

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

LENT WEEK 2

13 – 18 March 2017

THE SCRIPTURES

“The readings from the gospels and the Old Testament were selected because they are related to each other. They treat various themes of the Lenten catechesis that are suited to the spiritual significance of the season.” (GIL 98)

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Candidates for the Sacraments; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers

THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS

MARCH: Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

Saint Patrick: Born in around 385; as a youth he was taken captive to Ireland as a slave and worked as a herdsman. After making his escape he wished to become a priest and after being made Bishop for Ireland he was untiring in preaching the Gospel and he converted many to the faith. It is believed he died in 461, and was buried at Downpatrick.

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem: became bishop of Jerusalem in 348. He is famed for the catechetical instructions he gave to candidates for baptism. He was vigorous in the defence of the faith during the Arian heresy, being exiled three times. He organised the liturgy of the city of Jerusalem, especially in the observation of Holy Week.

In Lent we do not sing or say “Alleluia”: before the Gospel there are a variety of sung acclamations, but one that may be used every day of Lent, to the tune of the simple Alleluia is:
“Praise to you, Lord! Glory to you, Christ! You are the Word of God!”

MONDAY

Lent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Redeem me, O Lord, and have mercy on me. My foot stands on level ground; I will bless the Lord in the assembly.

First Reading: Daniel 9:4-10: *We have sinned, we have done wrong.*

Responsorial Psalm

Do not treat us according to our sins, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower, whoever finds this seed will remain for ever.

Gospel: Luke 6:36-38: *Grant pardon, and you will be pardoned.*

Communion Antiphon

Be merciful, as your Father is merciful, says the Lord.

TUESDAY

Lent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Give light to my eyes lest I fall asleep in death, lest my enemy say: I have overcome him.

First Reading: Isaiah 1:10. 16-20: *Learn to do good, search for justice.*

Response to the Psalm

I will show God’s salvation to the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12: *They do not practise what they preach.*

Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders. I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O

Most High.

WEDNESDAY

Lent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord! My God, be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:18-20 *Come on, let us hit at him.*

Response to the Psalm

Save me in your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matthew 17:5-10 *They will condemn him to death.*

Communion Antiphon

The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

THURSDAY

Lent Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

Test me, O God, and know my thoughts. See that my path is not wicked, and lead me in the way everlasting.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10 *A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, a blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31 *Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.*

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

FRIDAY

Saint Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

[FEAST]

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim the salvation of God day by day; tell among the nations his glory.

The Gloria is sung or recited.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-9: *Go now to those to whom I send you.*

Response to the Psalm

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: Acts 13:46-49: *We must turn to the pagans.*

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor, and freedom to prisoners.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12. 17-20: *Your peace will rest on that man.*

Communion Antiphon

I confer a kingdom on you just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, says the Lord

SATURDAY

Lent Weekday or Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor

[OPTIONAL COMMEMORATION]

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

First Reading: Micah 7:14-15. 18-20: *Tread down our faults to the bottom of the sea.*

Response to the Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation

I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3. 11-32: *Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.