

On the
800th Anniversary
of the coming of
THE BLACKFRIARS
to London



1223 - 2023

A Pilgrimage Walk
from St Dominic's, Haverstock Hill
to Blackfriars, Ludgate Hill
&
Vespers in
The Priory Church
of St Bartholomew the Great,
Smithfield.

SOME IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE BLACKFRIARS OF LONDON

- 1223 Foundation of Holborn Priory (1st Blackfriars, near Shoe Lane in the parish of St Andrew).
- 1250 General Chapter at Holborn Priory.
- 1263 General Chapter at Holborn: St Thomas Aquinas present, Henry III provided habits for the assembled friars.
- 1275 Move to the larger new Priory at Ludgate Hill (2nd Blackfriars).
- 1311 Parliament at Ludgate Priory (under Edward III).
- 1314 General Chapter at Ludgate Priory.
- 1335 General Chapter at Ludgate Priory.
- 1382 Great Council of English bishops held at Ludgate: condemnation of Wycliffe.
- 1471 Parliament meets at Ludgate (under Edward IV).
- 1523 Parliament meets at Ludgate (under Henry VIII).
- 1529 Trial of validity of Henry VIII's marriage with Queen Catherine of Aragon opened at Ludgate.
- 1538 Henry VIII suppresses Ludgate Priory
- 1555 Queen Mary gives Church and Priory of St Bartholomew the Great (Smithfield) to Dominicans (3rd Blackfriars).
- 1559 Queen Elizabeth I expels the Dominicans.
- 1861 Cardinal Wiseman invites Dominicans to London.
- 1862 Foundation of Priory at Haverstock Hill (4th Blackfriars)
- 1863 Foundation stone of Priory Church laid by Master of the Order; construction continued in 1874 after foundations stabilised.
- 1883 Opening of the current Priory Church (on 31 May).
- 1923 Consecration of the Priory Church (after final debts on cost of construction are paid off).
- 2016 Canonical erection of the Priory Church as the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the Order.
- 2019 Opening of the Luminous Mysteries Rosary Garden.
- 2021 Jubilees Restoration of the High Altar and Rosary Altar.

I - Our Lady of the Rosary & St Dominic, Haverstock Hill (the 4th Blackfriars of London)

Holy Mass in the Roman Rite at 10am, *celebrated by the Prior fr Lawrence Lew, O.P.* will be offered for Countess Tasker and the other benefactors of the current priory church, which was completed 140 years ago, and inaugurated on 31 May 1883.

Following Mass the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed, and then this Marian antiphon will be sung:

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S Alve Re-gí-na, * ma-ter mi-se-ri-córdi-æ, Vi-ta, dul-
cé- do, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamá-mus, éxsu-
les, fí-li- i Hevæ. Ad te suspi-rá-mus, geméntes et flen-
tes in hac lacrimá-rum valle. E-ia ergo, Advo-cá-ta
nostra, illos tu- os mi-se-ri-córdes ó-cu- los ad nos con-
vér-te. Et Je-sum, be-ne-díctum fructum ventris tu- i,
no-bis post hoc exsí- li- um osténde. O cle- mens:
O pi- a: O dulcis Virgo Ma- rí- a.

Translation: Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



The Pilgrimage Walk begins with the *Prayer before a Journey* taken from the *Libellus Precum* of the English Dominican Province.

Prayer at the start of a Journey

God who made the children of Israel pass dry shod through the middle of the sea, and showed the Magi the way to you by the guidance of a star, grant us, we pray, a prosperous journey and calm weather, so that accompanied by your holy angel we may happily arrive at our destination and come at last to the haven of eternal salvation.

God who kept your servant Abraham unharmed through all his travels when you had led him out of Ur of the Chaldeans, watch over us your servants, we pray; be our help, Lord, when we gird ourselves for the journey, our solace on the way, our shelter in the heat, our covering in rain and cold, carry us when we are tired, protect us in adversity, be our prop when the path is slippery, a haven in shipwreck, so that under your guidance we may successfully reach our destination and at last return home in safety.

Amen.

✠ Let us go forth in peace.

✠ **In the name of the Lord,
Amen!**



On 15 August 1217 St Dominic sent his first brothers, the friars preachers, to various university towns and cities of Europe saying, “if grain is sown it bears fruit, but if it is stored it rots.” The first Dominicans arrived in England in 1221.

II - Across from the site of the 1st Blackfriars of London (at St Andrew's Holborn Garden)

Facing the site of the Dominican priory founded in 1223, we pray the *Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary: the Assumption of Our Lady*.



This decade is offered for the repose of the souls of *Hubert de Burgh*, (depicted here) Earl of Kent and

Chief Justiciar of England and Ireland, who founded the 1st Blackfriars of London and was initially buried here; for King Henry III, and all the benefactors of the early English Dominicans; and for *fr Gilbert de Fresney, O.P.* and the first Dominican friars of England, and for those who lived and ministered here and established our Dominican life in London.

We will then sing the *Ave Maria Stella* mindful of the example of St Dominic who would sing this “at the top of his voice” while he was walking on a journey!

Hymn. 1.
A -ve ma-ris stella, De-i Ma-ter alma,
 Atque semper Virgo, Fe-lix cæ-li por- ta.

2. Sumens illud Ave Gabriélis ore, Funda nos in pace, Mutans nomen Evæ.
3. Solve vincla reis, Profer lumen cæcis: Mala nostra pelle, Bona cuncta posce.
4. Monstra te esse Matrem; Sumat per te preces, Qui pro nobis natus Tulit esse tuus.
5. Virgo singuláris, Inter omnes mitis, Nos culpis solútos Mites fac et castos.
6. Vitam præsta puram, Iter para tutum: Ut vidéntes Jesum, Semper collætémur.
7. Sit laus Deo Patri, Summo Christo decus, Spiritúí Sancto Tribus honor unus. Amen.

Translation: Hail, star of the sea, bountiful mother of God and ever Virgin, happy gate of heaven.

Taking that Ave from the mouth of Gabriel, preserve us in peace, giving Eve a new name.

Loose the chains of the bound, bring light to the blind, drive out our ills, invoke all things good.

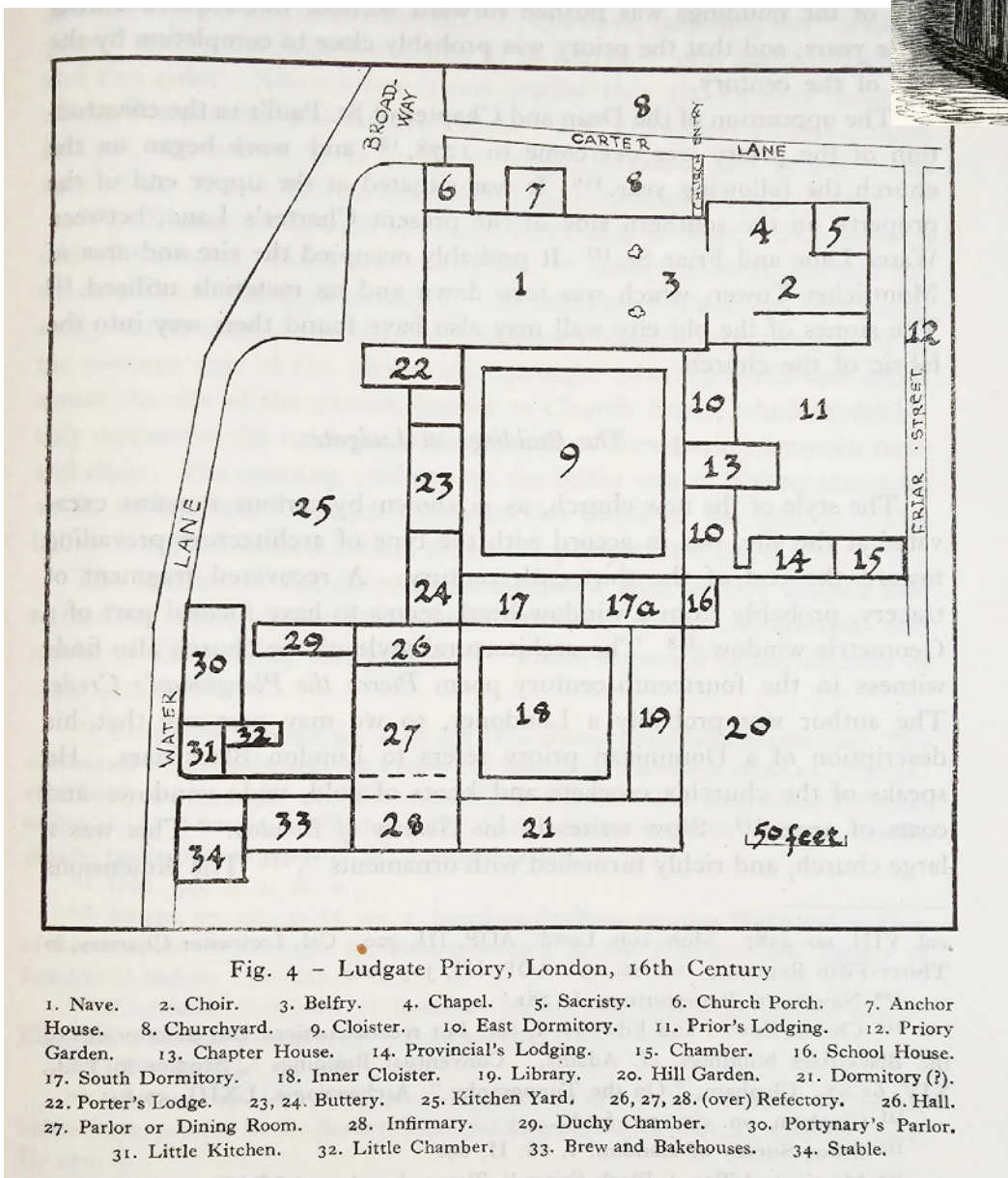
Show thyself to be a mother, may he who was born for us receive our prayers through thee. Singular virgin, more gentle than all, absolve us from sin and make us gentle and pure.

Grant us a pure life, prepare a safe way, that in seeing Jesus we may rejoice for ever.

Praise be to God the Father, glory to Christ on high, and with the Holy Spirit honour to the three in one. Amen.

III - The Black Friar Pub

We will pause for a drink and a lunch break. The pub, dating to 1875 and decorated by artists who seemingly were not familiar with the Dominican habit, is built on a corner, probably near the stables, of the original five-acre site of the Ludgate Dominican priory, the 2nd Blackfriars in London. *A round of drinks will be provided by the friars for all who walked here with us!*



You're welcome to have lunch in the vicinity, but if you want to join us for the rest of the afternoon, please come back to The Black Friar by 2:30pm.

IV - The 2nd Blackfriars of London (at St Ann Blackfriars Gardens)

The *Playhouse Yard* stands on the site of the nave of the Dominican church. The church was begun in 1279, and on completion it was 220 feet long and 66 feet wide; by comparison, the current priory church in Haverstock Hill is 260 feet long and 90 feet wide.

The *Libera Me* will be prayed for the repose of the souls King Edward I, founder of the Ludgate Blackfriars; and for all the other benefactors and those buried here, including Margaret of Kent, sister of King Alexander II of Scotland, and Queen Eleanor of Castile (whose heart was enshrined in the choir).

Prayers for the Dead: Libera Me

Deliver me, Lord, from everlasting death on that fearful day, † when heaven and earth are to be moved, * when you come to judge the world by fire.

∇ That day, that day of wrath, calamity and woe, that great and very bitter day. * when heaven and earth are to be moved.

∇ I am made nervous and fearful when the judgement comes and with the wrath that is to come, * when you come to judge the world by fire.

O God, creator of all things, who formed me from the mud of the earth and wondrously redeemed me with your own blood, who will make my body rise again on the day of judgement though it now falls into corruption, hear me, give my plea a hearing that you will bid my soul be placed in the bosom of Abraham your patriarch.

Deliver me... judge the world by fire.

Our Father...

∇ And lead us not into temptation.

℞ **But deliver us from evil.**

∇ From the gate of hell.

℞ **Deliver their souls, O Lord.**

∇ O Lord, hear my prayer.

℞ **And let my cry come to you.**

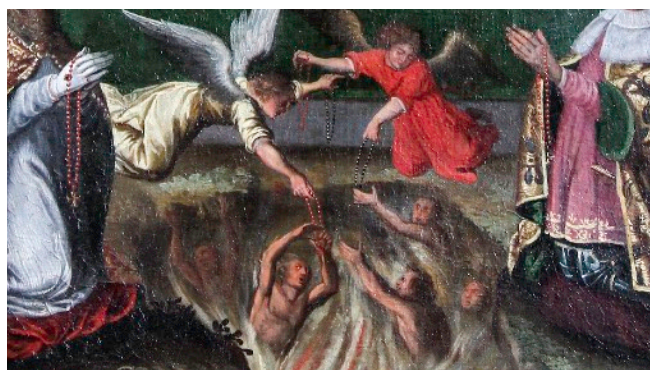
Let us pray.

O God, giver of pardon and author of human salvation, we beseech your mercy, that the brothers, sisters, familiars and benefactors of our congregation who have passed from this life may, at the intercession of blessed Mary ever virgin and of all your saints, come to the fellowship of eternal blessedness.

℞ **Amen.**

∇ May they rest in peace.

℞ **Amen.**



V - The Choir of the Ludgate Blackfriars (at Ireland Yard)

The *St Ann Blackfriars Yard off Ireland Yard* stands on the site of the choir of the 2nd Dominican priory church of London.

The *De Profundis* will be prayed for the souls of the brethren who lived and ministered here and who were buried here.

Prayers for the Dead: De Profundis

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; * Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive *
to the voice of my pleading.
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,*
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness;*
for this we revere you.
My soul is waiting for the Lord,*
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord,*
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak *
and Israel on the Lord.
Because with the Lord there is mercy *
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem *
from all its iniquity.

∇ Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

℞ **And let perpetual light shine upon them.**

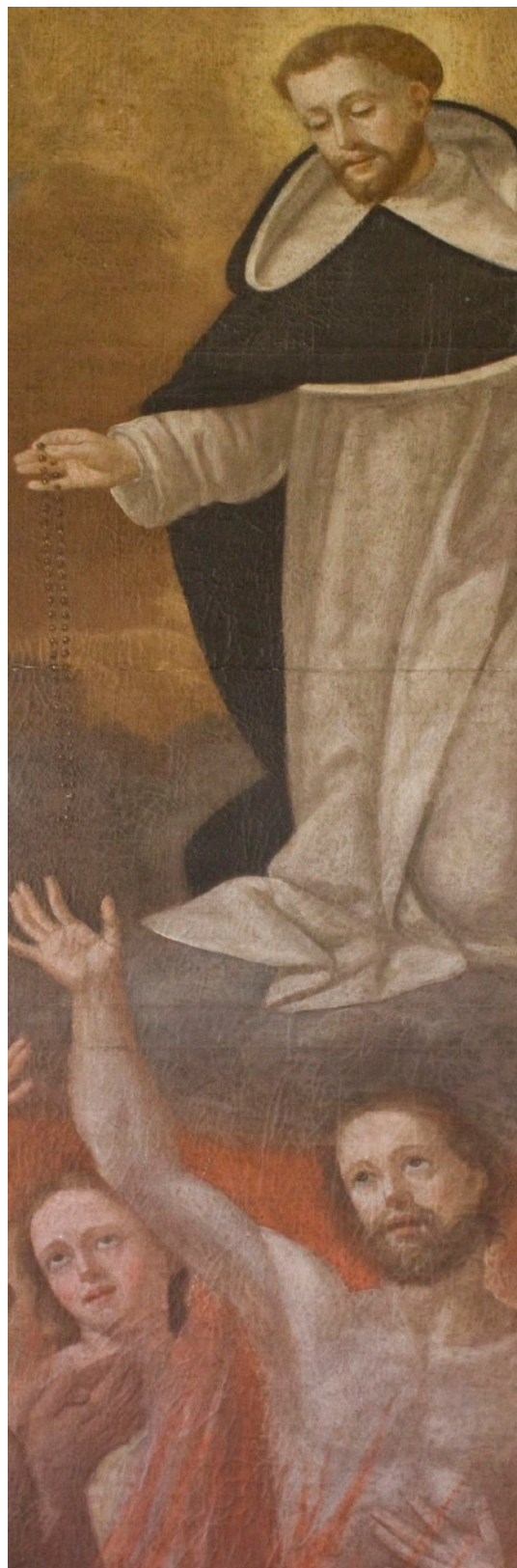
Let us pray.

O God, creator and redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your servants departed the forgiveness of all their sins, that through our loving intercession they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired, who live and reign for ever and ever.

℞ **Amen.**

∇ May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

℞ **Amen.**



VI - The Priory Church of Saint Bartholomew the Great

We are indebted to the clergy and staff of St Bartholomew the Great for their kind hospitality. A tour of this historic church, originally an Augustinian Priory church established 900 years ago and briefly the *3rd Blackfriars of London*, will take place at 3pm. At 4pm **First Vespers for the XV Sunday in Ordinary Time** (*music and texts on the following pages*) will be sung in the Choir of the church. During Vespers, *fr Richard Finn, O.P., Provincial Archivist* will preach a sermon, and at the end of Vespers, we will process to the Lady Altar and then back to the Choir singing the antiphons to Our Lady and to St Dominic.

We pray this Divine Office for the repose of the soul of Queen Mary Tudor who established the Dominicans here at Smithfield in 1556; for *fr William Perrin, O.P. who was Prior and was buried here in 1558*; and for the friars and sisters who lived through those turbulent times. On the 12 of July 1559, Queen Elizabeth I suppressed the Smithfield priory, and expelled twelve Dominicans from England: 2 priests, 9 nuns, and 1 postulant.

We also pray Vespers together with our Anglican brothers and sisters, asking the Lord for the grace and precious gift of Christian unity, and praying for the on-going Christian witness given in St Bartholomew's in the centre of London.

VII - The Lady Chapel of St Bartholomew the Great

After Vespers, at 5pm, *fr Lawrence Lew, O.P.* will celebrate a *Low Mass in the Dominican Rite in the Lady Chapel*, which is reputedly the only place in London which Our Lady has visited!

We thank His Eminence Cardinal Nichols for his gracious permission to celebrate Holy Mass on this historic occasion in this unique place, and the Mass formulas used this evening will be those of the *Privileged Votive Mass of the Holy Rosary*, offered for the current benefactors and donors of the Rosary Shrine in London.

A 13th-century Dominican blessing

May God the Father bless us,
may God the Son heal us,
may the Holy Spirit enlighten us and
give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with, and
hands to do the work of God with, feet to walk
with, and a mouth to preach the word of
salvation with, and the angel of peace to
watch over us and lead us at the last, by our
Lord's gift, to the kingdom.

Amen.



V. Ora pro nobis, beáte pater Domínice. †

(Pray for us, O holy father Dominic.)

R. Ut digni efficiámur promissionibus Christi. †

(That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.)

Orémus. †

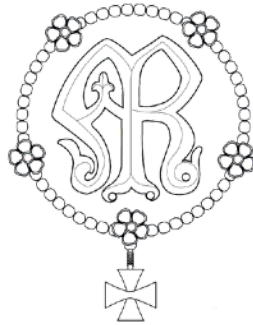
Concéde, quáesumus, omnipotens Deus, * ut qui peccatórum nostrórum póndere prémimur, † beáti Domínici confessóris tui, Patris nostri, patrocínio sublevémur. *
Per Christum Dóminum nostrum. **R. Amen.**

(Let us pray. Grant, almighty God, that we who are oppressed by the weight of our sins, may be released by the prayers of blessed Dominic, your confessor and our Father. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Fidélium ánimæ per misericórdiam Dei requiéscent in pace.

R. Amen.

(May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.)



Thanks and Gratitude

To Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to St Dominic be all thanks and praise for these eight hundred years of our history!

The Dominican friars in London would also like to thank *His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols* for his support and well-wishes;

Fr Marcus Walker and Fr Taylor Wilton-Morgan and the volunteers and staff at St Bartholomew the Great;

Seamus Russell and his staff at *The Black Friar* pub;

fr Richard Finn, O.P. for walking with us and preaching the Vesperal sermon;

Thanks to the lay Dominicans, to our parishioners, friends, supporters, volunteers and benefactors, and all who have walked with us today, and to all who will continue to journey with us into the next eight hundred years!

Propers for the Votive Mass of the Most Holy Rosary according to the Dominican Rite

OFFICIUM.

Hail! holy root. Hail! glory of the world,
O Mary, flower of all virgins, you are as
the rose or the lily: pray to your Son
for us.

*Grace upon grace is a holy and a modest
woman.* Glory be.

ORATIO.

Oalmighty and merciful God, who from
all eternity have, in the spirit of
sanctification, predestined according to
the flesh, Your Only-begotten, coequal, and
consubstantial Son, our Lord Jesus Christ;
and has singled out before all ages, the most
holy and acceptable virgin Mary to be His
mother; grant us, we beseech You, by the
merits of both, as set forth in the fifteen

mysteries of the most holy rosary; to be so devoted to them in this present life as
eternally to enjoy their fruits in the glory of the life to come: through the same Lord.

LECTIO.

From the Song of Songs

I am the flower of the field, and the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns, so is
my love among women. Your lips, my spouse, are as a dropping honeycomb, honey
and milk are under your tongue: and the smell of your garments, as the smell of
frankincense. My sister, my spouse is a garden enclosed, a fountain sealed. Your
plants are a paradise of pomegranates with the fruits of the orchard. As the vine I
have brought forth a pleasant odour; and my flowers are the fruit of honour and
riches. I am the mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope.
In me is all grace of the way and of the truth, in me is all hope of life and of virtue;
Come over to me, all you who desire me, and be filled with my fruits. For my spirit
is sweet above honey, and my inheritance above honey and the honeycomb.

RESPONSORIUM.

My beloved to me, and I to him, who feeds among the lilies, till the day break
and the shadows retire. *As the days of the spring, the flowers of the roses
and the lilies of the valley encompassed her.*

Alleluia, alleluia! The rod of Jesse has blossomed; a virgin has brought forth God
and man. God has restored peace, reconciling in Himself the lowest with the
highest. Alleluia!



EVANGELIUM.

Luke 8:1-10

At that time, Jesus went on through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Mag'dalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joan'na, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means. And when a great crowd came together and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand."

OFFERTORIUM.

Hail! Queen of heaven, mother of the king of angels. O Mary, the flower of all virgins, you are as the rose or the lily. Pour forth your prayers to your Son for the salvation of His people.

SECRETA.

Grant to our prayers, we beseech You, O merciful God, that those of us who are girded with the power of the rosary of God's mother, Mary, which is wholly dedicated to her Son, may please You with a full and perfect devotion of body and soul; so that while making these present offerings, we may, with You as our helper, merit to reach eternal rewards: through the same Lord.

COMMUNIO.

Oholy mother of God, how beautiful were you, and sweet in the delights of your virginity: whom, when the women of Sion saw flourishing amidst the flowers of the roses and the lilies of the valley, they declared most blessed: and queens sang forth her praise.

POSTCOMMUNIO.

While we commemorate the hallowed mysteries of the most holy rosary dedicated by Your faithful Church unto the honour of God's mother, Mary, ever a virgin, O almighty God, bestow Your kindly aid, so that You may show forth the blessings of Your help to all such as put their trust in You, that the virtue of these mysteries and the effect of our prayers may alike be obtained: through the same Lord.



