

Tuesday

mass sheet

SIXTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

(24th – 29th July 2017)



THE SCRIPTURES

The first reading continues the story of Israel's journey from Egypt to the Promised Land; we hear of their escape through the Red Sea and the manna in the desert. The week culminates in their arrival at Sinai, the giving of the commandments, and the forging of the great Covenant.

In the Gospels (Matthew 12-13) we finish the narrative section and move into the 'parabolic discourse' - a great collection of Parables of the Kingdom: we begin with the parable of the Sower.

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

or **Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Sharbel Makhluf: he was born in Lebanon, the son of a mule driver, and was raised by an uncle who opposed his youthful piety. Aged 23 he joined the monastery of Saint Maron where he took the name Sharbel in memory of a 2nd century martyr. He was ordained in 1859; after which he lived as a model monk, but became a hermit in 1875, until his death 23 years later. He gained a reputation for holiness, and was much sought for counsel and blessing. He had a great personal devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Exodus 14:5-18

When I have won glory for myself at the expense of Pharaoh, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing to the Lord, glorious his triumph!

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42

The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation and condemn it.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Tuesday

Saint James, Apostle

[FEAST]

Saint James: born at Bethsaida, son of Zebedee and brother of John; he was killed by Herod in Jerusalem in about 42, and is especially venerated at Compostella in Spain.

Entrance Antiphon

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother mending their nets and he called them.

The Gloria is sung or recited.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

We always carry with us in our body the death of Jesus.

Response to the Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

I chose you from the world to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last, says the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

You shall drink my cup.

Communion Antiphon

They drank the chalice of the Lord, and became the friends of God.

Tuesday

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[MEMORIAL]

Saints Joachim and Ann: an old tradition going back to the second century gives these as the names of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Entrance Antiphon

Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave him who was a blessing for all the nations.

First Reading: Exodus 16:1-5. 9-15

I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.

Response to the Psalm

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Bend my heart to your will, O Lord, and teach me your law.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9

It produced crop a hundredfold.

Communion Antiphon

They received blessings from the Lord and mercy from God their Saviour.

THURSDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Exodus 19:1-2. 9-11. 16-20

The Lord will descend on the mountain of Sinai in the sight of all the people.

Responsorial Psalm

To you glory and praise for evermore.

Gospel Acclamation

Harden not your hearts today, but listen to the voice of the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17

The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

FRIDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

The law was given through Moses.

Response to the Psalm

Lord, you have the message of eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls.

Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23

The Son of Man is master of the sabbath.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

SATURDAY

Saint Martha

[MEMORIAL]

Saint Martha: the sister of Mary and Lazarus. She received the Lord into her house and provided for his needs with great care. At her request the Lord raised her brother from the dead.

Entrance Antiphon

Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

First Reading: 1 John 4:7-16

As long as we love another God will live in us.

Response to the Psalm

I will bless the Lord at all times.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: John 11:19-27

I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

OR

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things.

Communion Antiphon

Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world.

