May Assembly

Costumes

5 children dressed in pale blue

1 child dressed as Bernadette

1 child dressed as Mary

1 child dressed as Gabriel

1 child dressed as Joseph

1 child dressed as Elizabeth

10 children dressed in pink(Hail Mary beads)

1 child dressed in contrasting colour( Our Father and Glory Be)

Props

10 large roses to represent the Hail Mary prayers (card or 3D)

1 large Bead to represent the Our Father/Glory Be (card or 3D)

1 Large crucifix for the human rosary

May altar

Many paper flowers to attach to Mary’s crown

Real flowers to place at her feet

Display

Mary icons

Whole school rosary intentions

*ALL CHILDREN ARE STANDING*

*NADINE WALKS FORWARD*

NADINE Good afternoon everyone and welcome to our assembly about Our Lady.

We will begin with a special hymn we have learned for Mary.

## *ALL JOIN HANDS (REMAIN STANDING))*

## As I kneel before you Hymn

**As I kneel before you,  
As I bow my head in prayer,  
Take this day, make it yours  
and fill me with your love.  
  
Refrain:  
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.**

**Refrain**

*REMAIN STANDING*

TALIA **"Mary’s May"**

**ALL "May is Our Lady’s month with all its lovely days.  
May is sweet and heavenly just like Our Lady’s ways."**

***ALL SIT***

AMELIA During this month of May we pray especially to Mary, the mother of Jesus and Queen of Heaven. She is our mother, too, and we know that she is the Mother of the Church.

ROMAN Mary answered God’s call and so did our mums!

ALL....... **and arenʼt we glad they did!**

LIAM Here is a poem about Mary’s call.

*DYLAN AND CALLUM MARCH FORWARD*

*CHARLOTTE, MIYA, SARAH AND DEMI LINE UP BETWEEN 2 ROMAN SOLDIERS*

CHARLOTTE

In Roman times, when swords were raised,   
And peace on Earth was rare,   
There lived a girl now highly praised,   
A girl beyond compare...

MIYA

Her name was Mary, Joseph's love,   
He was a special Man...  
Mary met an angel from above  
Who then revealed God's plan!

SARAH  
'Young maiden, you are full of grace!   
The Lord chose you of all!   
You shall conceive and then embrace  
The child that God must call!

DEMI  
He shall be king and rightly so,   
Begotten of the Lord!   
And blessed is he, God's Son to know...  
So, Mary, be assured! '

EVE We learned that the angel appearing to Mary has a very special name

ALL THE ANNUNCIATION

*MIDDLE ROW MOVE FORWARD EXCEPT FOR EVE*

DEMI God sent his angel Gabriel to Mary and the angel said:

LIAM Hail Mary,

LAUREN The angel Gabriel visited Mary in Nazareth, in Galilee. The angel said to Mary that God loved her. She was

LIAM full of grace,

CHARLOTTE The angel Gabriel told Mary that God, who was in heaven so far away, had come to be close to her. She was to be the mother of Jesus. The angel said,

LIAM the Lord is with you.

ELLA After the angel left her, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. her cousin knew how good God was to Mary. Elizabeth said,

AMELIA Blessed are you among women

Mary's cousin Elizabeth knew that Mary was going to be the Mother of Jesus Christ. Elizabeth said,

and blessed is   
the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

EVA We pray to Mary because she is so close to God, and because she is so close to her Son, Jesus Christ. And so we say,

ALL Holy Mary, Mother of God,   
pray for us sinners

KARA Like a good mother, Mary always hears us when we call to her. She hears us now, at this very moment; and when we come to the last moment of our life. And so we pray,

ALL Now and at the hour   
of our death.  
Amen.

TALIA We learned that Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth also has a very special name.

**ALL THE VISITATION**

*ALL MOVE BACK TO SEATED POSITIONS*

RACHEL Mary is particularly special to our school because she appeared to our own patron saint, Bernadette and many miracles have taken place because of this.

NADINE AND EVE MOVE FORWARD

CALLUM HOLDS UP CARD

Saint Bernadette was born in Lourdes, France

LEIA HOLDS UP CARD

As a child she used to collect firewood.

SARAH HOLDS UP CARD

The Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Bernadettes 17 times.

ANTON HOLD UP CARD

Bernadette dug in the mud and a spring developed.

DYLAN HOLDS UP CARD

Lots of people get better because of this water.

RACHEL In our school hymn, we sing about these special events.

ALL STAND AND JOIN HANDS

CALLUM, EVA, SARAH AND MIYA MOVE FORWARD (MINI CHOIR)

SCHOOL HYMN

Immaculate, Mary!   
Our hearts are on fire.   
That title so wondrous   
Fills all our desire!

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!   
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

An angel of mercy,

Led Bernadette’s Feet

Where flows the deep torrent

Our Lady to greet

*CHILDREN RETURN TO SEATS*

CALLUM Mary has appeared to many children and adults in the world and asked us all to pray the rosary.

LEIA Rosary beads like these to help us remember the prayers.

SARAH The word Rosary is Latin and means ‘garland of roses’. Because of this, we have made each of our beads a flower.

Back row move into the rosary circle. Leia moves forward to hold blue bead.

ANTON Jesus died for us and the crucifix reminds us of that as we make the sign of the cross.

*SARAH HOLDS CROSS HIGH AND PLACES IT IN POSITION*

ANTON After that we say an Our Father.

*ALL SAY OUR FATHER*

ANTON Then we say 10 Hail Marys.

ROSARY GIRLS COUNT TO 10 AND RAISE ROSE ‘BEADS’

ANTON Finally we say a Glory be.

*ALL CHILDREN SAY GLORY BE*

*ALL CHILDREN BACK TO SEATED POSITIONS*

DYLAN Every class wrote a rosary prayer. We made a whole school rosary.

NADINE Did you know that Our Lady has many different names? In fact we counted 117 different titles. Here are some of them.

CALLUM STAR OF THE SEA

LEIA QUEEN OF THE ROSARY

SARAJ

ANTON IMMACULATE MARY

DYLAN QUEEN OF HEAVEN

AMELIA We think of Mary as being our Mother and Queen. When someone becomes a queen they have a coronation ceremony. During this special occasion they are given their crown.

ROMAN At the beginning of May we prepared a special altar for Mary in our class.

LIAM We placed rosary beads and a statue of Mary on it. We crowned our Mary statue with flowers and placed flowers at her feet.

EVE Please join in with our hymn as we crown Mary here today.

*NADINE (MARY) MOVES TO FRONT*

*CROWNING front row to place flowers throughout hymn*

Crowning Song: Bring Flowers of the Rarest   
  
Bring flowers of the rarest  
bring blossoms the fairest,  
from garden and woodland and hillside and dale;  
our full hearts are swelling,  
our glad voices telling  
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!  
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.  
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MICHAELA Thank you for coming to our assembly.