

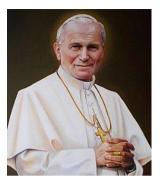
# Blessing Of The Upgrading Of

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO A RETIREMENT GIFT TO MOTHER MARY

**From** 

Rev. Fr. Dato Lawrence Chua and All Children of Mary

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# A REFLECTION OF THE HOLY FATHER, POPE JOHN PAUL II, ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LOURDES AND SUFFERING

LOURDES, SUFFERING, SANCTIFIED AND SANCTIFYING

The reality of faith, of hope and of charity. The reality of suffering, sanctified and sanctifying. The reality of the presence of the Mother of God in the mystery of Christ and His Church on earth: a presence which is particularly alive in that elect portion of the Church which consists of the sick and the suffering.

These persons, if animated by faith, turn to Lourdes. Why? Because they know that there, as at Cana, 'there is the Mother of Jesus' and where She is, Her Son cannot be absent. Sick of all sorts go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, borne up by hope that, through Mary, Christ's saving power may be manifested in them...Christ's saving power...reveals itself in the spiritual sphere above all.

It is in the hearts of the sick that Mary makes Her Son's wonderworking voice heard, a voice which prodigiously resolves the rigidity of sourness of heart and rebellion and gives the soul back eyes with which to see the world, others, one's own destiny in a new light...

At Lourdes the sick discover the inestimable value of their suffering...the meaning that pain may have...in their lives, when interiorily renewed by that flame which consumes and transforms...in the life of the church...

Upright by the Cross of Her Son on Calvary, the Most Holy Virgin courageously shared in His Passion and knows how to convince ever fresh souls to unite their sufferings with Christ's sacrifice, in a joint 'offertory', which surpasses time and space and embraces the whole of mankind and saves it.

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教宗若望保禄二世的反思,关于露德和苦难的意义 露德,苦难,成圣与圣化信,望,爱的现实。痛苦, 成圣和成圣的现实。天主之母存在于基督奥秘中和 牠在世的教会中的现实:在教会受举扬的部分中特 别活生的存在,其中包括病人和受苦的人。

这些人如果被信仰激活,就会转向露德。为什么? 因为他们知道那里,就像在加纳,"有耶稣的母亲", 不论她在哪里,她的儿子也一定相偕不离。各种各 样的病人去露德朝圣,希望通过圣母玛利亚,基督 的拯救能力可以在他们身上表现出来……基督的拯救 能力……首先在精神领域显现出来。

在玛利亚的心中,听到了她儿子奇妙的声音,这种声音惊人地解决了心灵酸痛和反叛的僵硬,并让灵魂回到了眼睛,在新的光辉中看到世界,别人,和个人自己的命运。

在露德,病人发现了他们痛苦无法估量的价值.....痛苦可能带来的意义......在他们的生活中,当被消化和改变的火焰在教会的生活中重新焕发......

在加尔瓦略山上,借着她的儿子竖立于十字架,至 贞圣母在他的苦难中勇敢地分享,并且知道如何说 服永远新鲜的灵魂将他们的痛苦与基督的牺牲联合 起来,在一个超越时间和空间并拥抱的基础上"牺牲"。 整个人类并拯救它。

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# MESSAGE OF REV. FR. LAWRENCE CHUA, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, BDC, STAMPIN, KUCHING

Lourdes' story and her destiny in the world began on February 11th,1858 with the first

apparition of the Immaculate Virgin to Bernadette Soubirous. From then onwards, millions and millions of pilgrims from every part of the world would come to pray before the grotto where the apparitions took place. And so Lourdes became for the Christian an experience of Faith and of the Gospel, for the Sick, a hope for healing or a source of strength, and for every afflicted heart, a reason to live.

To speak of Lourdes is simultaneously to speak of miracles. These are irrevocably connected with the story of the Shrine, not so much for their value on a human plane as much as a 'sign' from God granted in this place of grace. Since 1858 about 6000 'cases of cures' have been examined by doctors. Of these only 64 have been 'declared miracles' by the competent

ecclesiastical authority. An important thing to note is that many cures have been considered medically inexplicable by the 'International Medical Committee' in Paris but the ecclesiastical authority competent has not declared them miraculous.

This is indicative of the great caution which the Church shows in regard to the cures which happen at Lourdes. Even if the cure is a phenomenon which most impresses the pilgrim, this is not the most important of the 'signs' given by God to men. There is another, more important 'sign': the grace which manifests itself in the conversions, in the serenity of spirit and in the redirection of lives which come about in Lourdes.

Many of us, no doubt, would like to make a pilgrimage to Lourdes once in our life time. But unfortunately, for many this remains a wish unfulfilled, a dream impossible, due to financial constraint. Fortunately, the hands of God are not limited, and His power not confined to Lourdes only. Likewise, the motherly love and care of Jesus' mother for His brothers and sisters transcends time and place. The grotto at BDC, Stampin, makes up for this. What each of us will experience and benefit at this grotto, as we come and pray, depends on the measure of our faith and devotion, and on our

conviction of the intercessory power of Mary for us with Her Son, Jesus.

The construction of the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, BDC, Stampin, and its completion is a clear indication of the great love and devotion of the brothers and sisters of Jesus towards His Mother. By the same token, it is also a manifestation of God's love for us, in His Son Jesus Christ. This brings to mind the words of our Saviour in John 19: 26 & 27 – { Seeing his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his Mother, 'Woman, this is your son.' Then to the disciple he said, 'This is your Mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his home}.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and say a big 'THANK YOU' to all the children of Mary, who have generously contributed, either financially or by giving their time and expertise, towards the construction of the grotto.

I invoke God's abundant blessings on each one, and Mary's maternal love and protection.

### **REV. FR. LAWRENCE CHUA**



O MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US WHO HAVE RECOURSE TO YOU

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# \*BDC 圣体堂主任蔡欽友神父致词\*

露德的事迹和她将后在世界上的际遇,起源于 1858 年 2 月 11 日, 无玷圣母的第一次显现给伯尔纳德 Bernadette Soubirous。

从此,来自世界各地数以万计的朝圣者光临这个圣 母曾经显现的山洞前祈祷。

所以,露德这个地方的确为基督徒带来信德和福音的体验。为病人,是治愈的希望或力量的来源,为每一个患病的心灵,则是生存的理由。

谈论露德的同时不能不触及奇迹。这些与圣像的事迹有着不可逆转的联系,并不是因为他们看到人类计划的高贵,而是因为有天主的"迹象"施恩在这个地方。

自 1858 年以来,医生们检验了大约 6000 个治疗病例,其中只有 64 个已经被有权威的教会当局宣布为"奇迹"。需要注意的一点是许多疗法被巴黎的国际医疗委员会认为在医学上是莫名其妙的事。但是教会权威主理尚未宣布它为神奇。这表示教会对露德发生的治疗方法保持了极大的谨慎。

虽然治愈能为朝圣者留下最深刻印象,但这并不是 天主赋予人类的最重要的"迹象"。

毫无疑问,我们中许多人都想一生中能到露德朝圣 一次。对很多没有经济能力的人来说,仍然是一个 未实现的愿望,一个遥不可及的梦想。

所幸的是,天主的手不受空间的限制

,他的能力也不仅限于露德。同样,做为耶稣的母 亲,圣母的母爱照顾她的兄弟姐妹,也能超越时间 和地点。

BDC 的圣母山洞能为此成全。当我们来山洞祈祷时, 我们都将从中受益和体验。我们在这里得到的体验 和恩惠是取决于我们的信德和热心,以及我们对圣 母与圣子耶稣间的信赖。

露德圣母山洞成功建造于 BDC 圣体堂,它的完成是一个明显的伟大迹象显示

在耶稣内的兄弟姐妹对圣母的热爱和奉献。同样,它也显示了天主在祂的圣子耶稣基督内对我们的爱。

这使我们看到了在若望福音 19:26-27 节中,救主耶稣的话-耶穌看見母親,又看見他所愛的門徒站在旁

邊,就對母親說:「女人,看,你的兒子!」然後, 又對那門徒說:「看,你的母親!」就從那時起, 那門徒把她接到自己家裏。

对於圣母的孩子们,无论物资捐献,或奉献时间,精力与才华以致完成建设圣母山洞,我借此机会感谢大家,并向大家说声"谢谢你"。

我吁求天主赐给每一位丰富的祝福,并求圣母的荣福,母爱和护佑与大家同在。

吁,圣母无原罪始胎,请为我等祈。

蔡欽友神父



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# BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO, BDC, STAMPIN

The construction of Our Lady's grotto has the hallmark of Our Blessed Mother's hand even before the time the idea was mooted, to the completion of the project.

Rev Fr Lawrence Chua was then the rector of the Holy Trinity Church, Kenyalang, Kuching, as well as the priest-in-charge of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, BDC.

As he recalled how the grotto to Our Lady was conceived and realised, it was obvious that his devotion to Mother Mary was a prime factor. He had encountered too many 'signs' for him to wonder if they were mere coincidences.

It all started at the end of October 1993, the Rosary month. Fr Chua had been invited to join a friend on a business trip to Manila, Philippines. It was an impromptu trip. However, circumstances that led Fr Chua to visit various shrines of Our Lady, and attending the Rosary Exhibition as well as the International Marian Conference, were to say the least, out of the ordinary.

In trying to discern what some of these circumstances and 'images' meant, he came to the conclusion that the number '13' for example, stood for the date of the monthly apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. His ordination to the priesthood also took place on the 13th.

As if by Divine appointment, someone approached Fr Chua at Holy Trinity Church one day, to donate funds for the construction of a grotto to be built at Blessed Sacrament Parish...even before Fr Lawrence Chua had conceived the idea!

And shortly after that, he had an epiphany that maybe, Mother Mary wanted him to build a grotto consecrated to Her. He had seen too many photos of himself with the Virgin Mary, for them to be coincidental.

To quote Fr Chua: 'When Mother Mary wants something, everything will happen very fast'. Needless to say, the chain of events for building the grotto, just fell into place like clockwork.

Within one week of his return from Manila, Fr Chua released his Letter of Appeal for funds to the Christian community. It was 1st November, 1993...the Feast of All Saints: Coronation of Mary and the glory of all the saints.

By 8th December, 1993, a new picture of Our Lady was installed at the Day Chapel of Holy Trinity Church. It was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

In celebrating Christmas on 25th December, Christians were reminded of Mary giving birth to Jesus, Our Saviour...a Christmas Gift from Mary to our sinful world. 26th December was the Feast of the Holy Family. Again, the role of Mary was evident here. It was the date of the Launching of the Family Year.

1st January, 1994 was World Day of Peace. It was also the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. One of the messages of Mary to the world is to pray for peace. So, this was the date chosen to start honouring the pledges made to Mary for Her grotto.

Sunday, 2nd January, 1994 was the Feast of the Epiphany. This feast commemorates the call of the nation to salvation, offered by the Saviour, born of the Virgin.

The blessing of the site of Our Lady's grotto was performed by then Archbishop, Datuk Peter Chung on 28th March 1994.

The official opening and blessing of Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, took place on 14th August, 1996, at the vigil of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady.

# OFFICIAL OPENING & BLESSING OF THE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES



The official opening and blessing of the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on 14th August, 1996, coincided with the official launching of the programme and preparation for Jubilee Year 2000. This was for both the parishes of BDC, Stampin and Holy Trinity Church, Kenyalang.

As Our Blessed Mother must have planned it, this day will forever be etched in the memories of everyone present on that day.



While it would have been a day filled with anticipation and trepidation for Fr Chua and his organising committee, it must have been nerve wrecking for the people responsible for the installation of the statue of Our Blessed Mother.

It was almost 7.00 pm, the scheduled time for the opening ceremony. But the grotto was missing the most important feature ... Mother Mary!

Her arrival had been delayed. The brand new truck commissioned to transport Our Lady's statue had strangely broken down. An alternative had to be procured.

However, Her timing was just perfect. As She would have willed it ... the lorry ferrying the beautiful marble statue for the grotto arrived at the gates of Blessed Sacrament Parish right on the dot ... at 7.00 pm!

As the story that has been re-told hundreds of times goes, 'there was a strong gush of wind when the crate encasing Mother Mary was off - loaded from the lorry and opened.'

You will have to visit Our Lady's grotto more often for phenomenal stories, and there are many...especially of the foreign worker who came, built the grotto, but disappeared after the completion of the grotto without being paid for his services. This spooked stories that he could have been 'St Joseph the worker'.



Then there are stories of prayers being answered after praying to our Blessed Mother to intercede for Her Son. It is said that where Mother Mary is, there also will be Her Son, Jesus.

Fr Lawrence Chua has celebrated countless Healing Masses at this grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

We invite you to come and experience Mother Mary's love at this beautiful shrine consecrated to Her by her children.



Experience the peace, serenity and tranquillity in quiet times, praying before Our Blessed Virgin Mary.

# BDC 露德圣母山洞的简史

圣母山洞的建造甚至在这个想法被提出之前就已经成为荣 福圣母亲的标志,直到项目完成。

当时,蔡钦友神父是古晋肯雅兰园圣三堂主理神父兼 BDC 圣体堂的主管。

当他回忆起圣母山洞是如何构思和实现的时候,很明显的主要因素是因为他对圣母玛利亚的热爱。他遇到了太多的"迹象"让他想知道这些是否仅仅是巧合。

这一切始于 1993 年 10 月底的玫瑰月。当时,蔡神父被一位前往菲律宾马尼拉办公的朋友邀请同行。这是一次即兴旅行。然而,导致蔡神父参观一些圣母圣雕像,及出席玫瑰经展览会与国际圣母大会的情况,至少可以说是与众不同。

在试图辨别这些情况和"图像"的含义时,神父得出的结论是,数字"13"代表了法蒂玛圣母显现的日期,而他晋铎圣职的任命也在13日。

有一天一位教友在圣三堂会见蔡神父,表明要捐资在圣体 堂建造一座圣母山洞,这真像是一个上主的约会!献议发 生在神父构思这个想法之前啊! 不久之后,他有一种顿悟,也许,圣母妈妈希望他建造一 座献给她的山洞。他看到与贞女瑪利亚的照片多的超乎巧 合。

引用蔡神父的话: "圣母想要的东西,一切都会很快发生'。不出所料,建造圣母山洞的一连串活动就像时钟发条一样準时到位。

在他从马尼拉返回后的一周内,蔡神父向他的教友群发了 劝捐信。时值 1993 年 11 月 1 日诸圣瞻礼,是圣母与诸圣 的加冕节日。

到了 1993 年 12 月 8 日,在圣三堂安置了一幅新的圣母像, 当天正是圣母无原罪瞻礼。

在 12 月 25 日庆祝圣诞节时,基督徒受提醒,由玛利亚诞生的耶稣就是我们的救主,也是圣玛利亚赐给罪恶世界的圣诞礼物。

12 月 26 日圣家节。再一次,玛利亚的角色愈加荣显,因为当天是圣家年的开始。第二年,1994年1月1日,世界和平日,也是天主之母节。圣母吩咐世人为世界和平祈祷。由此来看,这些选择的日期,都指向履行向圣母祈求为她的山洞所做的承诺的开展。

1994年1月2日(星期日)主显节。这个瞻礼纪念由贞女诞生的救世主对拯救世界的呼唤。

1994年3月28日,钟万庭总主教主持圣母山洞动土礼。

正式开放和祝福礼则于 1996 年 8 月 14 日,圣母升天节前夕的守夜中降重举行。

## 圣体堂露德圣母山洞的正式开放和祝福

1996 年 8 月 14 日,露德圣母山洞的正式开放和祝圣,当 天恰逢圣体堂和圣三堂两个堂区开展为二千年禧年的计划 準备。

我们的荣福圣母一定有她的计划,因此对当天在场的每一位,这一天一定会永远铭刻在他们的回忆中。

对蔡神父和他的筹委会来说,这是充满期待而又战战兢兢的一天。然而那些负责安置圣母雕像的工作队员,更是心惊胆跳。

接近晚上7点钟,开幕仪式预定的时间即将来临。但是山洞错过了它最重要的特征……圣母妈妈的雕像被延迟到来!

运载雕像的全新卡车很出奇的在路上抛锚了。因此必须立 刻另行安排。

然而,她的时机恰到好处。正如她的本意...运载美丽大理 石雕像的卡车终于準时晚上七点钟开进教堂的门口! 正如重新讲述数百次的故事一样,当包装圣母雕像的箱子卸下卡车时,正遇一股强风刮来,箱子被吹裂开来。

你将不得不经常来圣母山洞祈祷,因为它富有非凡的故事, 多得很...特别是外国工人来把山洞建造好了,但人后来却 消失无踪。

山洞完工而没有为他的服务而付费。这个惊人的故事,他可能就是'圣若瑟工人'。

祈祷被俯听的故事时而有闻,尤其当经过荣福圣母为我们 转求她的圣子耶稣。有人说,有圣母在的地方,也一定有 她的儿子,耶稣。

蔡欽友神父在这露德圣母山洞举行了无数的医治弥撒。

圣母的儿女为他们的母亲奉献了这座美丽的山洞圣所。我 们诚挚的邀请您一起来体验圣母的爱。

在童贞圣母瑪利亚前祈祷,体验心灵上的平安,在宁静中安享柔和平静。

# TRANSFORMATION OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO SINCE - 1996

自 1996 年以来我们的露德圣母山洞的转化

















# AFTER COMPLETION OF UPGRADING WORKS OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO - 2018 2018 年设备提升后的新面貌



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### O PUREST OF CREATURES

O purest of creatures! Sweet mother, sweet maid;
The one spotless womb wherein Jesus was laid;
Dark night hath come down on us, Mother, and we,
Look out for thy shining, sweet star of the sea.

# Chorus: Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

- Deep night hath come down on this rough-spoken world.
   And the banners of darkness are boldly unfurled;
   And the tempest-tossed Church all her eyes are on thee
   They look to thy shining, sweet star of the sea.
- He gazed on thy soul, it was spotless and fair,
   For the empire of sin had never been there;
   None ever had owned thee, dear Mother, but He,
   And He blessed thy clear shining,
   sweet star of the sea.
- Earth gave him one lodging;
   `twas deep in thy breast.
   And God found a home where the sinner finds rest;
   His home and his hiding place, both were in thee;
   He was won by thy shining, sweet star of the sea.

### **MOTHER DEAR, O PRAY FOR ME**

Mother dear, O pray for me
 Whilst far from heav'n and thee,
 I wander in a fragile bark
 O'er life's tempestuous sea;
 O Virgin Mother, from thy throne,
 So bright in bliss above,
 Protect thy child and cheer my path
 With thy sweet smile of love.

# Chorus: Mother dear, remember me, And never cease thy care, Till in heaven eternally, Thy love and bliss I share.

2. Mother dear, remember me,
Should pleasure's siren lay
E'er tempt thy child to wander far
From virtue's path away;
When thorns beset life's devious way,
And darkling waters flow,
Then Mary, aid thy weeping child,
Thyself a mother show



## **PRAISE HER WITH A FLOWER**

Who wipes my tears away?
 Who melts my frown?
 Who always saves my day?
 The one who wears the crown
 Thank you for granting things
 For our answered prayers
 And for the hope you bring
 To many who are in deep despair

Chorus: Praise her with a flower Thank heaven for our Mother For her gift of love Sent from up above Brightens every hour 2. On paper written lines
Express our needs
You always have the time
For every color, race and creed
Our faith has brought us here
From far and near
In one united voice
We thank you for your
Blessings through the years

From the highest tower Shower her with flowers Mother and a friend From my grateful hands Accept my humble flower

