

# WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL AND ST THOMAS MORE PARISHES MONTH OF *JULY 2020* (YEAR II)

## **The Gospel of Matthew:**     *by Elisabeth Harrington*

The distinctive image of Jesus that Matthew's gospel presents is that of Teacher. This is most evident in the way the writer has arranged his material. Matthew collects the speeches of Jesus into five extended sermons. The first of these is the most famous, the Sermon on the Mount (5:1-7:29). The others are: the Mission Sermon, addressed to the apostles as Jesus sends them out to preach; the Sermon in Parables, a collection of parables all about the kingdom of heaven; the Sermon on the Church, which addresses explicitly the concerns of his latter day church; Sermon on the End Times. This gospel is clearly written for a Jewish audience. Unlike Mark, Matthew does not find it necessary to explain the Jewish purification rites. He affirms the authority of the Torah, the first five books of the bible (his five sermons of Jesus are seen by some scholars as paralleling the Torah).

At the time this gospel was written, there was a growing controversy between Matthew's community and Jewish religious authorities. From Matthew's perspective, the Jewish authorities have wilfully and deliberately sided with Satan and his gospel contains some virulent anti-Semitic statements. Matthew presents Jesus as the authoritative and definitive interpreter of the Law. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus quotes six times from the Law and in each case adds 'but I say to you, ...'.

More than just interpreter, Jesus is presented as the fulfilment of the Law and the prophets. In total Matthew quotes from the Jewish scriptures 61 times. In 40 of these references, the writer indicates that the passage has been fulfilled in Jesus.

Matthew's gospel begins with the reassurance that Jesus is Emmanuel, Christ-with-us, and concludes with Christ's promise to remain with us until the end of time. Matthew's Gospel has a clear six-part structure. The first section, which serves as an introduction to the work, contains the stories of the annunciation (to Joseph, not to Mary as in Luke), of Jesus' birth, and of the visit of the magi (not the shepherds as in Luke). The remaining five parts each consist of a long speech by Jesus followed by a description of actions that he performed. The first is the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5 – 7), the second shows the disciples being prepared for their missionary journeys (chapter 10), the third is filled with parables (chapter 13), the fourth deals with church matters (chapter 18), and the last section concerns the end of the world (chapters 24 and 25).

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**MONDAY 6 JULY 2020**

*Monday of the 14th Week Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**FIRST READING:** Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 144:2-9

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.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away  
with death and brought us life through his  
gospel.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 9:18-26

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him

*Spend some quiet time  
with the Lord*

**TUESDAY 7 JULY 2020**

*Tuesday of the 14th Week Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**FIRST READING:** Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 113B:3-10

Our God, he is in the heavens;  
he does whatever he wills.  
The idols of the heathen are silver and  
gold, the work of human hands.

They have mouths but they cannot speak;  
they have eyes but they cannot see;  
they have ears but they cannot hear;  
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

With their hands they cannot feel;  
with their feet they cannot walk.  
Their makers will become like them:  
so will all who trust in them.

Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.  
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 9:32-38

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him

## **WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2020**

*Wednesday 14th Week Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**FIRST READING:**Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 104:2-7

O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works!  
Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.

Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face.  
Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.

O children of Abraham, his servant,  
O sons of the Jacob he chose.  
He, the Lord, is our God:  
his judgements prevail in all the earth.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near:  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**Matthew 10:1-7

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



*Spend some quiet time  
with the Lord*

## **THURSDAY 9 JULY 2020**

*Thursday of the 14th Week Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**FIRST READING:**Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

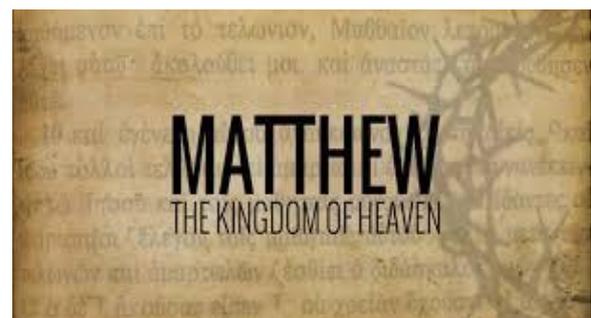
### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near:  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**Matthew 10:7-15

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



## **FRIDAY 10 JULY 2020**

*Friday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**FIRST READING:**Hosea 14:2-10

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 50:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

Indeed you love truth in the heart; then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom. O purify me, then I shall be clean; O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

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. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth and bring to your mind all I have told you.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**Matthew 10:16-23

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him

## **SATURDAY 11 JULY 2020**

*St Benedict*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

There was a man of venerable life, Benedict, blessed by grace and by name, who, leaving home and patrimony and desiring to please God alone, sought out the habit of holy living.

**FIRST READING:**Isaiah 6:1-8

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 92:1-2, 5

### ***R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.***

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. **R**

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. **R**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of God rests upon you.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**Matthew 10:24-33

### **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.



*Spend some quiet time  
with the Lord*

**MONDAY 13 JULY 2020**

*Monday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

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

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 1:10-17

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 49:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

'I find no fault with your sacrifices, your offerings are always before me. I do not ask more bullocks from your farms, nor goats from among your herds.

'How can you recite my commandments and take my covenant on your lips, you who despise my law and throw my words to the winds?

'You do this, and should I keep silence? Do you think that I am like you? A sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me and I will show God's salvation to the upright.'

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**GOSPEL:**Matthew 10:34 - 11:1

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



**TUESDAY 14 JULY 2020**

*Tuesday of the 15th Week Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

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

**FIRST READING:**Isaiah 7:1-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 47:2-8

The Lord is great and worthy to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain rises in beauty, the joy of all the earth.

Mount Zion, true pole of the earth, the Great King's city! God, in the midst of its citadels, has shown himself its stronghold.

For the kings assembled together, together they advanced. They saw, at once they were astounded; dismayed, they fled in fear.

A trembling seized them there, like the pangs of birth, or as the east wind destroys the ships of Tarshish.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**Matthew 11:20-24

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



*Spend some quiet time with the Lord*

## **WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2020**

*St Bonaventure*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I will look after my sheep, says the Lord,  
and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture  
them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 93:5-10, 14-15

They crush your people, Lord,  
they afflict the ones you have chosen.  
They kill the widow and the stranger  
and murder the fatherless child.

And they say: 'The Lord does not see;  
the God of Jacob pays no heed.'  
Mark this. most senseless of people;  
fools, when will you understand?

Can he who made the ear not hear?  
Can he who formed the eye not see?  
Will he who trains nations not punish?  
Will he who teaches men not have  
knowledge?

The Lord will not abandon his people  
nor forsake those who are his own:  
for judgement shall again be just  
and all true hearts shall uphold it.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth; you have revealed to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 11:25-27

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

It was not you who chose me, says the  
Lord, but I who chose you and appointed  
you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

## **THURSDAY 16 JULY 2020**

*Thursday of the 15th Week Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

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

**FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 101:13-21

You, O Lord, will endure for ever  
and your name from age to age.  
You will arise and have mercy on Zion:  
for this is the time to have mercy,  
for your servants love her very stones,  
are moved with pity even for her dust.

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.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are  
burdened, and I will give you rest, says the  
Lord.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 11:28-30

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my  
blood remains in me and I in him, says the  
Lord.

## **FRIDAY 17 JULY 2020**

*Friday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

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

### **FIRST READING:**

Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Is 38:10-12, 16

I said, 'So I must go away, my life half spent, assigned to the world below for the rest of my years.'

I said, 'No more shall I see the Lord in the land of the living, no more shall I look upon men within this world.'

'My home is pulled up and removed like a shepherd's tent. Like a weaver you have rolled up my life, you cut it from the loom.'

'For you, Lord, my heart will live, you gave me back my spirit; you cured me, kept me alive, changed my sickness into health.'

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL:**Matthew 12:1-8

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



*. Spend some quiet time  
with the Lord*

## **SATURDAY 18 JULY 2020**

*Saturday of the 15th Week Ordinary Time*

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

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

### **FIRST READING:**Micah 2:1-5

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 9B:1-4, 7-8, 14

***R. Do not forget the poor, O Lord!***

Lord, why do you stand afar off and hide yourself in times of distress?

The poor man is devoured by the pride of the wicked: he is caught in the schemes that others have made. **R**

For the wicked man boasts of his heart's desires; the covetous blasphemes and spurns the Lord. In his pride the wicked says: 'He will not punish. There is no God.' Such are his thoughts. **R**

His mouth is full of cursing, guile, oppression, mischief and deceit under his tongue. He lies in wait among the reeds; the innocent he murders in secret. **R**

But you have seen the trouble and sorrow, you note it, you take it in hand.

The helpless trusts himself to you; for you are the helper of the orphan. **R**

### **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 12:14-21

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

## **MONDAY 20 JULY 2020**

*Monday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time*

### **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:** Micah 6:1-4, 6-8

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 49:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

'Summon before me my people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.'

The heavens proclaim his justice, you forgave the guilt of your people and covered all their sins.

You averted all your rage, you calmed the heat of your anger.

Revive us now, God, our helper!  
Put an end to your grievance against us.  
Will you be angry with us for ever,  
will your anger never cease?

Will you not restore again our life  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

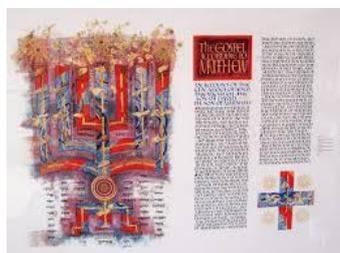
Alleluia, alleluia!

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 12:38-42

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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



## **TUESDAY 21 JULY 2020**

*Tuesday of the 16th Week Ordinary Time*

### **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:** Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 84:2-8

O Lord, you once favoured your land  
and revived the fortunes of Jacob,  
you forgave the guilt of your people  
and covered all their sins.  
You averted all your rage,  
you calmed the heat of your anger.

Revive us now, God, our helper!  
Put an end to your grievance against us.  
Will you be angry with us for ever,  
will your anger never cease?

Will you not restore again our life  
that your people may rejoice in you?  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them, and we will  
come to them.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 12:46-50

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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

**WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2020**

*St Mary Magdalene*

**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.

**FIRST READING:** Song of Songs 3:1-4

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

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.

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.

For you have been my help; in the shadow  
of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; your right hand  
holds me fast.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Tell us Mary, what did you see on the  
way? I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I  
saw his empty tomb.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 20:1-2, 11-18

**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.

**THURSDAY 23 JULY 2020**

*Thursday of the 16th Week Ordinary Time*

**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:**

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 35:6-11

Your love, Lord, reaches to heaven;  
your truth to the skies.  
Your justice is like God's mountain,  
your judgements like the deep.

O Lord, how precious is your love.  
My God, the sons of men find refuge in the  
shelter of your wings. They feast on the  
riches of your house; they drink from the  
stream of your delight.

In you is the source of life  
and in your light we see light.  
Keep on loving those who know you,  
doing justice for upright hearts.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth; you have revealed to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 13:10-17

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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

## **FRIDAY 24 JULY 2020**

*Friday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time*

### **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:** Jeremiah 3:14-17

### **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!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 13:18-23

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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



## **SATURDAY 25 JULY 2020**

*St James*

### **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.

**FIRST READING:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 125

### **R. Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 20:20-28

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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

**MONDAY 27 JULY 2020**

*Monday of the 17th Week in Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 13:1-11

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Deuteronomy 32:18-21

You forget the Rock who begot you, unmindful now of the God who fathered you. The Lord had 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!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**Matthew 13:31-35

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

**TUESDAY 28 JULY 2020**

*Tuesday of the 17th Week Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**FIRST READING:**Jeremiah 14:17-22

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 78:8-9, 11, 13

Do not hold the guilt of our fathers against us. Let your compassion hasten to meet us for we are in the depths of distress.

O God our saviour, come to our help, come for the sake of the glory of your name. O Lord our God, forgive us our sins; rescue us for the sake of your name.

Let the groans of the prisoners come before you; let your strong arm relieve those condemned to die. But we, your people, the flock of your pasture, will give you thanks for ever and ever. We will tell your praise from age to age.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**Matthew 13:36-43

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



**WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020**

*St Martha*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

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

**FIRST READING:** John 4:7-16

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 33:2-11

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**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:** Luke 10:38-42

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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

**THURSDAY 30 JULY 2020**

*Thursday of the 17th Week Ordinary Time*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 18:1-6

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 145:2-6

My soul, give praise to the Lord; I will praise the Lord all my days, make music to my God while I live.

Put no trust in princes, in mortal men in whom there is no help. Take their breath, they return to clay and their plans that day come to nothing.

He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who alone make heaven and earth, the seas and all they contain.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 13:47, 53

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

**FRIDAY 31 JULY 2020**

*St Ignatius of Loyola*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 26:1-9

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 68:5, 8-10, 14

More numerous than the hairs on my head are those who hate me without cause. Those who attack me with lies are too much for my strength. How can I restore what I have never stolen?

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 13:54-58

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Thus says the Lord: I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were kindled!



*Spend some quiet time  
with the Lord*

**SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2020**

*St Alphonsus Liguori*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is just; the law of his God is in his heart

**FIRST READING:**

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 68:15-16, 30-31, 33-34

***R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.***

Rescue me from sinking in the mud; save me from my foes. Save me from the waters of the deep lest the waves overwhelm me. Do not let the deep engulf me nor death close its mouth on me. **R**

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; For the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 14:1-12

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield his fruit in due season.



O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

24 / 25 May 2020