

Tuesday mass sheet

TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME
(25th June – 1st July 2017)



THE SCRIPTURES

For the next three weeks we follow the story of the Patriarchs in Genesis 12-49; this will take us from Abraham all the way to the death of Joseph. This week we hear of the call of Abram and his journey to Canaan, and the promise of his son Isaac. The Gospel readings conclude the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 7-8) and begin the narrative section that follows, with the story of two miracles of healing.

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.

JULY: Lapsed Christians. That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

Monday

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save you people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Gospel Acclamation

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5

Take the plank out of your own eye first.

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Tuesday

Weekday

or **Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and**

Doctor [OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

or **Saint John Southworth, Priest and Martyr** [OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Cyril of Alexandria: born in Alexandria in 370, Cyril became Patriarch of the city in 412; he fought against heresies (notably Nestorianism), and presided over the Council of Ephesus in 431. He is thus primarily remembered in the West for defending Our Lady's divine motherhood, expressed in the title "Theotokos". Cyril died in 444.

Saint John Southworth: Salmesbury, in the north of the Diocese, was the seat of the Southworth family, and John was born there in 1582. He trained in Douai, and returned to England in 1619, carrying out his missionary work in Lancashire. He was arrested in 1627 and imprisoned in Lancaster Castle, before being moved to London in 1630; there he was released on condition he left the country, but was found ministering to plague victims in London in 1636. Arrested again in 1654, aged 72, he was executed at Tyburn. His body lies in Westminster Cathedral.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save you people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading: Genesis 13:2. 5-18

Let there be no dispute between me and you, for we are brothers.

Response to the Psalm

The just will live in the presence of 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 7:26. 12-14

Always treat others as you would like them to treat you.

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Wednesday

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
[MEMORIAL]

Saint Irenaeus: born around 130, he became bishop of Lyons (France); his writing and preaching was mainly directed against Gnosticism, emphasising that God wished all to be saved and is freely revealed in Jesus his Son. Tradition has it that he was martyred around the year 200.

Entrance Antiphon

The law of truth was in his mouth; no dishonesty was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and peace, and turned away from evil.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12. 17-18

Abraham put his faith in God, and his faith was considered as justifying him. The Lord made a Covenant with Abraham.

Response to the Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matthew 7:15-20

You will be able to tell them by their faults.

Communion Antiphon

Remain in me, as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.

THURSDAY

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Apostles

[SOLEMNITY]

Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

The Gloria is sung or recited

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.

Responsorial Psalm

From all my terrors the Lord will set me free.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17-18

All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

Gospel Acclamation

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

The Creed is recited.

Communion Antiphon

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

FRIDAY

Weekday

or The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church [OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

The First Martyrs of the Church of Rome: these are the Christians who died (with Saint Peter) in the first great Roman persecution under the Emperor Nero in the year 67. The pagan writer Tacitus records their deaths.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save you people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

First Reading: Genesis 17:1. 9-10. 15-22

All your males must be circumcised, and this shall be the sign of the Covenant. Sarah shall bear you a son.

Response to the Psalm

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.

Gospel: Matthew 8:1-4

If you want to, you can cure me.

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

SATURDAY

Weekday

or Saint Oliver Plunket, Bishop and Martyr [OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

or Saturday Mass of Our Lady

Saint Oliver Plunkett: Oliver Plunkett was born in County Meath (Ireland) in 1625, and died at Tyburn in 1681. Ordained in Rome he was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669. He held synods and visitations and promoted the reforms initiated by the Council of Trent. Imprisoned in Dublin in 1679, he was tried, condemned and executed in London, the final victim of the 'Popish Plot' and the last person to be executed for the faith in England.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save you people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

[BVM: Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High, above all woman on the earth; for he has so exalted your name, that your praise shall be undying on our lips.]

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15

Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? I shall visit you again and Sarah will have a son.

Response to the Psalm

The Lord remembered his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death, and he has proclaimed life through the Good News.

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-17

Many will come from east and west to take their places with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob.

Communion Antiphon

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

[BVM: All generations will call me blessed, for God has looked on his lowly handmaid.]

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