

Communion Antiphon:

Thus says the Lord: I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were kindled!

SATURDAY

St Alphonsus Liguori Bishop and Doctor

Alphonsus founded the Redemptorists in 1732. He was a most able preacher who had been a lawyer, obtaining doctorates in both civil and church law before pursuing his vocation to the priesthood. He published books on moral theology and was a much sought after confessor. He was a bishop but resigned and died in 1787 aged 91.

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: Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24

The Lord has truly sent me to you to say all these words.

Responsorial Psalm:

In your great love, answer me, O God.

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: Matthew 14: 1-12

Herod sent and had John beheaded. John's disciples went off to tell Jesus.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold a faithful and prudent steward to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

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 XVII

26th July - 1st August 2020

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray especially for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and others; Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Universal - *Our Families*

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

MONDAY Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Jeremiah 13: 1-11

The people will become like this loincloth, good for nothing.

Responsorial Psalm:

You forget the God who fathered you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-35

A mustard seed becomes a tree so that the birds of the air shelter in its branches.

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

TUESDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Jeremiah 14: 17-22

Remember, Lord, do not break your covenant with us.

Responsorial Psalm:

Rescue us, O Lord, for the glory of your name.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The word of the Lord remains for ever. What is this word? It is the Good News that has been brought to you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13: 36-43

Just as the dandelion is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time.

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WEDNESDAY

St Martha

Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus of Bethany. She is known for her hospitality to Jesus and her concern for the details of service to guests.

Entrance Antiphon:

Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

First Reading: 1 John 4: 7-16

As long as we love one another God will live in us.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will bless the Lord at all times.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 11: 19-27

I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Alternative: Luke 10:38-42

Martha works; Mary listens

Communion Antiphon:

Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world.

THURSDAY

St Peter Chrysologus, Priest

It was because of his great ability as a preacher that Peter was given the name Chrysologus, meaning 'Golden Tongued'. He was bishop of Ravenna and died in 450.

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Jeremiah 18: 1-6

As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in mine.

Responsorial Psalm:

He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God.

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: Matthew 13: 47-53

They collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use.

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FRIDAY

St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ignatius was born in Spain in 1491 and died on this day in 1556. He was a soldier who converted after being injured in battle. Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and developed the Spiritual Exercises, where he invites us to become Soldiers of Christ.

Entrance Antiphon:

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

First Reading: Jeremiah 26: 1-9

The people were all crowding round in the Temple of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

In your great love, answer me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Accept God's message for what it really is: God's message, and not some human thinking. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13: 54-58

This is the carpenter's son, surely? Where did the man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?