

HAPPY FEAST DAY!

Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood on 1 January 2015

Traditionally in each Region of our Congregation, sisters come together from the various communities to celebrate our

Patronal Feast – Mary Mother of God.

In England & Scotland the gathering is always held at Ladywell - our Motherhouse. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet up, celebrate the Eucharist together, share a special meal, catch up with news and offer one another support as we move into a New Year.

As Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood our particular charism is to imitate Mary in conceiving, birthing and nurturing the life of Christ – firstly in our own hearts through prayer and attentive listening to the word of God and then allowing that life of Christ to permeate all our relationships, our ministries and all our daily encounters.



Statue of Our Lady at entrance of Ladywell Chapel



YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

A message from the teachings of Pope Francis — Rejoice.

Alongside Mary, joy expands. Alongside Mary joy expands. The Son she carries in her womb is the God of joy, of contagious, engaging delight. In Mary each one of us, driven by the wind of the Spirit, fulfils our own vocation to move out!

Star of the new evangelisation, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of the world. Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God's little ones, Pray for us. Amen. Alleluia!

Towards the Mother of Jesus, Francis was filled with an inexpressible love, because it was she who made the Lord of majesty our brother. (2C 198)

