

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

THIRTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME
(3rd – 8th July 2017)



THE SCRIPTURES

As we conclude the Abraham cycle from Genesis we hear of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and the sacrifice of Isaac. Then Isaac marries Rebecca: we hear of his death and the giving of the inheritance to Jacob, the next part of the story.

The Gospel continues the narrative of Matthew (8-9) with a series of dramatic miracles, culminating in the call of Matthew himself.

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

Saint Thomas, Apostle [FEAST]

Saint Thomas: unfairly remembered as "Doubting Thomas", his profession of faith, "My Lord and my God" is the climax of one of the Easter stories. Tradition has it that Thomas then preached in India, and was martyred there.

Entrance Antiphon

You are my God, and I confess you; you are my God, and I exalt you; I will thank you, for you became my saviour.

The Gloria is sung or recited.

First Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

You are part of a building that has the apostles for its foundations.

Responsorial Psalm

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

You believe, Thomas, because you can see me, says the Lord. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Gospel: John 20:24-29

My Lord and my God.

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing.

TUESDAY

Weekday or Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal: born into the Royal family of Aragon in 1271, Elizabeth is known for her care for the poor; after the death of her husband, she gave away her worldly goods and joined the Third Order of Saint Francis. She died in 1336.

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: Genesis 19: 15-29

The Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah.

Response to the Psalm

Your love, O Lord, is before my eyes.

Gospel Acclamation

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! He sends out his word to the earth.

Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27

He stood up and rebuked the winds and the seas; and all was calm again.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

TUESDAY

Weekday

or Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Anthony Zaccaria: born in Italy in 1502; Anthony was ordained priest and founded the Congregation of Clerics of Saint Paul, also known as the Barnabites, to imitate the work of Paul and Barnabas in preaching. His work of stirring preaching and encouragement ended with his death, aged 36, in 1539.

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: Genesis 21:5. 8-20

The slave-girl's son is not to share the inheritance with my son Isaac.

Response to the Psalm

This poor man called; the Lord heard him.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34

Have you come here to torture the devils before the time?

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

THURSDAY

Weekday or Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Maria Goretti: Maria was born into a poor family in Ancona, Italy in 1890. She spent her childhood at Nettuno, helping her mother in the domestic chores. She was a religious girl, much given to prayer. In the year 1902, while defending her chastity against a neighbour trying to rape her, she preferred to die rather than give way, and was fatally stabbed. She forgave her attacker before she died, the following day.

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-19

The sacrifice of our father Abraham.

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

They praised God for giving such power to men.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

FRIDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading: Genesis 23:1-4. 19; 24:1-8. 62-67

Isaac loved Rebekah and so was consoled for the loss of his mother.

Response to the Psalm

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Gospel Acclamation

Teach me your paths, my God, make me walk in your truth.

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13

It is not the healthy who need the doctor; what I want is mercy, not sacrifice.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

SATURDAY

Weekday

or Saturday Mass of Our Lady

Entrance Antiphon

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

[BVM: All the richest of the people long to see your face: behind her, her maiden companions are escorted to the King; her attendants are escorted to you amid gladness and joy.]

First Reading: Genesis 27:1-5. 15-29

Jacob supplanted his brother and took his brother's blessing.

Response to the Psalm

Praise the Lord for the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your decrees.

Gospel: Matthew 9:14-17

Surely the bridegroom's attendants would never think of mourning as long as the bridegroom is still with them?

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

[BVM: Praise the Lord our God, for in Mary his handmaid he has fulfilled his promise of mercy to the house of Israel.]