

**Monday-Saturday—20th to 25th June 2022**

**12th Week in Ordinary Time- Year 2**

**MONDAY**

*Mass of the Day*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.**

**READING: 2 Kings 17:5-8. 13-15. 18**

The king of Assyria invaded the whole country and, coming to Samaria, laid siege to it for three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria. He settled them in Halah on the Habor, a river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

This happened because the Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, out of the grip of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. They worshipped other gods, they followed the practices of the nations that the Lord had dispossessed for them.

And yet through all the prophets and all the seers the Lord had given Israel and Judah this warning, 'Turn from your wicked ways and keep my commandments and my law in accordance with the entire Law I laid down for your fathers and delivered to them through my servants the prophets.' But they would not listen, they were more stubborn than their ancestors had been who had no faith in the Lord their God. They despised his laws and the covenant he had made with their ancestors, and the warnings he had given them. For this, the Lord was enraged with Israel and thrust them away from him. There was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

**PSALM: Help us with your right hand, O Lord, and answer us.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Mt 7:1-5**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; because the judgements you give are the judgements you will get, and the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How dare you say to your brother, "Let me take the splinter out of your eye", when all the time there is a plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take

the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take the splinter out of your brother's eye.'

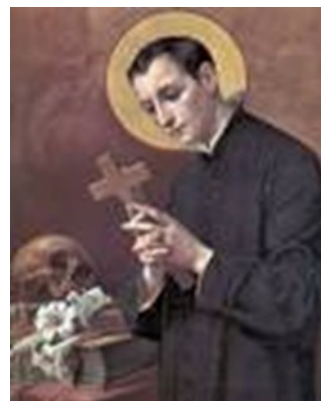
**The Word of the Lord**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**

**TUESDAY**

*Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga  
(Alternative Readings used)*



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

**READING: 1 Jn 5:1-5**

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

**PSALM: You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mt 22:34-40

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

A lawyer, to disconcert Jesus, put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

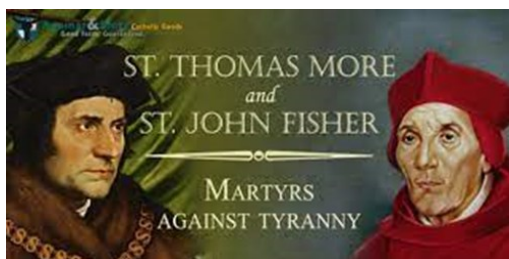
**The Word of the Lord**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **God gave them bread from heaven: man ate the bread of Angels.**

### WEDNESDAY

*Sts John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs  
(Alternative Readings used)*



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ for ever.**

**The Gloria is said.**

READING: *1 Peter 4:12-19*

My dear people, you must not think it unaccountable that you should be tested by fire. There is nothing extraordinary in what has happened to you. If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one. The time has come for the judgement to begin at the household of God; and if what we know now is only the beginning, what will it be when it comes down to those who refuse to believe God's Good News? If it is hard for a good man to be saved, what will happen to the wicked and to sinners? So even those whom God allows to suffer must trust themselves to the constancy of the creator and go on doing good.

PSALM: **Those who sow in tears, shall reap with shouts of joy.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

GOSPEL: *Matthew 10:34-39*

Jesus said to his apostles: 'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to earth: it is not peace I have come to bring, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man's enemies will be those of his own household.

'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

**The Word of the Lord**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.**

### THURSDAY

*Mass of the Day*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.**

READING: *2 Kings 24:8-17.*

Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he came to the throne, and he reigned for three months in Jerusalem.

His mother's name was Nehushta, daughter of Elnathan, from Jerusalem. He did what is displeasing to the Lord, just as his father had done.

At that time the troops of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon marched on Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon himself came to attack the city while his troops were besieging it.

Then Jehoiachin king of Judah surrendered to the king of Babylon, he, his mother, his officers, his nobles and his eunuchs, and the king of Babylon took them prisoner.

This was in the eighth year of King Nebuchadnezzar.

The latter carried off all the treasures of the Temple of the Lord and the treasures of the royal

palace, and broke up all the golden furnishings that Solomon king of Israel had made for the sanctuary of the Lord, as the Lord had foretold. He carried off all Jerusalem into exile, all the nobles and all the notables, ten thousand of these were exiled, with all the blacksmiths and metalworkers; only the poorest people in the country were left behind.

He deported Jehoiachin to Babylon, as also the king's mother, his eunuchs and the nobility of the country; he made them all leave Jerusalem for exile in Babylon.

All the men of distinction, seven thousand of them, the blacksmiths and metal workers, one thousand of them, all of them men capable of bearing arms, were led into exile in Babylon by the king of Babylon.

The king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in succession to him, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

**PSALM: For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and will come to them.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 7:21-29**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'It is not those who say to me, "Lord, Lord," who will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven. When the day comes many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, cast out demons in your name, work many miracles in your name?" Then I shall tell them to their faces: I have never known you; away from me, you evil men!

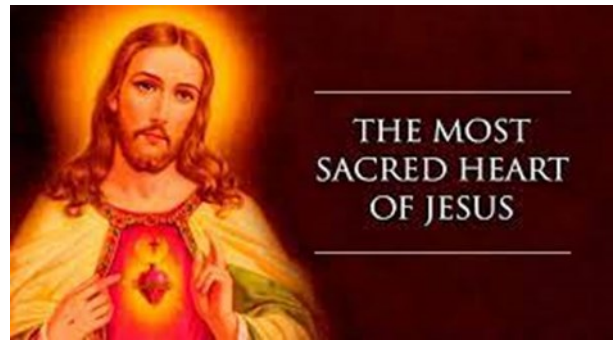
'Therefore, everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and hurled themselves against that house, and it did not fall: it was founded on rock. But everyone who listens to these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a stupid man who built his house on sand. Rain came down, floods rose, gales blew and struck that house, and it fell: and what a fall it had!'

Jesus had now finished what he wanted to say, and his teaching made a deep impression on the people because he taught them with authority, and not like their own scribes.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**

**FRIDAY**

*Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The designs of his heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**

**The Gloria is said.**

**FIRST READING: Ezek 34:11-16**

The Lord God says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I shall bring them out of the countries where they are; I shall gather them together from foreign countries and bring them back to their own land. I shall pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in every inhabited place in the land. I shall feed them in good pasturage; the high mountains of Israel will be their grazing ground. There they will rest in good grazing ground; they will browse in rich pastures on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

**PSALM: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

**SECOND READING: Rom 5:5-11**

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God,

through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 15:3-7**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus spoke this parable to the scribes and Pharisees:

‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.’

**The Word of the Lord**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.**

## **SATURDAY**

*Solemnity of The Nativity of St John the Baptist*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.**

**The Gloria is said.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-6.**

‘Islands, listen to me,  
pay attention, remotest peoples.  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
from my mother’s womb he pronounced my name.  
He made my mouth a sharp sword,  
and hid me in the shadow of his hand.  
He made me into a sharpened arrow,  
and concealed me in his quiver.  
He said to me, ‘You are my servant Israel,  
in whom I shall be glorified’;  
while I was thinking, ‘I have toiled in vain,  
I have exhausted myself for nothing’;  
and all the while my cause was with the Lord,  
my reward with my God.  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:

‘It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the  
survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the  
earth.’

**PSALM: I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**

**SECOND READING: Acts 13:22-26.**

Paul said: ‘God made David the king of our  
ancestors,

of whom he approved in these words, “I have  
elected David son of Jesse, a man after my own  
heart, who will carry out my whole purpose.” To  
keep his promise,

God has raised up for Israel one of David’s  
descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was  
heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of  
repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before  
John ended his career he said, “I am not the one  
you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me  
and I am not fit to undo his sandal.”

‘My brothers, sons of Abraham’s race, and all you  
who fear God, this message of salvation is meant  
for you.’

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:57-66, 80**

*reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.*

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. ‘No,’ she said ‘he is to be called John.’ They said to her, ‘But no one in your family has that name’, and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called.

The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, ‘His name is John.’ And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts.

‘What will this child turn out to be?’ they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

**The Word of the Lord**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.**