

Tuesday

mass sheet

FIFTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

(17th – 22nd July 2017)



THE SCRIPTURES

As we continue the Old Testament story of the people of Israel we begin to read the book of Exodus. The story of Israel will last for the next six weeks, as we follow their flight from the land of Egypt and their setting in the Promised Land. This week we are introduced to Moses, as we hear of his birth, his time in the desert, his call by the Lord and the beginning of the journey of the people as they are given leave to depart from Egypt.

In the Gospels, we conclude the instructions Jesus gives to the disciples. We hear of Jesus' preaching in the towns by the side of the Sea of Galilee and the first conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees.

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

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

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-14. 22

We must take steps against Israel increasing any further.

Responsorial Psalm

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Gospel: Matthew 10:34-11:1

It is not peace I have come to bring, but a sword.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallows a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Tuesday

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Exodus 2:1-15

Pharaoh's daughter named him Moses because, she said, 'I drew him out of the water.' Later, when he was a man, he set out to visit his countrymen.

Response to the Psalm

Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

Gospel Acclamation

Train me, Lord, to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24

It will not go as hard on Judgement day with Tyre and Sidon and with the land of Sodom as with you.

Communion Antiphon

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Tuesday

Weekday or Saint John Plessington, Priest and Martyr

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint John Plessington: The Plessington family originated at Plessington, near Blackburn in the north of the Diocese. John was born in 1634 or 1637, and studied for the priesthood in Valladolid, being ordained in 1662. He worked first at Holywell, in North Wales, before moving to Cheshire. He was arrested and tried and executed in Chester in 1679.

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-6. 9-12

The Lord appeared to Moses in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush.

Response to the Psalm

The Lord is compassion and love.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-27

You have hidden these things from the learned and revealed them to mere children.

Communion Antiphon

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THURSDAY

Weekday or Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Apollinaris: He was thought to be a disciple of Saint Peter, and the first Bishop of Ravenna (Italy), dying near the end of the first century.

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Exodus 3:13-20

I Am who I Am. I Am has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

I am gentle and humble in heart.

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallows a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

FRIDAY

Weekday or Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi: born in 1559, he entered the Capuchin Order, where he taught theology to the students and engaged in many of the works of the Order. As a renowned preacher he travelled throughout Europe and wrote many works to explain the Catholic faith. He died at Lisbon in 1619.

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading: Exodus 11:10-12:14

You shall slaughter a lamb between the two evenings; and when I see the blood I will pass over you.

Response to the Psalm

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Gospel Acclamation

Instruct me, Lord, in your way; on an even path lead me.

Gospel: Matthew 11:1-8

The Son of Man is master of the sabbath.

Communion Antiphon

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SATURDAY

Saint Mary Magdalene

[FEAST]

Saint Mary Magdalene: she was one of Christ's disciples and was present at his death. On the morning of Easter day she was the first to whom the risen Redeemer appeared, according to Saint Mark's Gospel.

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said to Mary Magdalene: Go to my brothers and tell them: I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

The Gloria is sung or recited.

First Reading: Song of Songs 3:1-4

I found him whom my heart loves. OR

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now.

Response to the Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

Gospel: John 20:1-2. 11-18

Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?

Communion Antiphon

The love of Christ impels us, so that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised.