



Year 4 GIFT Ambassadors  
May is the Month of Mary  
16<sup>th</sup> May 2025



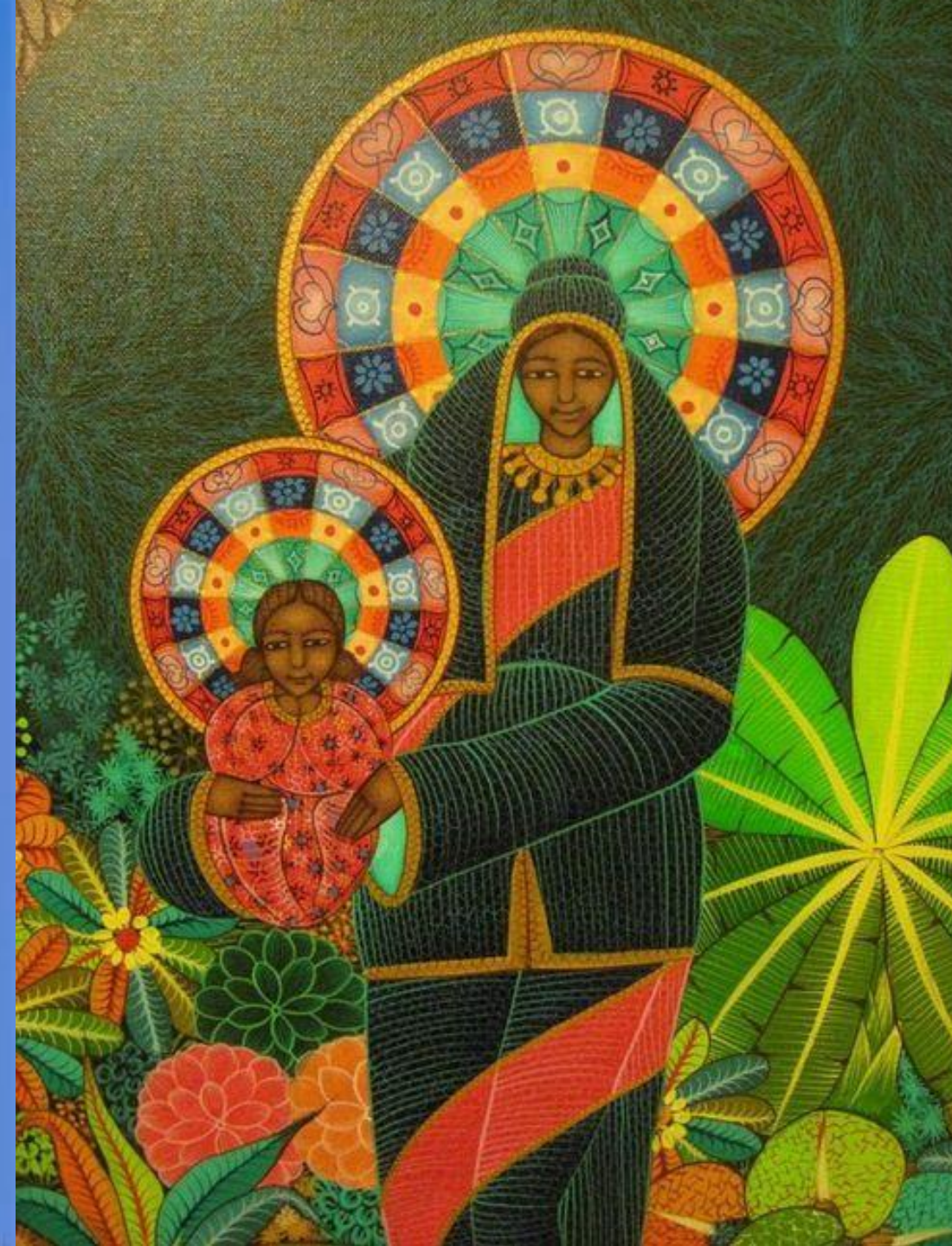
Hail Mary,  
the Lord is with thee  
You are most blessed,  
Our Lady full of Grace  
For you bore for us,  
our blessed Jesus  
Fruit of your body  
as God became a man.  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria.*  
*Ave, ave, ave Maria.*

Hail Mary,  
the Lord is with thee  
You are most blessed,  
Our Lady full of Grace.

And so we ask you.

O Holy Mary  
intercede for us  
now and at our death.

*Ave, ave, ave Maria.  
Ave, ave, ave Maria.*



# WELCOME





## May –The Month of Mary

May is the month when we should take time to think about Mary and reflect on how she is the Mother of Jesus and Mother to us all. During this month we should take time to think and pray to Mary.

# The History of the Month of Mary

This custom goes back as far as the Ancient Greeks. May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fruitfulness.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blossoms.



# The History of the Month of Mary

In 1883 Pope Leo decided that the Month of May should be Mary's Month as May is the beginning of new life and the start of summer. Mary brought new life into the world.



# Marian Shrines

Marian shrines receive particular attention during May and are decorated with flowers. People undertake a journey to reach a particular shrine, praying the rosary along the way. Mary is honored as the mother of Jesus and as a woman free from sin.



# We can celebrate Mary during May by:



- ❖ Praying the Hail Mary
- ❖ Singing hymns to Our Lady
- ❖ Praying the Rosary
- ❖ Taking part in a May Procession
- ❖ Making your own Rosary or helping younger children to make their own
- ❖ Bringing flowers to honour Mary
- ❖ Praying other Marian prayers like the Hail Holy Queen
- ❖ Learning about Marian Shrines
- ❖ Making an altar to Mary in your home

# Acclamation

Sing and shout for joy, alleluia!  
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Alleluia, alleluia!



## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The apostles went back to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives. They went up to the room where they were staying Peter, Andrew, James and John, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew. They gathered frequently to pray as a group, together with the women and with Mary the mother of Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

# The First Glorious Mystery of the Rosary

## The Resurrection of Jesus



We pray that Mary our Mother  
will care for our new Pope  
Leo as he looks after  
everyone, guiding us all on  
our Faith Journey.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria.



We pray for ourselves that we will come closer to Jesus and Mary through reading the Bible and praying the Rosary.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria



We pray that we will say Yes to  
God like Mary did and use our  
gifts and talents to help  
others.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria



We pray for our mothers and grandmothers that they will stay safe, and may we be always thankful because we have them by our side.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria.



We pray for people who are ill at home or in hospital. We remember especially Mr Mc Loughlin the Headteacher of Saint Thomas More School, Father Paul and Father Michael that God will look after them.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria



We pray for the people in India and Pakistan that they will solve their differences, and that peace will come in Gaza and Ukraine so that people will be safe in their own country.

Ave, ave, ave, Maria



We will now pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

Holy Mother of God, pray for us.

Mother of divine grace, pray for us.

Mother most kind, pray for us.

Queen of peace, pray for us.

Queen of angels, pray for us.

Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

Queen of all Saints, pray for us.



Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

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sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the  
sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

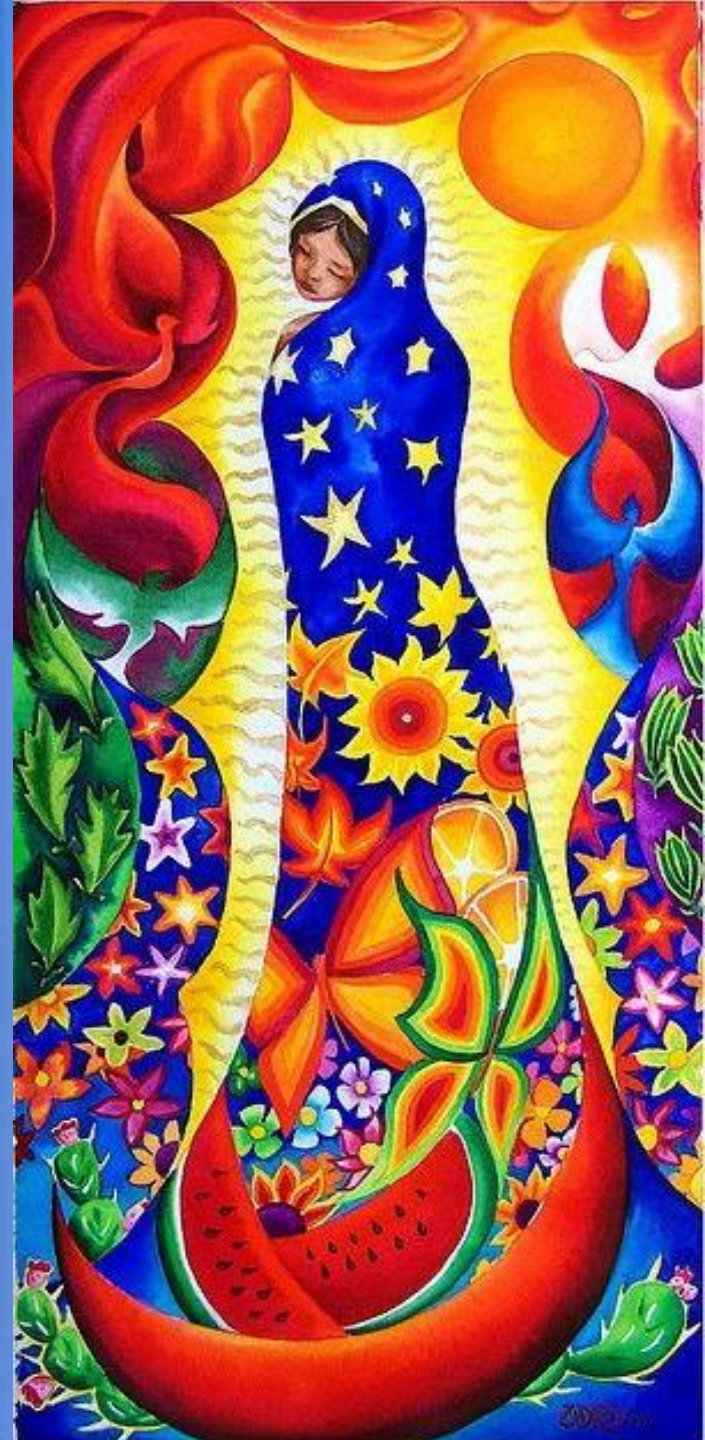
## Final Hymn

Oh Mary, gentle one,  
teach us to love your Son.

Oh Mary, humble one,  
help us to serve him.

*Teach us to answer him,  
as once you answered him,*

*Let it be done to me  
according to your Word.*





Oh Mary, peaceful one,  
teach us to know your Son.

Oh Mary, hopeful one,  
teach us to trust him.

*Teach us to answer him,  
as once you answered him,*

*Let it be done to me  
according to your Word.*

Oh Mary, grateful one,  
teach us to thank your Son.

Oh Mary, joyful one,  
help us to praise him.  
Teach us to answer him,  
as once you answered him,  
Let it be done to me  
according to your Word.



# Our Go Forth Message

