

Station 1: The Original Wayside Shrine

GOSPEL 1: THE ANGEL GABRIEL VISITS MARY

When the Sisters purchased the land at Mulgoa with the intention of building the future Shrine of the Mother Thrice Admirable in perfect imitation of the Original Shrine in Vallendar, Germany, they claimed this spot and marked it as the Wayside Home of the Virgin Mary, who was called by the Angel Gabriel to be the Mother of God's Son. We commence our Camino Walk around the property from here, as we listen to the Gospel story of the pronouncement of Mary as the mother who would bear God's son and birth him into the world.

Luke 1:26-38: The Birth of Jesus Foretold

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled?" Then the angel left her.



We sing or pray:

THE ANGEL GABRIEL FROM HEAVEN CAME:

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame,
All hail, said he, thou lowly maiden Mary!
Most highly favoured Lady, 'Gloria!'

For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honour thee,
Thy son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold,
Most highly favoured Lady, 'Gloria!'

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favoured Lady, 'Gloria!'

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,
Most highly favoured Lady, 'Gloria!'

We Pray: Matins Hour-Schoenstatt Prayer, 'Heavenwards'

Immaculate Virgin, you struggle there in prayer,
Filled with longing for the dawn of salvation.
There Gabriel speaks God's request
And your Fiat illumines the world.

Again I see you quietly speaking your Fiat
And see your light breaking through the night from Schoenstatt,
For God in his wisdom and mercy has chosen it to be a bright beacon for the world
of today.

Like you, let me always be faithful to the will of God
And fight the battle against the ancient dragon.
As your instrument let me always be ready to serve you
and joyfully dedicate my life to Schoenstatt's mission. Amen

Station 2: Stations of the Cross Walk

GOSPEL 2: MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

The Stations of the Cross walk, while depicting Jesus' adult life, is also appropriate to look at from Mary's viewpoint. When she went to visit Elizabeth, there was much joy that they were both pregnant, both realising their babies were special in God's eyes. Comparing thoughts could they have understood then the warning that their boys were destined for great things? As we walk this path, may we think about how much we do not know the future of our own lives, but like Mary and Elizabeth, look towards the Will of God being paramount in our family's lives.

Luke 1: 39 – 45 - The Visitation

Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



We sing or pray:

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Refrain: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

V1. Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God.
Refrain.

V2. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed. **Refrain**

V3. All the earth will see the Lord .**Refrain**

V4. Rejoice in the Lord always, he is at hand. **Refrain**

We Pray:

The Second Joyful Mystery – The Visitation

We see you, Mother, hastening with the Saviour to stay with Elizabeth and serve her. She rejoices and is filled with the Holy Spirit and feels her child sanctified in her womb. Let us, too, devote our strength and time in quiet service to the work of salvation.

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

**Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb
Jesus.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen. Repeat ten times.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son as it was in the beginning is now
and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

Station 3: The Shrine

GOSPEL 3: MARY SINGS HER MAGNIFICAT

The Shrine of the Mother Thrice Admirable was not one of the Novena Stations, but we are drawn to it in the Camino as the powerhouse that distributes the 'Graces 'of a Home', 'Inner Transformation' and 'Apostolic Zeal'. It is fitting that we meet Mary here at the moment of her 'Magnificat', 'the song of Mary'. In her pronouncement of it she is accepting that she has found special favour with God; she is a virgin who will be with child conceived by the Holy Spirit; that her child's name has already been chosen, the child is the Son of God who will be given the throne of David and a kingdom that will never end.

Luke 1: 46-55 The Magnificat

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months....



We sing or pray:

"MAGNIFICAT"

- V1:** Woman asked to bear a son, a child who would compare with none: Did you know the pain that lay ahead?
- V2:** Woman in the temple stands, old man takes the child in his hand: Did his words breathe fear in your heart?
- V3:** Woman at the wedding meal, see the miracle reveal:
The glory of your son to all around,
- V4:** Woman standing on the rock, through the child who tends the flock: Speak to the world that we may know your son.

We pray:

Mary's Magnificat – a joyful song of praise to God – announces a better way.

Response: Blessed be God.

Mary's Magnificat reveals the Kingdom of God right here and now on earth as God planned it. **Response: Blessed be God.**

Mary sings praise to God who is constant in his love from generation to generation. **Response: Blessed be God.**

Mary sings praise to God who has a special regard for the poor and lowly. **Response: Blessed be God**

Mary sings praise to God who fills the hungry and sends the rich away empty. **Response: Blessed be God.**

Mary sings praise to God who understands the true value of a humble, faithful heart. **Response: Blessed be God**

Mary sings praise to God for whom nothing is impossible
Response: Blessed be God.

Station 4: The Father Kantenich Statue

GOSPEL 4: MARY RETURNS TO NAZARETH

We gather round Father's Statue. Like Mary who returns to Nazareth contemplating the birth of her own child and Elizabeth's, Father spent much of his life contemplating how Mary could be eternally viewed as the Christ Bearer and inspiration for all of us to continue her mission to carry Christ out into the world each day of our lives. The birth of John the Baptist caused much sensation, especially as he was the one who was destined to proclaim Christ as the expected Messiah. Was Mary thinking the sentiments in the hymn we'll sing "Come O long expected Jesus" as she wandered the road back to Nazareth three months after visiting her cousin Elizabeth?

Luke 1: 56 – 67: The Birth of John the Baptist

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home. Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, but his mother answered, "No; "He shall be called John." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, "Blessed be God". And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied.



We sing or pray:

Come. O long expected Jesus

V1: Come, O long expected Jesus, born to set your people free, from our fears and sins release us, in your heart our rest shall be.

V2: Israel's strength and consolation, hope to all you shall impart; dear desire of every nation, joy to every longing heart.

V3: Born, your people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.

V4: By your own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; by your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

We Pray:

The Benedictus- Zechariah's Prophecy

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
He has visited his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up for us a mighty saviour
in the house of David his servant,
as he promised by the lips of holy men,
those who were his prophets from of old.
A saviour who would free us from our foes,
from the hands of all who hate us.
so his love for our fathers is fulfilled
and his holy covenant remembered.

He swore to Abraham our father to grant us,
that, free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in
holiness and justice
all the days of his life, in his presence.

As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him. To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high. He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death and guide us into the way of peace. Amen

Station 5: The Joseph Kantenich House

GOSPEL 5: MARY AND JOSEPH LEAVE FOR BETHLEHEM

This house is akin to Mary and Joseph's home in Nazareth, which is where Jesus will live for thirty years before he begins his actual mission. The Sisters and those who belong to the Movement have lived here for many years living out their mission to teach us about Mary as a 'Model, Mother and Educator'.

Luke Chapter 2: 1- 5: Mary and Joseph leave for Bethlehem

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

We sing or pray:

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

V1: O come O come Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, is born to save you Israel

V2: O come true wisdom from on high,
And order all things far and nigh,
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel, is born to save you Israel

V3: O come O come great Lord of might
In ancient times on Sinai's height
You gave your chosen tribes the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel is born to save you Israel

We pray:

BETHLEHEM JOURNEY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, before you were born, you were carried for nine months in your mother's womb. The last part of that time was a difficult journey. You travelled with Mary and Joseph from your home town of Nazareth to the small village of Bethlehem, near Jerusalem. Even in the womb you felt their love. They took great care of you and stopped somewhere each night. Those who welcomed them were blessed by their presence, blessed by God.

Bless us as we join in that journey, in our own time, in our own way. We welcome Mary, Joseph and Jesus into our home, into our hearts. Give us joy when Christmas comes again, that Jesus is born, God with us, once in Bethlehem, and now into our own world. Help us to welcome him with love.

Amen



Station 6: The Priest's Wayside Shrine

MARY AND JOSEPH HAVE TO FIND A PLACE TO STAY

This Wayside Shrine was located in the grounds of the Joseph Engling House Property. When that property was sold the shrine was moved to its present position which reminds us of the many times Mary and Joseph were moved from Nazareth to Bethlehem, Egypt and back to Nazareth, always searching for a place to stay, This Wayside Shrine witnesses to Mary while there was no full shrine in her honour and witnesses also to the longing of a home.

Luke 2: 6-7: Mary and Joseph need a place to stay

(In Bethlehem) ...the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger (In a Stable), because there was no place for them in the inn.

We sing or pray:

AWAY IN A MANGER.

- V1:** Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head
The stars in the bright sky look down where he lay
The little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay
- V2:** The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes
I love you Lord Jesus, look down from the sky and
stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- V3:** Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to pray
Close by me forever And love me I pray
Bless all the dear children In Your tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.

We pray: Lauds Hour - Schoenstatt Prayer 'Heavenwards'

Your shrine is our **Bethlehem**,
pleasing to God through its sunrise.
There you gave virginal birth to the Lord
who chose you as his Bride and Mother.
In your miraculous fruitfulness
you brought forth the Sun of Righteousness.

You have graciously established Schoenstatt
so that our times can see the Eternal Light.
From there you want to go through our dark world
as the Christ bearer sent by God.

Jubilantly place the Lord into my soul anew,
so that, like you, I may perfectly resemble him.
Let me be a Christ bearer for our times,
that they may shine in the brightest radiance of the sun.

Glory be joyfully given to the Father
through Christ with Mary, highly praised,
in the Holy Spirit full of splendour
from the universe now and in all eternity. Amen.



Station 7: St Joseph Statue

GOSPEL 7: THE SHEPHERDS ON THE HILL AND THE ANGELS

It is fitting that the last station on the top of the hill is the statue of the man who guided Christ through his life as an earthly father, until Christ's mission came to the fore. Like Joseph, who stands here looking out over the valley in the same way the shepherds were looking when the angels appeared to them and told them of Christ's birth, may we constantly look to Christ and Mary in our lives.

Luke 2, 8- 15: The Shepherds and the Angels

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us".



We sing or pray:

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT .

- V1: While shepherds watched their flocks by night
All seated on the ground
The angel of the Lord came down
And glory shone around
- V2: "Fear not", said he, for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind
Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind"
- V3: "To you, in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
The Saviour who is Christ the Lord
And this shall be the sign"
- V4: "The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands
And in a manger laid"
- V5: Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song
- V6: "All glory be to God on high
And on the earth be peace
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease"

We pray:

Dear St Joseph, please protect me and my family from all evil,
as you did the Holy Family.

Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ
and ever fervent in imitation of the virtue of
our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse,
and always faithful in devotion to you our Holy guide. Amen.

Station 8 – Home of Light

GOSPEL – FAR AWAY, THREE WISE MEN RECOGNISE THE STAR

The 'Home of Light' was one of the first buildings on the Mt Schoenstatt, property. It is a building used to accommodate large groups such as 'Retreat and school' groups, and members of the Movement groups such as Mothers, Men, Boys and Girls groups, as well as Family groups. At the bottom of the hill 'far-away' from the Shrine, it is fitting to consider the role the Kings played in welcoming Jesus.

Matthew 2: 1-9: The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage. When King Herod heard this, he was frightened and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and elders of the people he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet":

"And you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel".

Then King Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage".

When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them went the star that they had seen at its rising until it stopped over the place where the child was.

But they did not go back to Herod.

We sing or pray:

1. STAR LIGHT - STAR BRIGHT

V1: A man and woman travel'd far, to Bethlehem led by a star.
No room they found, no one to care. Till they came to a
stable bare. This family would fulfil, Promise of ages, the
Lord God's will.. Shepherds came, angels sang, Peace on
Earth, to all, you are loved.

Refrain: Starlight, star-bright, lead us on through the darkness
Starlight, we share you tonight, bring us home in your light,

V2: God is here, Emmanuel, Jesus Christ you are our Lord
Prince of peace, light from above, Praise the Father, Son
and Spirit of Love. **Refrain**

2. WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

We Three Kings of Orient Are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star.

O Star of wonder. Star of night,
Star with Royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy glorious light.

We pray:

Lord Jesus, enlighten me as I travel this world and share with others your great teaching. May the work that I accomplish today become a lasting treasure in your eternal kingdom.



GOSPEL THE BIRTH OF JESUS

We meet at Sr. Bonitas' Wayside Shrine, forged in memory of the first Sister from the original arrivals to die here in Australia. We come here to show her that we have attempted to share our Schoenstatt spirituality and love of the Shrine with others and hope that many will seek to know more about Schoenstatt as a movement of Mary.

GOSPEL(S) MATTHEW 2: 10-11; LUKE 2: 16-19; MATTHEW 2 11-12; LUKE 2:20.

When the Wise Men saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. The shepherds (too) had said to one another "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place which the Lord has made know to us. So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child laying in the manger. On entering the house the wise men too saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, the (wise men) offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. The Shepherds returned, glorifying God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

We sing or pray: 1. O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

V1: Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

V2: For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering
love. Oh morning stars together, proclaim thy holy birth.
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.

2. ONCE IN ROYAL DAVIDS CITY

V1: Once in Royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed
There a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed
Mary was that mother mild
Jesus Christ her little child.

V2: And our eyes at last shall see Him.
Through His own redeeming love
For that child, so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above
And He leads His children along
To the place where He is gone.

We pray: Your Shrine is our Nazareth - Prime Hour – Heavenwards.

Your Shrine is our Nazareth where Christ the Sun warmly shines.
This sun, with its clear and radiant light forms the Holy Family and awakens
Strong and silent everyday sanctity in blessed family unity.

Through this Nazareth for homeless times, God wants to prepare salvation for
families and mercifully bestow everyday sanctity on those who dedicate
themselves to Schoenstatt.

Mother, let Christ shine in us more brightly and join us together in holy
community always ready for the sacrifices our holy mission may demand of us.
Glory be joyfully given to the Father through Christ with Mary, highly praised, in
the Holy Spirit full of splendour from the universe now and in all eternity. Amen

WE PRAY OUR SCHOENSTATT COVENANT PRAYER TOGETHER"

My Queen, my Mother, I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to
You, I consecrate to you this day, my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my
entire self without reserve. As I am your own my good Mother, guard and defend
me as you property and your possession. Amen

