

*Gospel: Matthew 5: 20-26*

*Go and be reconciled with your brother first.*

*Communion Antiphon:*

**As I live, says the Lord, I do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he turn back and live.**

## **SATURDAY**

### **Weekday**

*Entrance Antiphon:*

**The law of the Lord is perfect; it revives the soul. The decrees of the Lord are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.**

*First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 16-19*

*You will be a people consecrated to the Lord God.*

*Responsorial Psalm:*

**They are happy who follow God's law.**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! Blessed are those who, with a noble and generous heart, take the word of God to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

*Gospel: Matthew 5: 43-48*

*Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

*Communion Antiphon:*

**Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect, 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**



### **LENT WEEK I**

*21<sup>st</sup> February – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

#### **OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

*During Lent we asked especially to pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.*

#### **THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS**

***Universal - Violence against women** We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.*

## **MONDAY**

### **THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, APOSTLE**

*Entrance Antiphon:*

**The Lord says to Simon Peter: I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail, and, once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.**

*The Gloria*

*First Reading: 1 Peter 5: 1-4.*

*I am an elder myself and a witness to the sufferings of Christ.*

*Responsorial Psalm:*

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

*Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19*

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

Communion Antiphon:

**Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**

## TUESDAY

### **St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr**

*Born around 69, Polycarp died around the year 155 at Smyrna in Turkey where he had been Bishop. He was a disciple of St John the Apostle and wrote to the Philippians to strengthen their faith and to defend the church against heresy.*

Entrance Antiphon:

**O Lord, you have been our refuge from generation to generation; from age to age, you are.**

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-11

*My word shall succeed in what it was sent to do.*

Responsorial Psalm:

**The Lord rescues the just in all their distress.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!**

Gospel: Matthew 6: 7-15

*You should pray like this.*

Communion Antiphon:

**When I called, the God of justice gave me answer; from anguish you released me; have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer!**

## WEDNESDAY

### **Weekday**

Entrance Antiphon:

**Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.**

First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-10

*The people of Nineveh renounced their evil behaviour.*

Responsorial Psalm:

**A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I take pleasure, not in the death of a wicked man – it is the Lord who speaks – but in the turning back of a wicked man who changes his ways to win life. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

Gospel: Luke 11: 29-32

*The only sign given to this generation is the sign of Jonah.*

Communion Antiphon:

**All who take refuge in you shall be glad, O Lord, and ever cry out their joy, and you shall dwell among them.**

## THURSDAY

### **Weekday**

Entrance Antiphon:

**To my words give ear, O Lord; give heed to my sighs. Attend to the sound of my cry, my King and my God.**

First Reading: Esther 4: 17

*I have no helper but you, Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm:

**On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

Gospel: Matthew 7: 7-12

*The one who asks always receives.*

Communion Antiphon:

**Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**

## FRIDAY

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE HUNGRY AND NEEDY OF THE WORLD**

Entrance Antiphon:

**Set me free from my distress, O Lord. See my lowliness and suffering, and take away all my sins.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 18: 21-28

*Am I likely to take pleasure in the death of a wicked man and not prefer to see him renounce his wickedness and live?*

Responsorial Psalm:

**If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?**

Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**