

SATURDAY

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 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:

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

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

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



ADVENT WEEK I

29th November – 5th December 2020

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray especially for: Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees and Expectant Mothers.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Evangelisation - For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

MONDAY

ST ANDREW, APOSTLE

St Andrew was born in Galilee where he was a fisherman. Originally he was a disciple of John the Baptist before following Christ and bringing with him his brother, St Peter.

Entrance Antiphon:

Beside the Sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and he said to them: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

The Gloria

First Reading: Romans 10: 9-18

Faith comes from what is preached, and what is preached comes from the word of Christ.

Responsorial Psalm:

Their word goes forth through all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you into fishers of men. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4: 18-22

And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Communion Antiphon:

Andrew told his brother Simon: We have found the Messiah, the Christ, and he brought him to Jesus.

TUESDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.

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:

The just judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on those who eagerly await his coming.

WEDNESDAY

Weekday

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 multiplies the loaves.

Communion Antiphon:

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

THURSDAY

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:

You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.

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:

Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of the glory of our great God.

FRIDAY

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:

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!

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.