

**Readings for St Mary (BVM)  
Patronal Festival – 15<sup>th</sup> Aug  
EITHER**

**Isaiah 61.10-11**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

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.

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.

**OR**

**Revelation 11.19-12.6**

*A reading from the book of Revelation.*

God's temple in heaven was  
opened, and the ark of his covenant  
was seen within his temple;  
and there were flashes of lightning,  
rumblings, peals of thunder,  
an earthquake, and heavy hail.

A great portent appeared in heaven:  
a woman clothed with the sun,  
with the moon under her feet, and on  
her head a crown of twelve stars.

She was pregnant and was crying  
out in birth pangs, in the agony of  
giving birth.

Then another portent appeared in  
heaven: a great red dragon, with  
seven heads and ten horns, and  
seven diadems on his heads.

His tail swept down a third of the  
stars of heaven and threw them to  
the earth. Then the dragon stood  
before the woman who was about to  
bear a child, so that he might devour  
her child as soon as it was born.

And she gave birth to a son, a male  
child, who is to rule all the nations  
with a rod of iron. But her child was  
snatched away and taken to God  
and to his throne;

and the woman fled into the  
wilderness, where she has a place  
prepared by God, so that there she  
can be nourished for one thousand  
two hundred and sixty days.

**Psalm 45.11-18**

**Rx Sing praises to God, sing  
praises.**

'Hear, O daughter, consider and  
listen closely; forget your people  
and your family's house.

The king will have pleasure in your  
beauty; he is your master; therefore  
do him honour. **Rx**

The people of Tyre are here with a  
gift; the rich among the people seek  
your favour.'

All glorious is the princess as she  
enters; her gown is cloth-of-gold. **Rx**

In embroidered apparel she is  
brought to the king; after her the  
bridesmaids follow in procession.  
With joy and gladness they are  
brought, and enter into the palace of  
the king. **Rx**

'In place of fathers, O king, you shall  
have sons; you shall make them  
princes over all the earth.  
I will make your name to be  
remembered from one generation to  
another; therefore nations will praise  
you for ever and ever.' **Rx**

**Galatians 4.4-7**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.*

But when the fullness of time had  
come, God sent his Son, born of a  
woman, born under the law, in order  
to redeem those who were under the  
law, so that we might receive  
adoption as children.

And because you are children, God  
has sent the Spirit of his Son into our  
hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'

So you are no longer a slave but a  
child, and if a child then also an heir,  
through God.

**Luke 1.46-55**

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the  
Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God  
my Saviour, for he has looked with  
favour on the lowliness of his  
servant.

Surely, from now on all generations  
will call me blessed; for the Mighty  
One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the  
thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful  
from their thrones, and lifted up the  
lowly; he has filled the hungry with  
good things, and sent the rich away  
empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to  
our ancestors, to Abraham and to his  
descendants for ever.'