



St. Colmcille's Parish

Novena Mass in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

1. Invocation
2. Rite of Penance
3. First Reading

4. **Magnificat**

My soul glorifies the Lord
My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on His servant in her lowliness;
Henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy is His name.
His mercy is from age to age,
On those who fear Him.
He puts forth His arm in strength
And scatters the proud hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
And raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things.
Sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel His servant,
Remembering His mercy,
The mercy promised to our fathers
To Abraham and His sons forever.

5. Gospel

6. Novena Prayer (said by all)

Mother of Perpetual Help
With the greatest confidence
We come before your shrine
To be inspired by the example of your life.
We think of you at that moment
When, full of faith and trust,
You accepted God's call
To be the mother of His son.
Help us, your children
To accept with joy
Our own calling in life.
When you learned
That your cousin Elizabeth was in need
You immediately went to serve her
And offer you help
Help us, like you,
To be concerned with others.
We think of your Mother
At the foot of the cross.
Your heart must have bled
To see your son in agony.
But, your joy was great
When He rose from the dead
Victorious over the powers of evil.
Mother of Sorrows help us to realise
That we must expect trials and
Disappointments.
Help us not to lose heart,
May we share with you and your son
The joy of having courageously faced up
To all the challenges of life.
AMEN.

P Let us Pray:

All Lord God, it is your will that we come together today to honour Mary as a mother ever ready to help us. May we who implore her motherly help benefit by the great gift of salvations. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

8. Preparations of the Gifts.

9. Eucharistic Prayer.

10. Communion Rite.

11. Thanksgiving Prayer(said by all)

O Mother of Perpetual Help
With grateful hearts we join you
In thanking God for
All the wonderful things
He has done for us,
Especially for having given us
Jesus your Son as our redeemer.
O God our Creator
We thank you for the gift of life
And all the gifts of nature:
Our senses and faculties,
Our talents and abilities.
We thank you for creating us
In your image and likeness
And for giving us thus earth to use
And develop to respect and cherish.
Despite our failures you continues
To show your love for us today
Increasing the life of your spirit in us
At the Eucharistic table.
Finally, we thank you, loving father
For giving us Mary
The Mother of your Son
To be our Mother of perpetual Help.

We are grateful for all the favours
We have received through her intercessions.
We pray that those past favours may inspire us
To greater confidence in your
Loving mercy and to seek the aid
Of our Mother of Perpetual Help.

12. Final prayer of Blessing

13. Recessional Hymn.

The Mother of Perpetual Help

Of Byzantine origin, the picture was brought from Crete to Rome in the late 15th century. It has been known as a 'miraculous picture' in the East, and quickly earned a similar title in Rome, where for three centuries it was venerated at St Mathew's Augustinian Church. Then in 1798 the victorious French army destroyed St Matthew's but the picture was saved by the friars. Out of sight, out of mind- the Roman populace soon forgot the picture. The Redemptorists made a foundation in Rome in the mid 19th century and settled on the site of the old St Matthews. On the rediscovery of the picture in the 1860s, the Pope ordered that it be given into the care of the Redemptorists because they were on the site where Mary, centuries earlier, had indicated in a vision that she wished to be venerated and gave to her picture the title 'Mother of Perpetual Help'. And it was done. In handing over the picture, Pope Pius IX told the Redemptorists to 'make her known to the world.'