love Jesus and trust always in God's plan for our lives.



## Celebrating Mary during the Month of May -at Home!

1. Create your own May Altar inside or outside your house in the garden or yard
2. Draw/Paint a picture of Mary and place it in your window
3. Write a prayer to Mary asking for her help during the Coronavirus Pandemic
4. Look at the stories of Mary in the Bible. Choose your favourite and retell it in words and pictures
5. Take time to pray quietly with one of the stories of Mary-this is called meditation.
6. Find as many hymns to Mary as possible - sing some of them together
7. Have a family May procession inside or outside your house in the garden or yard.
8. Bake a special cake or May-Crown cupcakes and celebrate Mary in May
9. Say the Rosary together as a family-make your own Rosary Beads
10. In many countries there are special places where people visit to pray to Mary. Mary always leads us to her son Jesus. Find out about Our Lady of Knock in Ireland, Our Lady of Lourdes in France, and Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal
11. Complete some Mary craft activities
12. Create a Mary Lapbook-on paper or on your computer

