

# WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

## ELEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

(19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017)



### THE SCRIPTURES

In the First Reading this week, Paul continues to explain to the Corinthians how he is a servant of the message God entrusted to him. Paul very gently appeals for funds. He is more severe in answering various attacks on him that seem to have been made by 'arch-apostles' who have challenged his teaching.

In the Gospel, we have the second selection from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew Chapters 5 - 6: he warns against hypocrisy, and the outward observance of religion without any inner intention.

### OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

#### NATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

#### THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

**JUNE: National Leaders.** That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimises so many innocent people.

## MONDAY

### Weekday or Saint Romuald, Abbot

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

**Saint Romuald:** when his father killed a man, Romuald lived life doing penance for the crime. He was a hermit, founding monasteries and restoring solitary religious life. He died, aged 75, in 1027.

Entrance Antiphon

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!**

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

*Christ became poor for your sake.*

Responsorial Psalm

**My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

**God is Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to you the news that they are reconciled.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

*Love your enemies.*

Communion Antiphon

**There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

## TUESDAY

### Weekday or Saint Alban, Martyr

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

**Saint Alban:** Britain's first saint. He died in a persecution in the middle of the 3rd century. According to the story, he was a pagan soldier who sheltered a priest and was converted. He dressed as the priest, and was executed in his place.

Entrance Antiphon

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!**

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

*God loves a cheerful giver.*

Response to the Psalm

**Happy the man who fears the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6.16-18

*Your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.*

Communion Antiphon

**There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

## TUESDAY

### Saint Aloysius Gonzaga [MEMORIAL]

**Saint Aloysius Gonzaga:** born into a noble Italian family in 1568, he entered the Jesuits at the age of 17. He worked to help the victims of the Roman plague in 1591, but contracted it and died, aged only 23.

Entrance Antiphon

**The clean of hands and pure of heart shall climb the mountain of the Lord and stand in his holy place.**

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11

*I preached the gospel of God to you and took no fee for it.*

Response to the Psalm

**Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.**

Gospel: Matthew 6:7-15

You should pray like this.

Communion Antiphon

**God gave them bread from heaven; man ate the bread of angels.**

## THURSDAY

### Saint John Fisher, Bishop and Saint Thomas More, Martyrs [FEAST]

DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER PERSECUTION, OPPRESSION OR DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS

**Saint John Fisher** was born at Beverley (Yorkshire) in 1469, and died at London on 22 June 1535. He was appointed bishop of Rochester and combined pastoral ministry with study and writing, especially in defence of Catholic doctrine. **Saint Thomas More** was born in London in 1478, and died there on this day in 1535. An Oxford scholar and an incorruptible judge who served as Speaker and Lord Chancellor. Both were drawn into conflict with Henry VIII over his remarriage and papal supremacy. Both were imprisoned and beheaded for treason.

Entrance Antiphon

**These are the brave who resisted the king's command, saying: in this matter it is our duty to disobey.**

*The Gloria is sung or recited*

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 6:18.21.24-31

*I am glad to suffer because of the awe which he inspires in me.*

Responsorial Psalm

**Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.**

Gospel Acclamation

**Happy the man who stands firm when trials come. He has proved himself and will win the crown of life.**

Gospel: Matthew 24:4-13

*You will be hated by all the nations on account of my name.*

Communion Antiphon

**Holy men shed their glorious blood for the Lord; they loved Christ in their life, they imitated him in their death, and therefore were crowned in triumph.**

## FRIDAY

### THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

[SOLEMNITY]

Entrance Antiphon

**The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**

*The Gloria is sung or recited*

First Reading: Deuteronomy 7:6-11

*The Lord set his heart on you and chose you.*

Response to the Psalm

**The love of the Lord is everlasting upon those who hold him in fear.**

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-16

*Love comes from God.*

Gospel Acclamation

**Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.**

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

*I am gentle and humble in heart.*

*The Creed is recited*

Communion Antiphon

**Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.**

## SATURDAY

### The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist [FEAST]

Entrance Antiphon

**A man was sent by God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.**

*The Gloria is sung or recited*

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-6

*I will make you the light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

Response to the Psalm

**I thank you for the wonder of my being.**

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-28

*Jesus, whose coming was heralded by John.*

Gospel Acclamation

**As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his way before him.**

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66.80

*His name is John.*

Communion Antiphon

**Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.**

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