

Communion Antiphon:

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

## SATURDAY

### *St Aidan, Bishop & the Saints of Lindisfarne Our Lady on Saturday*

*Born in Ireland, Aiden was sent to Northumbria when King Oswald asked for help in converting his kingdom and established a monastery on the island of Lindisfarne. With him are also remembered all those holy abbots, bishops and teachers and missionaries who made Lindisfarne a cradle for English Christianity.*

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: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11

*You have learnt from God yourselves to love one another.*

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the people with fairness.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

*You have shown you can be faithful in small things, come and join in your master's happiness.*

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.

## 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 XXI

25<sup>th</sup> August - 31<sup>st</sup> August 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 families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".*

## MONDAY

### Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest

*Dominic Barberi came from Viterbo, Italy and became a Passionist. He founded four Passionist houses, by his preaching and example inspired many and was responsible for receiving Blessed John Henry Newman into the Church.*

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First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10

*You broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and you are waiting for his Son, whom he raised from the dead.*

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord takes delight in his people

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22

*Alas for you, blind guides!*

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## TUESDAY

### St Monica

*Monica was born in North Africa, married to the dissolute Patricius and mother of three children, including St Augustine of Hippo. An exemplary Christian mother she endured much family strife but lived to see her son baptised a Christian.*

Entrance Antiphon:

The woman who fears the Lord will herself be praised. Her children have called her most blessed, her husband has sung her praises.

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well.*

Responsorial Psalm:

O Lord, you search me and you know me.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23: 23-26

*You should have practiced these matters of the Law, without neglecting the others.*

Communion Antiphon:

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant who travels in search of fine pearls and who, on finding one of great price, sold everything and bought it.

## WEDNESDAY

### St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor

*Augustine was born in north Africa and died at Hippo in 430. He was a free-spirit as a youth and converted late to Christianity. He was a great thinker and outstanding preacher.*

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 Thessalonians 2:9-13

*Slaving night and day, we were proclaiming the Good News to you.*

Responsorial Psalm:

O Lord, you search me and you know me.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23: 27-32

*You are the sons of those who murdered the prophets.*

Communion Antiphon:

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

## THURSDAY

### The Passion of John the Baptist

*For rebuking Herod Antipas for taking Herodias, his half-brother's wife, John was imprisoned. Rashly Herod promised Salome, Herodias' daughter, whatever she wanted after she had danced before him. Herodias told her to ask for John the Baptist's head.*

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

*Stand up and tell them all I command you; do not be dismayed at their presence.*

Responsorial Psalm:

My lips will tell of your help.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Mark 6: 17-29

*I want you to give me John the Baptist's head, here and now, on a dish.*

Communion Antiphon:

John answered and said: He must increase; but I must decrease.

## FRIDAY

### St Edmund Arrowsmith, Priest and Martyr

*Born in Haydock Lancashire, Edmund was educated in Douai and martyred for his priesthood in Lancaster.*

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 of solid rock.

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8

*What God wants is for you all to be holy.*

Responsorial Psalm:

Rejoice, you just, in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

*The bridegroom is here, go out and meet him.*