

Monday-Saturday, 20th—25th September 2021

25th Week in Ordinary Time - Year 1

MONDAY

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& companions*



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: The blood of the holy Martyrs was poured out for Christ upon the earth; therefore they have gained everlasting rewards.

READING: Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.
In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us, like annihilation;
but they are in peace.
If they experienced punishment as men see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.
God has put them to the test
and proved them worthy to be with him;
he has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.
When the time comes for his visitation they will shine
out; as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.
They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,
and the Lord will be their king for ever.
They who trust in him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with him in love;
for grace and mercy await those he has chosen

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

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: Luke 9:23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To all Jesus said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it. What gain, then, is it for a man to have won the whole world and to have lost or ruined his very self? For if anyone is ashamed of me and of my words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his own glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels.

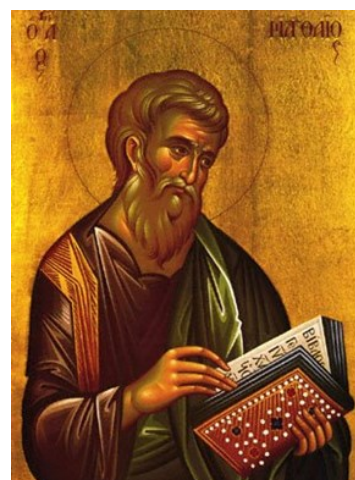
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father, says the Lord.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

TUESDAY

St Matthew



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, says the Lord.

The Gloria (Gloria to God in the highest) is said.

READING: *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

PSALM: **Their message goes out through all the earth.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you; the glorious company of apostles praise you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 9:9-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

As Jesus was walking on he saw a man named Matthew sitting by the customs house, and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

While he was at dinner in the house it happened that a number of tax collectors and sinners came to sit at the table with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples,

'Why does your master eat with tax collectors and sinners?' When he heard this he replied, 'It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but the sick. Go and learn the meaning of the words: What I want is mercy, not sacrifice. And indeed I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **I did not come to call the just, but sinners, says the Lord.**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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WEDNESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

FIRST READING: *Ezra 9:5-9*

A reading from the book of Ezra.

At the evening sacrifice I, Ezra, came out of my stupor and falling on my knees, with my garment and cloak torn, I stretched out my hands to the Lord my God, and said:

'My God, I am ashamed, I blush to lift my face to you, my God. For our crimes have increased, until they are higher than our heads, and our sin has piled up to heaven. From the days of our ancestors until now our guilt has been great; on account of our crimes we, our kings and our priests, were given into the power of the kings of other countries, given to the sword, to captivity, to pillage and to shame, as is the case today. But now, suddenly, the Lord our God by his favour has left us a remnant and granted us a refuge in his holy place; this is how our God has cheered our eyes and given us a little respite in our slavery. For we are slaves: but God has not forgotten us in our slavery; he has shown us kindness in the eyes of the kings of Persia, obtaining permission for us to rebuild the Temple of our God and restore its ruins, and he has found us safety and shelter in Judah and in Jerusalem.'

PSALM: **Blessed be God who lives for ever.**

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

GOSPEL: *Luke 9:1-6*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus called the Twelve together and gave them power and authority over all devils and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, 'Take nothing for the journey: neither staff, nor haversack, nor bread, nor money, and let none of you take a spare tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there; and when you leave, let it be from there. As for those who do not welcome you, when you leave their town shake the dust from your feet as a sign to them.' So they set out and went from village to village proclaiming the Good News and healing everywhere.

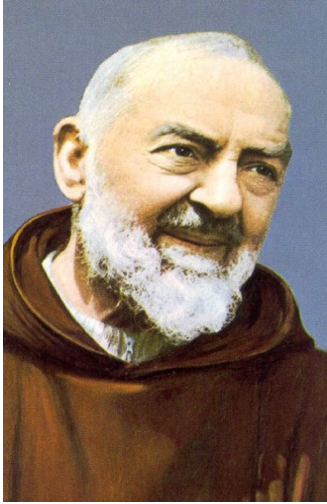
COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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THURSDAY

St Pius of Pietrelcina



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

READING: Haggai 1:1-8

A reading from the prophet Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord was addressed through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, high commissioner of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, as follows, ‘The Lord of hosts says this, “This people says: The time has not yet come to rebuild the temple of the Lord. (And the word of the Lord was addressed through the prophet Haggai, as follows:) Is this a time for you to live in your panelled houses, when this House lies in ruins? So now the Lord of hosts says this: Reflect carefully how things have gone for you. You have sown much and harvested little; you eat but never have enough, drink but never have your fill, put on clothes but do not feel warm. The wage earner gets his wages only to put them in a purse riddled with holes. Reflect carefully how things have gone for you. So go to the hill country, fetch wood, and rebuild the House: I shall then take pleasure in it, and be glorified there, says the Lord.”’

PSALM: The Lord takes delight in his people.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

**Be watchful, pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 9:7-9

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Herod the tetrarch had heard about all that was being done by Jesus; and he was puzzled, because some people were saying that John had risen from the dead, others that Elijah had reappeared, still others that one of the ancient prophets had come back to life. But Herod said,

‘John? I beheaded him. So who is this I hear such reports about?’ And he was anxious to see Jesus.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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FRIDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

READING: Haggai 1:15—2:9

A reading from the prophet Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, on the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the Lord was addressed through the prophet Haggai, as follows, ‘You are to speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, high commissioner of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to all the remnant of the people. Say this, “Who is there left among you that saw this Temple in its former glory? And how does it look to you now? Does it seem nothing to you? But take courage now, Zerubbabel – it is the Lord who speaks. Courage, High Priest Joshua son of Zehozadak! Courage, all you people of the country! – it is the Lord who speaks. To work! I am with you – it is the Lord of hosts who speaks – and my spirit remains among you. Do not be afraid! For the Lord of hosts says this: A little while now, and I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all the nations and the treasures of all the nations shall flow in, and I will fill this Temple with glory, says the Lord of hosts. Mine is the silver, mine the gold! – it is the Lord of hosts who speaks. The new glory of this Temple is going to surpass the old, says the Lord of hosts, and in this place I will give peace – it is the Lord of hosts who speaks.”’

PSALM: Hope in God, I will praise him, my saviour and my God!

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 9:18-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

One day when Jesus was praying alone in the presence of his disciples he put this question to them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; others Elijah; and others say one of the ancient prophets come back to life.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' It was Peter who spoke up. 'The Christ of God' he said. But he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone anything about this.

'The Son of Man' he said 'is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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SATURDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

READING: Zechariah 2:5-9. 14-15

A reading from the prophet Zechariah.

Raising my eyes, I saw a vision. It was this: there was a man with a measuring line in his hand. I asked him, 'Where are you going?' He said, 'To measure Jerusalem, to find out her breadth and her length.' And then, while the angel who was talking to me stood still, another angel came forward to meet him. He said to him, 'Run, and tell that young man this, "Jerusalem is to remain unwalled, because of the great number of men and cattle there will be in her. But I – it is the Lord who speaks – I will be a wall

of fire for her all round her, and I will be her glory in the midst of her.'"

Sing, rejoice,

daughter of Zion;

for I am coming

to dwell in the middle of you

– it is the Lord who speaks.

Many nations will join the Lord,

on that day;

they will become his people.

PSALM: The Lord will guard us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL: Luke 9:43-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At a time when everyone was full of admiration for all he did, Jesus said to his disciples, 'For your part, you must have these words constantly in your mind: The Son of Man is going to be handed over into the power of men.' But they did not understand him when he said this; it was hidden from them so that they should not see the meaning of it, and they were afraid to ask him about what he had just said.

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Holy Mass via Zoom

There will be Holy Rosary at 8.45am, followed by Holy Mass via Zoom EVERYDAY until 23rd October. Please use the following link.

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