

**Weekday Prayer Sheet**

**For the communities of**

**ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL**

**AND ST THOMAS MORE PARISHES**

**MONTH OF *AUGUST 2020* (YEAR Ii)**

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***GOD SPEAKS AS THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED:***

God is speaking, but in far too many churches he is not being heard. Where the proclamation of the Word is flat and uninvolving, the congregation takes refuge in missals or newsletters, and follows the text there. Readers are often unaware that God communicates through them during the Liturgy of the Word. Or, if they are aware, they do not believe it. So the assembly does not believe it either and the Word falls on stony ground.

Church documents - the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy,* the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal,* and the *General Introduction to the Lectionary* - all make this clear: when the Word of God is announced, we receive in the Spirit the grace to take that same Word into the world as witnesses to the truth.

Readers should understand that God speaks through them; that God actually uses the reader's voice to communicate with the gathered people. This startling idea takes a little while to register; once it does, the reader stands up straighter, which in turn makes the congregation sit up. Once they are convinced that God is communicating with his people through them, the readers begin to prepare better. They spend time trying to understand the meaning and context of the assigned passage, to find ways to bring it alive.

It is then the reader realises that they are not reading at all, but ***proclaiming***. This is an oral, not a written, tradition. The Word is ***“alive and active”*** - in a voice, in space, at this moment, in this place. Training in public speaking and voice projection may certainly help, but it is prayer that enables a reader by the grace of the Spirit to stand before the assembly strong and confident in the Lord, and to deliver a proclamation that it is powerful and convincing.

The congregation’s role should be anything but passive. According to the General Introduction to the Lectionary, the assembly is to listen, because the Word of God continues to come to the faithful by hearing. When they hear, the introduction goes on, they ***“receive the power to respond”*** to the Word of God ***“actively with full faith, hope and charity through prayer and self-giving, and not only during Mass, but in their entire Christian life”***.

*From “Speak Up For God's Sake” by Marian Tolley in the Tablet 21st June 2003*

**MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2020**

*St Dominic*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding

and clothed him in a robe of glory.

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 28:1-17

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 118:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102

Keep me from the way of error

and teach me your law.

Do not take the word of truth from my mouth for I trust in your decrees.

Let your faithful turn to me,

those who know your will.

Let my heart be blameless in your statutes lest I be ashamed.

Though the wicked lie in wait to destroy me yet I ponder on your will.

I have not turned away from your decrees; you yourself have taught me.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 14:22-36

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

This is the steward, faithful and prudent,

whom the Lord set over his household

to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.



**TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2020**

*St John Vianney*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed   
with justice; your holy ones shall ring  
out their joy

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 101:16-21, 29, 22-23

The nations shall fear the name of the Lord

and all the earth's kings your glory, when the Lord shall build up Zion again and appear in all his glory. Then he will turn to the prayers of the helpless; he will not despise their prayers.

Let this be written for ages to come that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord;

for the Lord leaned down from his sanctuary on high. He looked down from heaven to the earth that he might hear the groans of the prisoners and free those condemned to die.

The sons of your servants shall dwell untroubled and their race shall endure before you that the name of the Lord may be proclaimed to Zion and his praise in the heart of Jerusalem, when peoples and kingdoms are gathered together to pay their homage to the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Master, you are the Son of God,

you are the king of Israel.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

**WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2020**

*Wednesday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O God, come to my assistance;

O Lord, make haste to help me!

You are my rescuer, my help;

O Lord, do not delay.

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 31:1-7

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Jeremiah 31:10-13

O nations, hear the word of the Lord,

proclaim it to the far-off coasts.

Say: 'He who scattered Israel will gather him and guard him as a shepherd guards his flock.'

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,

has saved him from an overpowering hand. They will come and shout for joy on Mount Zion, they will stream to the blessings of the Lord.

Then the young girls will rejoice and dance, the men, young and old, will be glad. I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will console them, give gladness for grief.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us:

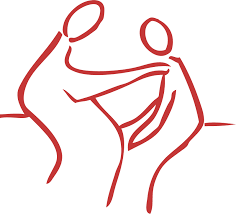
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 15:21-28

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



*Spend some quiet time*

*with the Lord*

**THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2020**

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**FIRST READING:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,

let all the coastlands be glad.

Cloud and darkness are his raiment;

his throne, justice and right.

The mountains melt like wax

before the Lord of all the earth.

The skies proclaim his justice;

all peoples see he glory.

For you indeed are the Lord

most high above all the earth

exalted far above all spirits.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight:

listen to him.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 17:1-9

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2020**

*Friday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

O God, come to my assistance;

O Lord, make haste to help me!

You are my rescuer, my help;

O Lord, do not delay.

**FIRST READING**:Nah 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7

**RES PSALM:** Deut 32:35-36, 39, 41

R. It is I who deal death and give life.

It is close, the day of their ruin;

their doom comes at speed.

For the Lord will see his people righted,

he will take pity on his servants. R

See now that I, I am He,

and beside me there is no other god.

It is I who deal death and life:

when I have struck it is I who heal. R

When I have whetted my flashing sword

I will take up the cause of Right,

I will give my foes as good again,

I will repay those who hate me. R

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 16:24-28

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 2020**

*St Mary of the Cross*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me.

Amen, I say to you: whatever you did

for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

**FIRST READING:** 1 Kings 17:8-16

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 63:1-8

***R. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.***

O God, you are my God, for you I long;

for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary

to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,

my lips will speak your praise. ***R***

So I will bless you all my life,

in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,

my mouth shall praise you with joy. ***R***

On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night

for you have been my help;

in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***R***

**SECOND READING:** 1 Kings 17:8-16

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 6:25-34

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

**MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2020**

*St Lawrence*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

This is the blessed Lawrence who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church: for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.

**FIRST READING**: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**:

Ps 111:1-2, 5-9

Happy the man who fears the Lord,

who takes delight in his commands.

His sons will be powerful on earth;

the children of the upright are blessed.

The good man takes pity and lends,

he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;

with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

he will see the downfall of his foes.

Open-handed, he gives to the poor;

his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord: whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 12:24-26

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Whoever serves me must follow me

and where I am there also will my servant be, says the Lord.

**TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2020**

*St Clare*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I despised the kingdom of the world and all worldly finery for love of my Lord, Jesus Christ, whom I have seen, whom I have loved, in whom I have believed, in whom has been my delight

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 2:8 - 3:4

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 118:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131

I rejoice to do your will

as though all riches were mine.

Your will is my delight;

your statutes are my counsellors.

The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

Your promise is sweeter to my taste

than honey in the mouth.

Your will is my heritage for ever,

the joy of my heart.

I open my mouth and I sigh

as I yearn for your commands.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

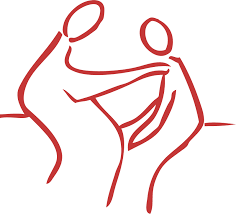
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

One this is necessary: she has chosen the better part, which shall not be taken away from her.

*Spend some quiet time*

*with the Lord*

**WEDNESDAY 12 AUGUST 2020**

*Wednesday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**FIRST READING:**

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 112:1-6

Praise, O servants of the Lord,

praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed

both now and for evermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting

praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord,

above the heavens his glory.

Who is like the Lord, our God,

who has risen on high to his throne

yet stoops from the heights to look down,

to look down upon heaven and earth?

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 18:15-20

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 2020**

*Thursday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**FIRST READING**: Ezekiel 12:1-12

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 77:56-59, 61-62

They put God to the proof and defied him; they refused to obey the Most High. They strayed, as faithless as their fathers, like a bow on which the archer cannot count.

With their mountain shrines they angered him; made him jealous with

the idols they served. God saw and was filled with fury:

he utterly rejected Israel.

He gave his ark into captivity,

his glorious ark into the hand of the foe.

He gave up his people to the sword,

in his anger against his chosen ones.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,

and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 18:21-9:1

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2020**

*St Maximilian Mary Kolbe*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord. Amen, I say to you:

Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

**FIRST READING:**

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Isaiah 12:2-6

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name, make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name,

sing a psalm to the Lord!

For he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

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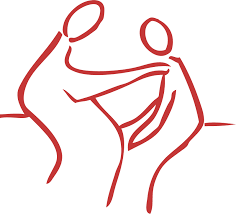
Receive this message not as human words, but as truly the word of God.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 19:3-12

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

*Spend some quiet time*

*with the Lord*

**SATURDAY 15 AUGUST 2020**

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

A great sign appeared in heaven:

a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

**FIRST READING:**

Revelation 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 44:10-12, 16

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. R

So will the king desire your beauty:

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;

they pass within the palace of the king. R

**SECOND READING:**

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven,

and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:39-56

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

All generations will call me blessed,

for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

**MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2020**

*Monday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;

and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts

is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**FIRST READING**: Ezekiel 24:15-24

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Deuteronomy 32:18-21

You forget the Rock who begot you,

unmindful now of the God who fathered you. The Lord has seen this, and in his anger cast off his sons and his daughters.

'I shall hide my face from them, he says

'and see what becomes of them.

For they are a deceitful brood,

children with no loyalty in them.

'They have roused me to jealousy with what is no god, they have angered me with their beings of nothing; I, then, will rouse them to jealousy with what is no people, I will anger them with an empty-headed nation.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 19:16-22

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

With the Lord there is mercy;

in him is plentiful redemption



**TUESDAY 18 AUGUST 2020**

*Tuesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;

and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts

is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**FIRST READING**: Ezekiel 28:1-10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36

I should crush them to dust, said the Lord.

I should wipe out their memory among men, did I not fear the boasting of the enemy. But let not their foes be mistaken!

Let them not say: Our own power wins the victory, the Lord plays no part in this.

What a nation of short sight it is; in them there is no understanding.

How else could one man rout a thousand,

how could two put ten thousand to flight,

were it not that their Rock has sold them,

that the Lord has delivered them up?

For it is close, the day of their ruin;

their doom comes at speed.

For the Lord will see his people righted,

he will take pity on his servants.

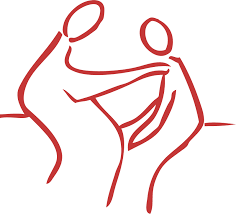
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**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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**WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2020**

*Wednesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;

and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts

is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**FIRST READING**: Ezekiel 34:1-11

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;

he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me

in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell

for ever and ever.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 20:1-16

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

With the Lord there is mercy;

in him is plentiful redemption.

**THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2020**

*Saint Bernard*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Filled by the Lord with a spirit of understanding, blessed Bernard ministered streams of clear teaching to the people of God.

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 36:23-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 50:12-15, 18-19

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;

with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

that I may teach transgressors your ways

and sinners may return to you.

For in sacrifice you take no delight,

burnt offering from me you would refuse, my sacrifice, a contrite spirit.

A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If today we hear his voice,

harden not your hearts.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:1-14

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

As the Father loves me, so I also love you;

remain in my love, says the Lord.

**FRIDAY 21 AUGUST 2020**

*Saint Pius X*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The Lord chose him for himself as high priest, and, opening his treasure house,

made him rich in all good things

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 106:2-9

Let them say this, the Lord's redeemed,

whom he redeemed from the hand of the foe and gathered from far-off lands,

from east and west, north and south.

Some wandered in the desert, in the wilderness, finding no way to a city they could dwell in.

Hungry they were and thirsty; their soul was fainting within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need

and he rescued them from their distress

and he led them along the right way,

to reach a city they could dwell in.

Let them thank the Lord for his love,

for the wonders he does for men.

For he satisfies the thirsty soul;

he fills the hungry with good things.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Teach me your paths, my God,

and lead me in your truth.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 22:34-40

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for his sheep.



**SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2020**

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

At your right stands the queen in robes of gold, finely arrayed.

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 43:1-7

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 84:9-14

R. The glory of the Lord will dwell in our land.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,

a voice that speaks of peace,

peace for his people and his friends.

His help is near for those who fear him

and his glory will dwell in our land. R

Mercy and faithfulness have met;

justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth

and justice look down from heaven. R

The Lord will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him

and peace shall follow his steps. R

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 23:1-12

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Blessed are you who have believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord will be fulfilled.

**MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2020**

*St Bartholomew*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Proclaim the salvation of God day by day; tell among the nations his glory.

**FIRST READING:**  Revelation 21:9-14

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 144:10-13, 17-18

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the

glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

They make known to me your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

The Lord is just in all his ways

and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,

who call on him from their hearts.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Master, you are the Son of God,

you are the king of Israel.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 1:45-51

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, says the Lord.

**TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2020**

*Tuesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;

save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**FIRST READING**:2 Thes 2:1-3,14-17

**RESP PSALM:** Ps 95:10-13

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

The world he made firm in its place;

he will judge the peoples in fairness.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,

let the sea and all within it thunder praise,

let the land and all it bears rejoice,

all the trees of the wood shout for joy

at the presence of the Lord for he comes,

he comes to rule the earth.

With justice he will rule the world,

he will judge the peoples with his truth.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives

of our heart.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 23:23-26

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

**WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2020**

*Wednesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;

save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**FIRST READING:**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10,16-18

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 127:1-2, 4-5

O blessed are those who fear the Lord

and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

Indeed thus shall be blessed

the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

all the days of your life!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,

grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 23:27-32

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



**THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2020**

*St Monica*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Behold a wise woman who has built her house. She feared the Lord and walked in the right path.

**FIRST READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 144:2-7

I will bless you day after day

and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised,

his greatness cannot be measured.

Age to age shall proclaim your works,

shall declare your mighty deeds,

shall speak of your splendour and glory,

tell the tale of your wonderful works.

They will speak of your terrible deeds,

recount your greatness and might. They will recall your abundant goodness; age to age shall ring out your justice.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 24:42-5

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother, says the Lord.

**FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2020**

*St Augustine*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding

and clothed him in a robe of glory.

**FIRST READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:17-25

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 10-11

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;

for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,

with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful

and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right

and fills the earth with his love.

He frustrates the designs of the nations,

he defeats the plans of the peoples.

His own designs shall stand for ever,

the plans of his heart from age to age.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**:

Alleluia, alleluia!

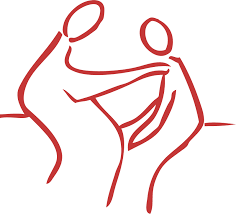
Be watchful, pray constantly,

that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:1-13

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Thus says the Lord: You have but one teacher, the Christ, and you are all brothers.

*Spend some quiet time*

*with the Lord*

**SATURDAY 29 AUGUST 2020**

*The Passion of St John the Baptist*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I spoke, O Lord, of your decrees before kings, and was not confounded;

I pondered your commands and loved them greatly.

**FIRST READING**: Jeremiah 1:17-19

**RES PSALM:**Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17

***I will sing your salvation***.

In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:

pay heed to me and save me. R

Be a rock where I can take refuge,

a mighty stronghold to save me;

for you are my rock, my stronghold.

Free me from the hand of the wicked. R

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. R

My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help. O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. R

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Mark 6:17-29

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

John answered and said,

He must increase; but I must decrease.

*In 1866, Mary MacKillop took the religious name "Sister Mary of the Cross" and began wearing simple religious habits. Mary and the group of women who had joined her began calling themselves the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart.*

*In December 1869, MacKillop and several other nuns travelled to Brisbane to establish their order in Queensland. The Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart expanded rapidly and, by 1871, 130 sisters were working in more than 40 schools and charitable institutions across South Australia and Queensland*.

*Mary MacKillop passed away on August 8, 1909 in the Josephite convent in North Sydney. She was laid to rest at the Gore Hill cemetery North Sydney.*

*After MacKillop's burial, people continually took earth from around her grave. As a result, her remains were exhumed and transferred on 27 January 1914 to a vault before the altar of the Virgin Mary in the newly built memorial chapel in Mount Street, Sydney.*

*In 1925, the Mother Superior of the Sisters of St Joseph, Mother Laurence, began the process to have MacKillop declared a saint. After several years of hearings, close examination of MacKillop's writings and a 23-year delay, the initial phase of investigations was completed in 1973.*

*After further investigations, MacKillop's "heroic virtue" was declared in 1992.*

*That same year, the church endorsed the belief that Veronica Hopson, apparently dying of leukemia in 1961, was cured by praying for MacKillop's intercession; MacKillop was beatified on January 19, 1995 by Pope John Paul II and she was canonized on October 17, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI, making her the first Australian saint.*

*St. Mary MacKillop is the patron saint of Australia, Archdiocese of Brisbane, and the Knights of the Southern Cross. Her feast day is celebrated on August 8.*

Archdiocesan of Brisbane image of Mary MacKillop

