

Gospel: John 6: 52-59

My flesh is real food and blood is real drink.

Communion Antiphon:

The Crucified has risen from the dead and has redeemed us, alleluia.

SATURDAY

St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

Born in Alexandria he became its Archbishop in 318. He took a stand against the heresy of a priest named Arius, who attacked the divinity of Christ.

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, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 9: 31-42

The churches built themselves up and were filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm:

How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! We know that Christ, is truly risen from the dead; have mercy on us, triumphant King. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

Communion Antiphon:

No one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ, alleluia.

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

EASTER WEEK III

26th April - 2nd May 2020

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray especially for: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Universal - Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

MONDAY

Bishop Maughold Bishop (IOM)

The legend of Maugold or Machalaus claims he was an Irish prince who was a pirate. It is said that St Patrick baptised him urging him to change his life by abandoning himself in a boat. He came ashore on the Isle of Man and entered a cave living a life of austerity and piety. The local people chose him as their Bishop. He died c 488.

Entrance Antiphon:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 6: 8-15

They could not get the better of Stephen because the Spirit prompted what he said.

Responsorial Psalm:

They are happy whose life is blameless.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! You believe, Thomas, because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 22-29

Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.

Communion Antiphon:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you, says the Lord, alleluia.

TUESDAY

St Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr St Louis Marie de Montfort, Priest

Peter was born in France in 1803 and was noted for his pastoral zeal and particularly his care of the sick. Louis had a particular devotion to the Virgin Mary. He was concerned with the sick, the poor and free education and founded the Company of Mary to carry out this work.

Entrance Antiphon:

Sing praise to our God, all you who fear God, both small and great, for now salvation and strength have come, and the power of his Christ, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 7: 51-8: 1

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Responsorial Psalm:

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord, I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 30-35

it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven.

Communion Antiphon:

If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.

WEDNESDAY

ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR

A Dominican tertiary, Catherine had a deep faith and holiness. She attempted to resolve the differences between Italian cities and to restore the papacy to Rome from its exile in Avignon.

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE

Entrance Antiphon:

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ, alleluia.

The Gloria

First Reading: 1 John 1: 5-2: 2

The blood of Christ purifies us from all sin.

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

You have hidden these things from the learned and have revealed them to mere children.

Communion Antiphon:

If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, alleluia.

THURSDAY

St Pius V, Pope

When elected pope in 1566, he set about implementing the reforms begun by the Council of Trent. He was rigorous in combating Protestantism, excommunicating Elizabeth I.

Entrance Antiphon:

Let us sing to the Lord, for he has gloriously triumphed. The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 8: 26-40

If you believe with all your heart, you may be baptised.

Responsorial Psalm:

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The Lord, who hung for us upon the tree, has risen from the tomb. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 44-51

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Communion Antiphon:

Christ died for all, that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him, who died for them and is risen, alleluia.

FRIDAY

St Joseph the Worker

This feast was instituted in 1955 on a day when labour was celebrated in many countries.

Entrance Antiphon:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 9: 1-20

This man is my chosen instrument to bring my name before pagans.

Responsorial Psalm:

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! It was ordained that the Christ should suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory. Alleluia!