

SATURDAY

ST STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR

St Stephen was one of the deacons appointed by the apostles to organise the distribution of food to the poor. He performed many miracles and confounded the Jews in disputation. They fabricated false charges against him. At his trial he preached the risen Christ to them, so they stoned him to death. One of his persecutors, Saul of Tarsus, who was looking after the cloaks of the stone throwers, was later converted and became the great missionary St Paul.

Entrance Antiphon:

The gates of heaven were opened for blessed Stephen, who was found to be first among the number of the Martyrs and therefore is crowned triumphant in heaven.

The Gloria

First Reading: Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59

I can see heaven thrown open.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10: 17-22

The Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you.

Communion Antiphon:

As they were stoning Stephen, he called out: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit

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



FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

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CHRISTMASTIDE I

20th December – 26th December 2020

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

During Advent and Christmastide 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

O Antiphons: O Radiant Dawn

St Peter Canisius

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Born in Nijmegen (now in Holland) in 1521. He studied at Cologne and joined the Society of Jesus, being ordained a priest in 1546. He was sent to Germany, where for many years he worked hard to defend and strengthen the Catholic faith both by writing and by preaching. He wrote many books, of which The Catechism is particularly noteworthy. He died in Switzerland on 21st November 1597.

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord and Ruler will be coming soon, and his name will be called Emmanuel, because he will be God-with-us.

First Reading: Song 2: 8-14

See how my beloved comes leaping over the mountains.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; O sing him a song that is new.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Key of David, who open the gates of the eternal kingdom, come to liberate from prison the captive who lives in darkness. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are you who have believed, that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

TUESDAY

Weekday

O Antiphons: O King of all Nations

Entrance Antiphon:

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory!

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 24-28

Hannah gives thanks for Samuel's birth.

Responsorial Psalm:

My heart exults in the Lord my Saviour.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Root of Jesse, set up as a sign to the peoples, come to save us and delay no more. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1: 46-56

The Almighty has done great things for me.

Communion Antiphon:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, for the Almighty has done great things for me.

WEDNESDAY

O Antiphons: O Emmanuel
St John of Kęty, Priest

Born in Kęty in Kraków in 1390. He became a priest and for many years taught at the University of Kraków; later he became parish priest of Olkusz. He taught and researched in both physics and theology and excelled in holiness and in charity towards his neighbour, in which he was an example to his colleagues and pupils. He died in 1473.

Entrance Antiphon:

A child shall be born for us, and he will be called God, the Almighty; every tribe of the earth shall be blest in him.

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24

I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the day of the Lord comes.

Responsorial Psalm: Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! King of the peoples and corner-stone of the Church, come and save man whom you made from the dust of the earth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1: 57-66

The birth of John the Baptist.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

THURSDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son into the world.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Morning star, radiance of eternal life, sun of justice, come and enlighten those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1: 67-79

Our God from on high will bring the rising Sun to visit us.

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them.

FRIDAY

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

