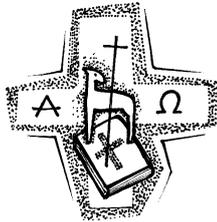


WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

ORDINARY WEEK 1

9 – 14 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

We pray especially for: 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 Aelred of Rievaulx: born in 1110, Aelred died at Rievaulx (Yorkshire) on this day in 1167. The son of a priest, he was educated at Durham and in the household of King David of Scotland. In 1134 he visited the newly founded Cistercian abbey of Rievaulx, and was so attracted to it that he chose to become a monk there, and was eventually elected abbot. He is remembered for his gift of friendship, for his sensitive and gentle rule, and for his enduringly popular spiritual writings, especially that on friendship.

Saint Hilary: born of pagan parents in Poitiers in France in 315; he and his family were baptised, and shortly afterwards Hilary was chosen as bishop of Poitiers; he fought strenuously against Arianism, being exiled to Phrygia for this. He died in 367, after publishing works outstanding in their doctrine.

MONDAY

The Baptism of the Lord

[FEAST]

Entrance Antiphon

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

The *Gloria* is sung or recited.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7: *Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.*

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38: *God anointed him with the Holy Spirit.*

Gospel Acclamation

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17: *As soon as Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.*

The *Creed* is recited.

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

TUESDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

First Reading: Hebrews 2:5-12: *It was appropriate that God should make perfect through suffering the leader who would take them to their salvation.*

Response to the Psalm

You gave your Son power over the works of your hand.

Gospel Acclamation

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28: *He taught them with authority.*

Communion Antiphon

With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.

WEDNESDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

First Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 *It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be compassionate.*

Response to the Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you; through him give thanks to God the Father.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39 *He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.*

Communion Antiphon

With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.

THURSDAY

Weekday

or Saint Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

First Reading: Hebrews 3:7-14: *As long as this 'today' lasts, keep encouraging one another.*

Responsorial Psalm

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Gospel Acclamation

Because of your love give me life, and I will do your will.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 *The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

Communion Antiphon

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FRIDAY

Weekday

or Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

First Reading: Hebrews 4:1-5. 11: *We must therefore do everything we can to reach this place of rest.*

Response to the Psalm

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12: *The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.*

Communion Antiphon

With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.

SATURDAY

Weekday

or Saturday Mass of Our Lady

Entrance Antiphon

Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.

[BVM: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.]

First Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16 *Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.*

Response to the Psalm

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

Gospel Acclamation

Bend my heart to your will, O Lord, and teach me your law.

Gospel: Mark 2:13-17 *I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners.*

Communion Antiphon

With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.

[BVM: Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.]