

Tuesday

mass sheet

TWENTY THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

(11th – 16th September 2017)



THE SCRIPTURES

Paul, writing to the Colossians, teaches about what it means to live in Christ: to live in Christ means to choose good over evil - to reject what does not come from God. On Friday we begin Paul's first letter to Timothy, his companion for many years, whom he has sent to the Church in Ephesus. It is full of practical advice for a pastor: Paul begins by pointing out his own unworthiness.

In the Gospel (Luke 6) we see Jesus curing again, then praying before calling his apostles; he then begins a great discourse, where he teaches the people about the true fulfilling of the Law. It is vital that we are people of good acts, not just words and intentions.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

NATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER

Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest' the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; prisoners and their Families.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER: Parishes.

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Monday

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Colossians 1:24-2:3

I became the servant of the Church to deliver a mystery hidden for centuries.

Responsorial Psalm

In God is my safety and glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path.

Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

They were watching Jesus to see if he would cure a man on the sabbath.

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Tuesday

Weekday or The Most Holy Name of Mary

[OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

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

First Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

The Lord has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven you all your sins.

Response to the Psalm

How good is the Lord to all.

Gospel Acclamation

You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life.

Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

Jesus spent the whole night in prayer and he picked twelve whom he called 'apostles'.

Communion Antiphon

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

Tuesday

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church [MEMORIAL]

Saint John Chrysostom: John was given the nickname Chrysostom ("Golden Mouth") because of his excellent preaching, and the many exhortations and catecheses he produced; he was born in Antioch in 349 and after a glowing career as priest was made Bishop of Constantinople in 397. Here, because of his preaching and care for justice he faced opposition from the Imperial court (mainly the Empress Eudoxia) and was twice exiled. He died in exile in 407.

Entrance Antiphon

Those who are wise will shine brightly like the splendour of the firmament and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars for ever.

First Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

You have died with Christ. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life.

Response to the Psalm

How good is the Lord to all.

Gospel Acclamation

When anyone obeys what Christ has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

How happy are you who are poor. But alas for you who are rich.

Communion Antiphon

We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

THURSDAY

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

[FEAST]

Entrance Antiphon

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

The Gloria is sung or recited

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

If anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

Responsorial Psalm

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God raised him high.

Gospel Acclamation

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Gospel: John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Communion Antiphon

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

FRIDAY

Our Lady of Sorrows [MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

Simeon said to Mary: Behold, this child is destined for the ruin and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign of contradiction; and your own soul a sword will pierce.

First Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation.

Response to the Psalm

Save me, O Lord, in your love.

Gospel Acclamation

Happy is the blessed Virgin Mary who, without dying, won the palm of martyrdom beneath the cross of the Lord.

Gospel: John 19:25-27

Christ above in torments hangs; she beneath beholds the pangs of her dying glorious Son

OR

Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

A sword will pierce your own soul.

Communion Antiphon

Rejoice when you share in the sufferings of Christ, that you may also rejoice exultantly when his glory is revealed.

SATURDAY

Saint Cornelius, Pope and Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs [MEMORIAL]

Saint Cornelius and Cyprian: both men lived in a time of great turbulence in the Church: they were at the forefront of the debate on reconciling those who had denied the faith under persecution. Together Cornelius and Cyprian struck a middle course and guided the Church onward by their writing and preaching. Cornelius died in exile in 253; Cyprian was martyred in 258.

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Response to the Psalm

May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore!

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: Luke 6:43-49

Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord' and not do what I say?

Communion Antiphon

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