

Communion Antiphon:

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

**SATURDAY
THE EXALTATION
OF THE HOLY CROSS**

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629.

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

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9

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

Responsorial Psalm:

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

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.

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 XXIII**

8th September - 14th September 2019

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray especially for: Students & Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the Fruit of Human Work; 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

Universal: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

MONDAY

St Peter Claver, Priest

Peter died in 1654 and was called 'Slave of the Negroes' for his work in Columbia where he worked tirelessly for their welfare and conversion.

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:

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

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

St Ambrose Barlow, Martyr

After studying at Douai and Valladolid, Ambrose entered the Benedictine Order and ministered to the many Catholics in the Manchester area. He was famed for his preaching and his love of the poor. Imprisoned on a number of occasions, he was finally arrested and executed at Lancaster in 1641.

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: Colossians 2:6-15

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

Responsorial Psalm:

How good is the Lord to all.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

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

Communion Antiphon:

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

WEDNESDAY

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 3: 1-11

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

Responsorial Psalm:

How good is the Lord to all.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Luke 6: 20-26

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

Communion Antiphon:

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THURSDAY

Holy Name of Mary

IOM: Our Lady of Rushden

God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus her name is a name of honour, a holy name, a maternal name and a name responsive to the needs of the church.

Entrance Antiphon:

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

First Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Be clothed in love.

Responsorial Psalm:

Let everything that breathes give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6: 27-38

Love your enemies.

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FRIDAY

St John Chrysostom

Bishop and Doctor

John was born in 347 and died in 407. His reforms, preaching and ascetic life led to opposition for court and clergy and eventual banishment. Chrysostom means 'Golden Mouthed' since he was a renowned and eloquent preacher.

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 forever.

First Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 1-2,12-14

I used to be a blasphemer, but the mercy of God was shown me.

Responsorial Psalm:

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! He sends out his word to the earth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:39-42

Christ above in torment hangs; she beneath beholds the pangs of her dying glorious son.