

**Day 1 – 17 July, 2022 (Sunday)**

**Opening Hymn: MONTFORT’S CRY**

**\* Only, only God is all I have to sing  
Is all I have to know  
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Is all I have to know**

Take up your cross and follow me, says the Lord  
Take up your cross and follow me. (\*)

Mary, our Mother is the way, to the Lord  
Mary, our Mother is the way. (\*)

Love each other as I loved you, says the Lord  
Love each other as I loved you. (\*)

I’ll make you free to bring God’s love to others  
I’ll make you free to bring God’s love. (\*)

***Opening Prayer:***

O God, we come before you to praise and thank you for your wondrous gifts, for giving us St Louis-Marie de Montfort as model of our Christian faith. May we always imitate his virtue, especially his devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament and to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

***Ant:*** If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter.

***Psalm 91***

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High  
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
This I declare about the Lord:

He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;  
he is my God, and I trust him.  
For he will rescue you from every trap  
and protect you from deadly disease.  
He will cover you with his feathers.

He will shelter you with his wings.  
His faithful promises are your armour and protection.

## **Day 1 Triduum for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the Canonisation of St Louis Marie de Montfort**

Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies in the day.

Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,  
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.  
Though a thousand fall at your side,  
though ten thousand are dying around you,  
these evils will not touch you.

Just open your eyes,  
and see how the wicked are punished.  
If you make the LORD your refuge,  
if you make the Most High your shelter,  
no evil will conquer you;  
no plague will come near your home.

For he will order his angels  
to protect you wherever you go.  
They will hold you up with their hands  
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.

You will trample upon lions and cobras;  
you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!  
The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.  
I will protect those who trust in my name.

When they call on me, I will answer;  
I will be with them in trouble.  
I will rescue and honour them.  
I will reward them with a long life  
and give them my salvation.

**Glory be to the Father.....**

**Ant:** If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter.

### **A Spiritual Reading from the writings of St. Louis Marie de Montfort – The Love of Eternal Wisdom No. 8 & 9**

Can we love someone we do not even know? Can we love deeply someone we know only vaguely? Why is Jesus, the adorable, eternal and incarnate Wisdom loved so little if not because he is either too little known or not known at all? Hardly anyone studies the supreme science of Jesus, as did St. Paul (Eph. 3:19). And yet this is the most noble, the most consoling, the most useful and the most vital of all sciences and subjects in heaven and on earth.

First, it is the most noble of all sciences because its subject is the most noble and the most sublime: Wisdom uncreated and incarnate. He possesses in himself the fullness of divinity and humanity alike and all that is great in heaven and on earth, namely, all creatures visible and invisible, spiritual and corporal.

St. John Chrysostom says that our Lord is the summary of all God's works, the epitome of all the perfections to be found in God and in his creatures (cf. Col. 1:16; 2:9). "Jesus Christ is everything that you can and should wish for. Long for him, seek for him, because he is that unique and precious pearl for which you should be ready to sell everything you possess." "Let the wise man boast no more of his wisdom nor the strong man of his strength, nor the rich man of his wealth. But if anyone wants to boast, let him boast only of understanding and knowing me and nothing else (Jer. 9:23-24)."

**Intercessions:**

**R/ Lord, hear our prayer**

That we will always persevere in our faith in the midst of our worldly affairs and tribulations, we pray: **/R**

That we will always seek the Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom in our daily life, we pray: **/R**

That we will always recourse to the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin in all our needs, we pray: **/R**

That we have the courage to respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we pray: **/R**

That we have the meekness and humility of St Louis when we face those who humiliate and despise us in our daily life, we pray: **/R**

***Our Father...***

**Litany to St. Louis de Montfort**

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

***Lord, have mercy on us.***

***Christ, have mercy on us.***

***Lord, have mercy on us.***

Christ, hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Trinity, One God,

***Christ, graciously hear us.***

***Have mercy on us.***

***Have mercy on us.***

***Have mercy on us.***

***Have mercy on us.***

Hail Mary	<i>pray for us!</i>
Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort	<i>pray for us!</i>
Ardent disciple of Jesus Christ the Incarnate Wisdom,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Eloquent preacher of the Cross,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Singer of the praises of the Sacred Heart,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Loving slave of Jesus in Mary,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Faithful son of the handmaid of the Lord,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Apostle of the Most Holy Rosary,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Preacher of the Mother of the Redeemer,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Servant of the poor and the afflicted,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Man of solitude and prayer,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Wonder of mortification,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Model of priests and missionaries,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Fervent minister of the Holy Eucharist,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Fearless champion of truth,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Restorer of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Marvel of poverty and abandonment to Divine Providence,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Teacher of the people of God,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Founder of Religious congregations,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Apostle of the end times,	<i>pray for us!</i>
Obedient collaborator with the Pope and Bishops,	<i>pray for us!</i>
You see the Face of God:	<i>obtain for us perseverance in the faith.</i>
You shine within Infinite Charity:	<i>obtain for us the gift of pure love.</i>
You live in the New Jerusalem:	<i>obtain for us the spirit of prayer.</i>
You stand before the throne of the Lamb:	<i>obtain for us the wisdom of the Cross.</i>
You contemplate the Mother of the Lord:	<i>obtain for us true devotion to Mary.</i>
You dwell with the Apostles of Christ:	<i>obtain for us missionary zeal.</i>
You share in the communion of Saints:	<i>obtain for us love for the Church.</i>
You are seated at the Table of the Kingdom:	<i>obtain for us the crown of glory.</i>
You are the powerful intercessor before the Throne of God:	<i>hear our prayers.</i>

***Let us pray,***

O God, who in the power of the Holy Spirit has made Saint Louis-Marie an ardent apostle of Christ Crucified and a faithful son of the Virgin Mary, grant that through his example and intercession, we may be renewed in the spirit of our baptism and be always faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

**CLOSING HYMN: AS I KNEEL BEFORE YOU**

As I kneel before You  
As I bow my head in prayer  
Take this day, make it Yours  
And fill me with Your love

\* Ave Maria  
Gratia plena  
Dominus tecum  
Benedicta tu

All I have, I give You  
Every dream and wish are Yours  
Mother of Christ  
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord (\*)

As I kneel before You  
And I see Your smiling face  
Every thought, every word  
Is lost in Your embrace (\*)