

## SATURDAY

### The Passion of John the Baptist

*For rebuking Herod Antipas for taking Herodias, his half-brother's wife, John was imprisoned. Rashly Herod promised Salome, Herodias' daughter, whatever she wanted after she had danced before him. Herodias told her to ask for John the Baptist's head.*

Entrance Antiphon:

I spoke, O Lord, of your decrees before kings, and was not confounded; I pondered your commands and loved them greatly.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1: 17-19

*Stand up and tell them all I commanded you; do not be dismayed at their presence.*

Responsorial Psalm:

My lips will tell of your help.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6: 17-29

*The beheading of John the Baptist*

Communion Antiphon:

John answered and said: He must increase; but I must decrease.

### 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

### A PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER & ILLNESS

God Our Father, each person is precious to You.  
You are the Giver of life.  
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,  
as the Coronavirus threatens health and life.  
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.  
Watch over those who are suffering,  
give strength to those who are aiding the sick  
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.  
We ask this of you  
in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

## WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

### ORDINARY TIME WEEK XXI

23<sup>rd</sup> August - 29<sup>th</sup> 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 - The Maritime World  
We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.*

## MONDAY

### ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

*Bartholomew, generally identified with Nathanael in John's Gospel, he was called by Christ to become one of the twelve. Tradition has it that he travelled to India and Armenia to preach the Gospel.*

Entrance Antiphon:

Proclaim the salvation of God day by day; tell among the nations his glory.

The Gloria

First Reading: Apocalypse 21: 9-14

*Each of the twelve foundation stones bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Your friends, O Lord, make known the glorious splendour of your reign.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the king of Israel. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1: 45-51

*You will see heaven laid open, and the Son of Man.*

Communion Antiphon:

I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, says the Lord.

## TUESDAY

### **St Louis, Ruler St Joseph Calasanz, Priest**

*Born in France in 1214, Louis IX was a devoted husband and Father of eleven. He was regarded as a model Christian king at a time of great cultural achievement. Joseph Calasanz founded the Clerks Regular of Religious Schools (Piarists) to educate poor children.*

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3, 14-17  
*Keep the traditions that we taught you.*

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23: 23-26

*You should have practiced these matters of the Law, without neglecting the others.*

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

## WEDNESDAY

### **Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest**

*Dominic Barberi came from Viterbo, Italy and became a Passionist. He founded four Passionist houses, by his preaching and example inspired many and was responsible for receiving Blessed John Henry Newman into the Church.*

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18  
*We worked night and day not to be a burden on you*

Responsorial Psalm:

O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32

*You are the sons of those who murdered the prophets.*

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

## THURSDAY

### **St Monica**

*Monica was born in North Africa, married to the dissolute Patricius and mother of three children, including St Augustine of Hippo. An exemplary Christian mother she endured much family strife but lived to see her son baptised a Christian.*

Entrance Antiphon:

The woman who fears the Lord will herself be praised. Her children have called her most blessed, her husband has sung her praises.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9  
*You have been enriched in so many ways in Christ.*

Responsorial Psalm:

I will bless your name for ever, O Lord.

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 24: 42-51

*Stand ready.*

Communion Antiphon:

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant who travels in search of fine pearls and who, on finding one of great price, sold everything and bought it.

## FRIDAY

### **St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor**

*Augustine was born in north Africa and died at Hippo in 430. He was a free-spirit as a youth and converted late to Christianity. He was a great thinker and outstanding preacher.*

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: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25  
*We preach a crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God*

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord fills the earth with his love.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

*The wise and foolish virgins.*

Communion Antiphon:

Thus says the Lord: You have but one teacher, the Christ, and you are all brothers.