

Monday-Saturday, 11th-16th October 2021

28th Week in Ordinary Time - Year 1

MONDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**

READING: *Romans 1:1-7*

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

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

PSALM: **The Lord has made known his salvation.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Luke 11:29-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The crowds got even bigger and Jesus addressed them. 'This is a wicked generation; it is asking for a sign. The only sign it will be given is the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. On Judgement day the Queen of the South will rise up with the men of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and there is something greater than Solomon here. On Judgement day the men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation and condemn it, because when Jonah preached they repented; and there is something greater than Jonah here.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: **The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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TUESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**

READING: *Romans 1:16-25*

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

I am not ashamed of the Good News: it is the power of God saving all who have faith – Jews first, but Greeks as well – since this is what reveals the justice of God to us: it shows how faith leads to faith, or as scripture says: The upright man finds life through faith.

The anger of God is being revealed from heaven against all the impiety and depravity of men who keep the truth imprisoned in their wickedness. For what can be known about God is perfectly plain to them since God himself has made it plain. Ever since God created the world his everlasting power and deity – however invisible – have been there for the mind to see in the things he has made. That is why such people are without excuse: they knew God and yet refused to honour him as God or to thank him; instead, they made nonsense out of logic and their empty minds were darkened. The more they called themselves philosophers, the more stupid they grew, until they exchanged the glory of the immortal God for a worthless imitation, for the image of mortal man, of birds, of quadrupeds and reptiles. That is why God left them to their filthy enjoyments and the practices with which they dishonour their own bodies, since they have given up divine truth for a lie and have worshipped and served creatures instead of the creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen!

PSALM: **The heavens proclaim the glory of God.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

GOSPEL: *Luke 11:37-41*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus had just finished speaking when a Pharisee invited him to dine at his house. He went in and sat down at the table. The Pharisee saw this and was surprised that he had not first washed before the meal. But the Lord said to him, 'Oh, you Pharisees! You clean the outside of cup and plate, while inside yourselves you are filled with extortion and wickedness. Fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside too? Instead, give alms from what you have and then indeed everything will be clean for you.'

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WEDNESDAY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**

READING: *Romans 2:1-11*

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

No matter who you are, if you pass judgement you have no excuse. In judging others you condemn yourself, since you behave no differently from those you judge. We know that God condemns that sort of behaviour impartially: and when you judge those who behave like this while you are doing exactly the same, do you think you will escape God's judgement? Or are you abusing his abundant goodness, patience and toleration, not realising that this goodness of God is meant to lead you to repentance? Your stubborn refusal to repent is only adding to the anger God will have towards you on that day of anger when his just judgements will be made known. He will repay each one as his works deserve. For those who sought renown and honour and immortality by always doing good there will be eternal life; for the unsubmitive who refused to take truth for their guide and took depravity instead, there will be anger and fury. Pain and suffering will come to every human being who employs himself in evil – Jews first, but Greeks as well; renown, honour and peace will come to everyone who

does good – Jews first, but Greeks as well. God has no favourites.

PSALM: **Lord, you give back to all according to their works.**

ACCLAMATION: **Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Luke 11:42-46*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The Lord said to the Pharisees: 'Alas for you Pharisees! You who pay your tithes of mint and rue and all sorts of garden herbs and overlook justice and the love of God! These you should have practised, without leaving the others undone. Alas for you Pharisees who like taking the seats of honour in the synagogues and being greeted obsequiously in the market squares! Alas for you, because you are like the unmarked tombs that men walk on without knowing it!' A lawyer then spoke up. 'Master,' he said 'when you speak like this you insult us too.' 'Alas for you lawyers also,' he replies, 'because you load on men burdens that are unendurable, burdens that you yourselves do not move a finger to lift.'

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THURSDAY

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: **If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
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READING: *Romans 3:21-30*

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

God's justice that was made known through the Law and the Prophets has now been revealed outside the Law, since it is the same justice of God that comes through faith to everyone, Jew and pagan alike, who believes in Jesus Christ. Both Jew and pagan sinned and forfeited God's glory, and both are justified through the free gift of his grace by being redeemed in Christ Jesus who was appointed by God to

sacrifice his life so as to win reconciliation through faith. In this way God makes his justice known; first, for the past, when sins went unpunished because he held his hand, then, for the present age, by showing positively that he is just, and that he justifies everyone who believes in Jesus.

So what becomes of our boasts? There is no room for them. What sort of law excludes them? The sort of law that tells us what to do? On the contrary, it is the law of faith, since, as we see it, a man is justified by faith and not by doing something the Law tells him to do. Is God the God of Jews alone and not of the pagans too? Of the pagans too, most certainly, since there is only one God.

PSALM: With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 11:47-54

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said: 'Alas for you who build the tombs of the prophets, the men your ancestors killed! In this way you both witness what your ancestors did and approve it; they did the killing, you do the building.

'And that is why the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles; some they will slaughter and persecute, so that this generation will have to answer for every prophet's blood that has been shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was murdered between the altar and the sanctuary.'" Yes, I tell you, this generation will have to answer for it all.

'Alas for you lawyers who have taken away the key of knowledge! You have not gone in yourselves, and have prevented others going in who wanted to.'

When he left the house, the scribes and the Pharisees began a furious attack on him and tried to force answers from him on innumerable questions, setting traps to catch him out in something he might say.

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FRIDAY

St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

(Alternate Readings used which relate to this Memorial Day)



ENTRANCE 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.

READING: Romans 8:22-27

From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

For we must be content to hope that we shall be saved – our salvation is not in sight, we should not have to be hoping for it if it were – but, as I say, we must hope to be saved since we are not saved yet – it is something we must wait for with patience.

The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness.

For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

PSALM: The judgements of the Lord are true, and all of them are just.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

Remain in my love, says the Lord; all who live in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,
 by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
 Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
 As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
 but must remain part of the vine,
 neither can you unless you remain in me.
 I am the vine,
 you are the branches.
 Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
 bears fruit in plenty;
 for cut off from me you can do nothing.
 Anyone who does not remain in me
 is like a branch that has been thrown away
 – he withers;
 these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
 and they are burnt.
 If you remain in me
 and my words remain in you,
 you may ask what you will
 and you shall get it.
 It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much
 fruit,
 and then you will be my disciples.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity.

Though it seemed Abraham's hope could not be fulfilled, he hoped and he believed, and through doing so he did become the father of many nations exactly as he had been promised: Your descendants will be as many as the stars.

PSALM: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:8-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you, if anyone openly declares himself for me in the presence of men, the Son of Man will declare himself for him in the presence of God's angels. But the man who disowns me in the presence of men will be disowned in the presence of God's angels.

'Everyone who says a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

'When they take you before synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how to defend yourselves or what to say, because when the time comes, the Holy Spirit will teach you what you must say.'

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SATURDAY

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READING: Romans 4:13, 16-18

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

The promise of inheriting the world was not made to Abraham and his descendants on account of any faith. That is why what fulfils the promise depends on faith, so that it may be a free gift and be available to all of Abraham's descendants, not only those who belong to the Law but also those who belong to the faith of Abraham who is the father of all of us. As scripture says: I have made you the ancestor of many nations – Abraham is our father in the eyes of God, in whom he put his faith, and who brings the dead to life and calls into being what does not exist.



Pope's Prayer intention for October 2021

Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples

"We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel."
 – Pope Francis"

Daily Rosary and Holy Mass via Zoom

There will be Holy Rosary at 8.45am, followed by Holy Mass via Zoom.

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