

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

ORDINARY WEEK 2

16 – 21 January 2017

THE SCRIPTURES

Having just celebrated the season of Manifestation, we begin Ordinary Time with the Letter to the Hebrews, for the next four weeks; it talks about the unique manifestation of Christ; the latter part of the week talks about the yearning for the 'place of rest' - it is hearing the Word of God which draws us to this promised land.

The beginning of Jesus' ministry in Saint Mark's gospel: the call of the first disciples and the first miracles, including the teaching that Jesus brings forgiveness for sins.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

January: Christian Unity.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Saint Anthony: inspired by the words of the Lord "Sell everything you own and give it to the poor" Anthony retired to the Egyptian desert at the age of twenty; he attracted many followers, who shared his ascetic life, and bequeathed to the Church an example of life spent in solitude and total devotion to prayer. He died in the year 356, aged about 105.

Saint Wulstan: Wulstan was born in Warwickshire about 1008, and died in 1095. He became a Benedictine monk of the cathedral priory of Worcester, but in 1062 was appointed bishop, and was one of the few Anglo-Saxons in high office to survive the Norman Conquest. He was renowned as a confessor, and his care for the poor and sick and for the high standards he demanded of his clergy.

Saint Fabian: chosen as Bishop of Rome in 236; he gave a great example of steadfastness in face of the persecution of the Church begun when the Emperor Decius decided to restore pagan worship in 250—even though this meant Fabian died a martyr's death. He was buried in the catacombs of St Callistus on the Via Appia.

Saint Sebastian: the last great persecution of the Christians in Rome was under the Emperor Diocletian between 303 and 305: it was at this time that Sebastian, a native of Milan, was martyred in Rome. He was

buried on the Via Appia, and his tomb subsequently attracted great devotion, being the only one of the ancient catacombs known and visited throughout all subsequent centuries.

Saint Agnes: martyred at the age of twelve or thirteen, according to Saint Ambrose, around the year 300.

MONDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10: Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering.

Responsorial Psalm

You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22: The bridegroom is with them.

Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

TUESDAY

Saint Anthony, Abbot

[MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar, planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

First Reading: Hebrews 6:10-20: In the hope that is held out to us we have an anchor for our soul, as sure as it is firm.

Response to the Psalm

The Lord keeps his covenant ever in mind.

Gospel Acclamation

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may consider the wonders of your law.

Gospel: Mark 2:23-28: The Sabbath was made for man, not

man for the sabbath.

Communion Antiphon

If you would be perfect, go, sell what you have, give to the poor, and follow me, says the Lord.

WEDNESDAY

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Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Hebrews 7:1-3. 15-17 You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Response to the Psalm

You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

Gospel Acclamation

The word of God is something alive and active; it can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

Gospel: Mark 3:1-6 Is it against the law on the Sabbath day to save life?

Communion Antiphon

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THURSDAY

Weekday

or Saint Wulstan, Bishop

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Hebrews 7:25-8:6 He offered sacrifices by offering himself once and for all.

Responsorial Psalm

Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

Gospel: Mark 3:7-12 The unclean spirits would shout, 'You are the son of God!' But he warned them strongly not to make him known.

Communion Antiphon

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FRIDAY

Weekday

or Saint Sebastian, Martyr

or Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr

[OPTIONAL MEMORIALS]

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Hebrews 8:6-13: It is a better covenant of which he is the mediator.

Response to the Psalm

Mercy and faithfulness have met.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Mark 3:13-19: He summoned those he wanted to be his companions.

Communion Antiphon

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SATURDAY

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

[MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: Hebrews 9:2-3. 11-14 He has entered the sanctuary once and for all through his own blood.

Response to the Psalm

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Gospel Acclamation

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

Gospel: Mark 3:20-21 His relatives said he was out of his mind.

Communion Antiphon

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