

Gospel: Matthew 9: 27-31

Two blind men who believe in Jesus are cured.

Communion Antiphon:

We await a saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies, to conform with his glorified body

SATURDAY

St Ambrose

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Son of a Roman prefect, he was born in c.340 and worked as a lawyer in Milan. In 374 he was chosen to be Bishop of Milan despite not having been baptised. He proved to be an outstanding bishop and was uncompromising in the struggle against Arianism. His converts included St Augustine and his teachings have led him to be numbered as one of the Latin doctors of the church.

Entrance Antiphon:

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

First Reading: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

He will be gracious to you when he hears your cry.

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are all who hope in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9: 35-10: 1, 6-8

When he saw the crowds he felt sorry for them.

Communion Antiphon:

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.

SYNOD PRAYER

Father, we thank you
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church,
through which you show us
that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020
help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.
May your Holy Spirit be powerfully
at work among us.

Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope
and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond
to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET



FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

1st December - 7th December 2019

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

During Advent and Christmastide we pray especially for: Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees and Expectant Mothers.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Universal: That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

MONDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our saviour will come; you need no longer fear.

First Reading: Isaiah 4: 2-6

The fruit of the earth shall be the pride and adornment of Israel's survivors.

Responsorial Psalm:

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's House."

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! God of hosts, bring us back: let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 8: 5-11

"I am not worthy to have you under my roof: give the word, and my servant will be healed"

Communion Antiphon:

Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice before you with a blameless heart.

TUESDAY

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS

Born in Spain in 1506. Whilst studying in Paris he met St Ignatius of Loyola. He became one of the first Jesuits and tirelessly brought the Gospel to India, Borneo, Indonesia and Japan. He died of fever on Shangchuan Island in 1552 while travelling to China.

Entrance Antiphon:

I will praise you, Lord among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin.

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

On him the spirit of the Lord rests.

Responsorial Psalm:

In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10: 21-24

Jesus is filled with joy by the Holy Spirit.

Communion Antiphon:

What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

WEDNESDAY

St John Damascene,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Born in Damascus (Syria) under Muslim rule, became a monk in the monastery of St Sabbas near Jerusalem. He wrote theological works and hymns including The Day of Resurrection. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1890.

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord will come and he will not delay. He will illumine what is hidden in darkness and reveal himself to all the nations.

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10

The Lord invites us to his banquet and wipes away the tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm:

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord is our judge, the Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king and our saviour. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 15: 29-37

Jesus cures many and multiples the loaves.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, our Lord will come with power and will enlighten the eyes of his servant.

THURSDAY

St John Almond, Priest and Martyr

Born in Allerton, Liverpool and educated in Much Woolton, Reims and Rome John Almond was ordained in 1598 and martyred in 1612. Canonised in 1970, John Almond is one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

Entrance Antiphon:

This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God and did not fear the words of the godless, for he was built on solid rock.

First Reading: Isaiah 26: 1-6

Let the upright nation come in, she, the faithful one.

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Here is the Lord God coming with power. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 7: 21, 24-27

The person who does the will of my Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

FRIDAY

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Born in Turkey (fourth century) and became Bishop of Myra. He may have attended the council of Nicaea which opposed the Arian heresy. Nicholas' reputation for generosity led to the custom of giving children gifts on his feast day.

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, the Lord will come descending with splendour to visit his people with peace, and he will bestow on them eternal life.

First Reading: Isaiah 29: 17-24

That day the eyes of the blind will see.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my light and my help.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Send victory like a dew, you heavens, and let the clouds rain it down. Let the earth open and bring forth the saviour. Alleluia!