

SATURDAY

SS JOHN FISHER, BISHOP & THOMAS MORE, MARTYR

John Fisher was beheaded in 1535. He had been chancellor of Cambridge University and Bishop of Rochester. He was a dedicated pastor who defended the primacy of the Roman Pontiff.

Thomas More was Chancellor of England for Henry VIII and opposed the divorce of the King to Queen Catherine. He was also beheaded in 1535.

Entrance Antiphon:

These are the brave who resisted the king's command, saying: in this matter it is our duty to disobey.

The Gloria

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 6: 18, 21, 24-31

I am glad to suffer because of the awe which he inspires in me.

Responsorial Psalm:

Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy are those who are persecuted in the cause of right, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 24: 4-13

You will be hated by all the nations on account of my name.

Communion Antiphon:

Holy men shed their glorious blood for the Lord; they loved Christ in their life, they imitated him in their death, and therefore were crowned in triumph.

SYNOD PRAYER

**Father, we thank you
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
We thank you for the gift of the Church,
through which you show us
that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.**

**As we journey together to Synod 2020
help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.
May your Holy Spirit be powerfully
at work among us.**

**Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope
and Malcolm, our Archbishop.**

**Help us to respond
to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.**

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

ORDINARY TIME WEEK XI

16th June - 22nd June 2019

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray especially for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and others; Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Evangelisation: That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

MONDAY Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10

Let us prove we are servants of God.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord has made known his salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-42

I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance.

Communion Antiphon:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

TUESDAY

St John Rigby, Martyr

John was born in c 1570 at Harrock Hall, Eccleston near Chorley. Working as a steward for Sir Edmund Huddleston he was sent to the sessions house of the Old Bailey to plead illness for the absence of Sir Edmund's daughter, who had been summoned on a charge of recusancy. A commissioner then questioned Rigby about his own religious beliefs. Rigby acknowledged he was Catholic and was sent to Newgate. Twice he was given the chance to recant but refused. He told the judge that his sentence for treason "is the thing which I desire". He was executed by hanging.

Entrance Antiphon:

This holy man fought to the death for the law of his God and did not fear the words of the godless, for he was built on solid rock.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9
Christ became poor for your sake.

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5: 43-48
Love your enemies.

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me, says the Lord.

WEDNESDAY

St Romauld, Abbot

After a violent killing in his family, Romuald became a monk. He is remembered for combining the severe life of a hermit with the Benedictine Community. He died in 1027.

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11
God loves a cheerful giver.

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy the man who fears the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you; through him give thanks to God the Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.

Communion Antiphon:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

THURSDAY

St Alban, First Martyr of Britain

Alban died in the 3rd century and is the proto-martyr of England. According to legend he was a pagan soldier who was converted to Christianity. He was martyred because he helped the priest who had converted him to escape from his pursuers.

Entrance Antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 11: 1-11

I preached the gospel of God to you and took no fee for it.

Responsorial Psalm:

Your works, O Lord, are justice and truth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 6: 7-15

You should pray like this.

Communion Antiphon:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

FRIDAY

St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

Aloysius cared for, and was devoted to the sick, working in a plague hospital. He pursued a religious vocation as a Jesuit despite family opposition. He caught the plague contracted while caring for its victims and died in 1591.

Entrance Antiphon:

The clean of hands and pure of heart shall climb the mountain of the Lord and stand in his holy place.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 11: 18, 21-30

To leave out much more, there is my preoccupation: my anxiety for all the churches.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord rescues the just in all their distress.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Matthew 6: 19-23

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Communion Antiphon:

God gave them bread from heaven; man ate the bread of Angels.