

This week's preparation for First Communion



May is the month of Mary

May is a special month for First Communion children; it is also a special month for Mary, the mother of Jesus! For this reason, for very many years people have made 'May Altars' at home & at school in honour of Our Lady. Ask your parents or grandparents if they had a May altar at home.

1. **Make a May altar** in your house. If you already have a Sacred Space, then you can just turn that into a May altar. If not, you need to think about where to put it: a place where everyone in the house can see it & maybe even where passersby can see it too! Below are some pictures of what a May altar might look like – a white/blue cloth or paper, a candle, a statue or picture of Mary (there's one for colouring in below, or you can draw one yourself), a set of rosary beads, a bible, some flowers or as many of these things as you can manage. Maybe you could think of other things to put there too. (If you would like everyone see what your May altar is like, email a photo of it to me: anne.dooley@gmail.com and I will have it put up on the parish website).
2. The church in Marino is still closed but there is a statue of Our Lady on the grounds. On your next walk or cycle, **visit the statue** and pray the 'Hail Mary'. You could bring some flowers to put in front of it.
3. **Read the Gospel** story for this Sunday (on the next page). Many people use maps to find their way to places. What if they wanted to find God's house? In this Sunday's Gospel story, Jesus tells his friends that there is only one way to find God the Father – and that is through him! Jesus is the Way☺ By following Him and behaving as He wants us to, we follow God's way and so eventually we will all be together in God's house in heaven. **Make a bookmark** that says: 'Jesus is the Way'.



The Gospel Story for Sunday May 10th

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house. I wouldn’t tell you this unless it was true.

I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together. You know the way to where I am going.”

Thomas said, “Lord, we don’t even know where you are going!

How can we know the way?”

“I am the way, the truth, and the life!” Jesus answered.

“Without me, no one can go to the Father.

If you had known me, you would have known the Father.

But from now on, you do know him and you have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need.”

Jesus replied: “Philip, I have been with you for a long time. Don’t you know who I am? If you have seen me, you have seen the Father.

How can you ask me to show you the Father?

Don’t you believe that I am one with the Father & that the Father is one with me?

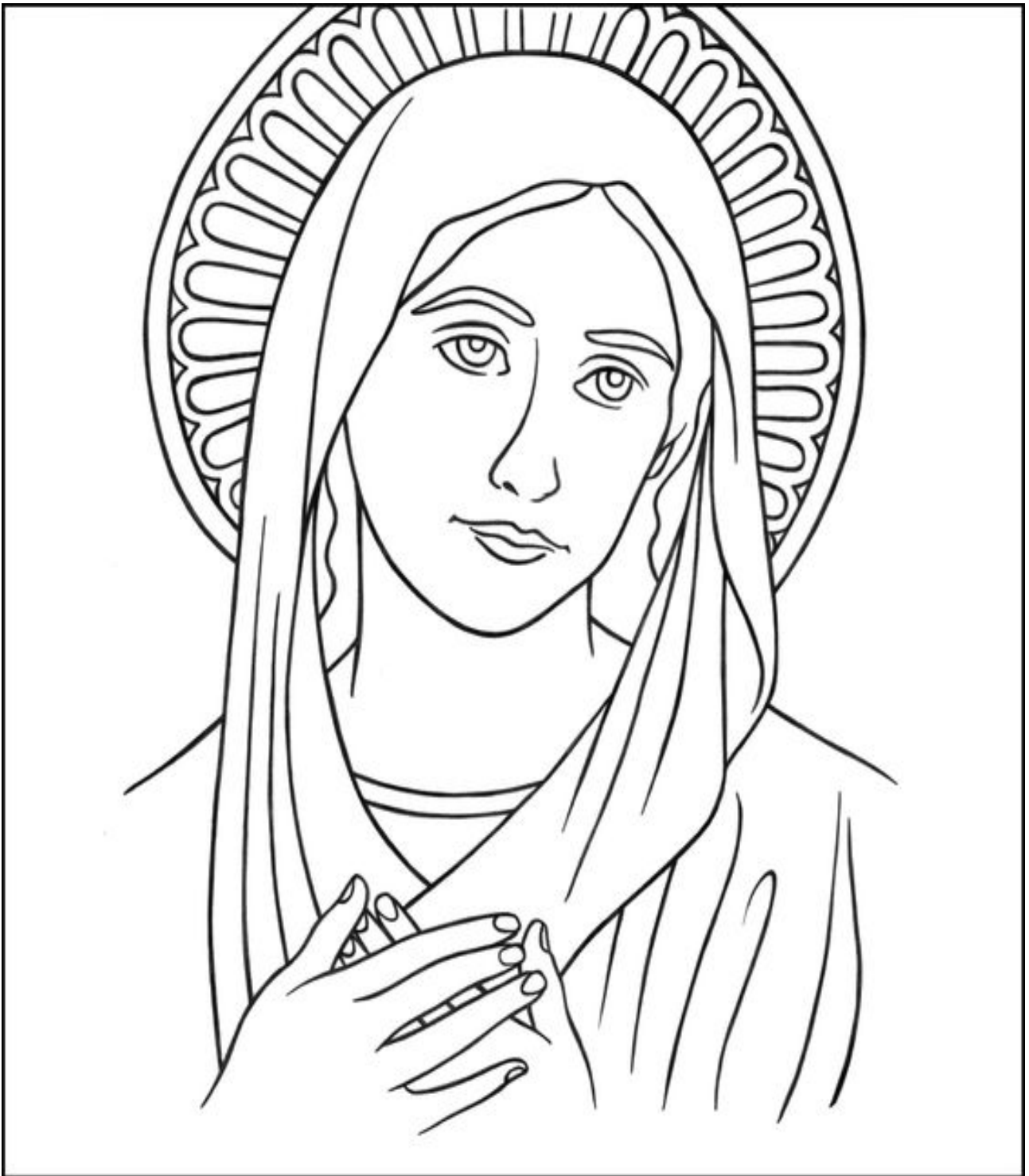
What I say is not said on my own.

The Father who lives in me does these things.

“Have faith in me when I say that the Father is one with me & that I am one with the Father. Or else have faith in me because of the things I do.

“I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing.

In fact you will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father.”



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Trim off the bottom portion of this coloring page. Color then cut out the roses to make a crown for Mary.