

## SATURDAY

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER  
FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

### St Jerome Emiliani, Priest and St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Our Lady

*Jerome was born in Venice (Italy) and died of the plague in 1537. An army officer who, after imprisonment, began a new life of service among the sick and destitute, he is remembered for his care and education of orphaned and homeless children.*

*Born of a wealthy Sudanese family Josephine was kidnapped aged 9, sold many times and tortured by her owners. Upon being freed, she came to Venice and entered the Institute of Canossian Daughters of Charity. She was canonised in October 2000.*

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

#### First Reading: 1 Kings 3: 4-13

*Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom.*

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, teach me your statutes.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34

*They were sheep without a shepherd.*

#### Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

### 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

### ORDINARY TIME WEEK IV

2<sup>nd</sup> February - 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020

#### OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

*We pray especially for: Peace on Earth;  
Christian Unity; The Sick and those who  
Care For Them; Victims of Trafficking  
and those who work to combat it.*

#### THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

*Universal - Listen to the Migrants' Cries  
We pray that the cries of our migrant  
brothers and sisters, victims of criminal  
trafficking, may be heard and considered.*

## MONDAY

### St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr St Ansgar, Bishop

*St Blaise was believed to be a Bishop on Armenia. A woman brought her son to him because a fish bone was stuck in his throat. He was healed hence the blessing of St Blaise with two candles at the throat. He was beheaded in the fourth Century for his faith.*

*St Ansgar (born 801) was Archbishop of Bremen, becoming a monk in Picardy. He undertook a missionary journey to Sweden and was appointed Bishop of Hamburg and papal legate to Denmark and Sweden. He is Patron of Denmark and died in 865.*

#### Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

#### First Reading: 2 Samuel 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13

*Let us fly, or we shall never escape Absalom.*

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Arise, Lord; save me, my God.

#### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your word is truth O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Mark 5: 1-20

*Come out of that man, unclean spirit.*

#### Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

## TUESDAY

### Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 18: 9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3  
*David mourns Absalom.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and give answer.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5: 21-43

*Little girl, I tell you get up.*

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

## WEDNESDAY

### St Agatha, Martyr

Agatha was a virgin martyred in Sicily during the 3<sup>rd</sup> century. She has been venerated in Rome since the 6<sup>th</sup> century and is included by name in Eucharistic Prayer I. In legend she is remembered for her faith and for remaining resolute under torture.

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 24: 2, 8-17

*David takes the guilt on himself to save Israel.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Forgive, Lord, the guilt of my sin.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Man does live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6

*A prophet is only despised in his own country.*

Communion Antiphon:

The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.

## THURSDAY

### St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

This group of twenty-six martyrs were crucified at Nagasaki (Japan) in 1597. Most were Japanese laypeople, some still youths. Paul Miki was a Jesuit scholastic from an aristocratic Japanese family. He is remembered as a notable preacher who inspired the local Church of his time to be strong in faith during persecution and isolation.

Entrance Antiphon:

The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of him they shed their blood, they exult with Christ for ever.

First Reading: 1 Kings 2: 1-4, 10-12

*I am going the way of all the earth; be strong, Solomon, and show yourself a man.*

Responsorial Psalm:

You, Lord, are the ruler of all.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 7-13

*He began to send them out.*

Communion Antiphon:

It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

## FRIDAY

### Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 47: 2-13

*David sang out of love for his Maker.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Praised be the God who saves me.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are those who, with a noble and generous heart, take the word of God to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 14-29

*The beheading of John the Baptist.*

Communion Antiphon:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.