

# WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

EASTER WEEK 2 (24 – 29 April 2017)

## MONDAY

### Saint George, Martyr, Patron of England [SOLEMNITY]

#### THE SCRIPTURES

During the Easter Season, there is a semi-continuous reading of the Gospel of John, but with texts that have a paschal character in order to complete the reading from John during Lent. This paschal reading is made up in large part of the Lord's discourse and prayer at the Last Supper. The first reading is a semi-continuous reading from the Acts of the Apostles." (GIL 101)

#### OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Candidates for the Sacraments; New Members of the Church; Vocations; the Right Use of the Media; Human Work

#### THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

##### APRIL: Young People.

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

#### THE SAINTS

**Saint George:** George was martyred at Lydda (Israel) around 303, in the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian. His cult, which predates the legend of his slaying the dragon, spread quickly through East and West. During the crusades, George was seen to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry, and he was adopted as patron saint of several city-states and countries. King Richard I of England placed his crusading army under his protection, and in 1222 his feast was proclaimed a national holiday.

**Saint Peter Chanel:** the first martyr of Oceania; born in France in 1803, Peter joined the Marists and travelled to the Southern Pacific. After working there with indifferent success for five years, he was clubbed to death. His martyrdom succeeded in converting all the islanders to the Catholic faith.

**Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort:** born in 1673, he became a priest after great hardships, and later founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Divine Wisdom and the Missionary Priests of Mary. He also wrote "The True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin". He died in 1716

**Saint Catherine of Siena:** born at Siena (Italy) in the year 1347. She entered the Third Order of Saint Dominic while still an adolescent. She was on fire with love of God and her neighbour; she brought peace and harmony between her fellow citizens, strenuously fought for the rights and liberty of the papacy, and did much for the renewal of religious life. She died in the year 1380.

#### Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, you Saints, in the presence of the Lamb; a kingdom has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

The Gloria is recited.

First Reading: Apocalypse 12:10-12: *In the face of death they would not cling to life.*

#### Responsorial Psalm

Those who are singing in tears will sing when they reap.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Happy the man who stands firm, for he has proved himself, and will win the crown of life.

Gospel: John 15:18-21: *If they persecuted me they will persecute you. OR*

John 15:1-8: *Whoever remain in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.*

The Creed is recited.

#### Communion Antiphon

If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with him, alleluia.

## TUESDAY

### Saint Mark, Evangelist [FEAST]

#### Entrance Antiphon

Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel to every creature, alleluia.

The Gloria is recited.

First Reading: 1 Peter 5:5-14: *My son, Mark, sends you greetings.*

#### Response to the Psalm

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation

We are preaching a crucified Christ, who is the power and the wisdom of God.

Gospel: Mark 16:15-20: *Proclaim the Good News to all creation.*

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord, alleluia.

## WEDNESDAY

### Easter Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 5:17-26: *The men you imprisoned are in the Temple, preaching to the people.*

Response to the Psalm

This poor man called and the Lord heard him.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ has risen and shone upon us whom he redeemed with his blood.

Gospel John 3:16-21 *God sent his only Son into the world so that through him the world might be saved.*

Communion Antiphon

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

## THURSDAY

### Easter Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-33: *We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit.*

Responsorial Psalm

This poor man called and the Lord heard him.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ has risen: he who created all things, and has granted his mercy to men.

Gospel: John 3:31-36: *The Father loves the Son and has entrusted everything to him.*

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

## FRIDAY

Weekday *or* St Peter Chanel,  
Priest & Martyr *or* St. Louis

## Grignon de Montfort, Priest

[OPTIONAL MEMORIALS]

Entrance Antiphon

You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 5:34-42: *They left, glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name of Jesus.*

Response to the Psalm

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, to live in the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

We know that Christ is truly risen from the dead; have mercy on us, triumphant King.

Gospel: John 6:1-15: *To all who were sitting there he gave out as much as they wanted.*

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

## SATURDAY

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin  
and Doctor of the Church,  
Patron of Europe [FEAST]

Entrance Antiphon

Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ, alleluia.

The Gloria is recited.

First Reading: 1 John 1:5-2:2: *The blood of Christ purifies us from all sin.*

Response to the Psalm

My soul, give thanks to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30: *You have hidden these things from the learned and have revealed them to mere children.*

Communion Antiphon

If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, alleluia.