

Monday-Saturday, 9th-14th May 2022

4th Week of Easter- Year 2

MONDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Christ, having risen from the dead, dies now no more; death will no longer have dominion over him, alleluia.

READING: *Acts 11:1-18*

The apostles and the brothers in Judaea heard that the pagans too had accepted the word of God, and when Peter came up to Jerusalem the Jews criticised him and said, 'So you have been visiting the uncircumcised and eating with them, have you?' Peter in reply gave them the details point by point: 'One day, when I was in the town of Jaffa,' he began 'I fell into a trance as I was praying and had a vision of something like a big sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners. This sheet reached the ground quite close to me. I watched it intently and saw all sorts of animals and wild beasts – everything possible that could walk, crawl or fly. Then I heard a voice that said to me, "Now Peter; kill and eat!" But I answered: Certainly not, Lord; nothing profane or unclean has ever crossed my lips. And a second time the voice spoke from heaven. "What God has made clean, you have no right to call profane." This was repeated three times, before the whole of it was drawn up to heaven again.

'Just at that moment, three men stopped outside the house where we were staying; they had been sent from Caesarea to fetch me, and the Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going back with them. The six brothers here came with me as well, and we entered the man's house. He told us he had seen an angel standing in his house who said, "Send to Jaffa and fetch Simon known as Peter; he has a message for you that will save you and your entire household."

'I had scarcely begun to speak when the Holy Spirit came down on them in the same way as it came on us at the beginning, and I remembered that the Lord had said, "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." I realised then that God was giving them the identical thing he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ; and who was I to stand in God's way?' This account satisfied them, and they gave glory to God, 'God' they said, 'can evidently grant even the pagans the repentance that leads to life.'

PSALM: My soul is thirsting for the living God.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *John 10:1-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes

only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life

and have it to the full.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jesus stood in the midst of his disciples and said to them: Peace be with you, alleluia.

TUESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

READING: *Acts 11:19-26*

Those who had escaped during the persecution that happened because of Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, but they usually proclaimed the message only to Jews. Some of them, however, who came from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch where they started preaching to the Greeks, proclaiming the Good News of the Lord Jesus to them as well. The Lord helped them, and a

great number believed and were converted to the Lord.

The church in Jerusalem heard about this and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. There he could see for himself that God had given grace, and this pleased him, and he urged them all to remain faithful to the Lord with heartfelt devotion; for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. And a large number of people were won over to the Lord. Barnabas then left for Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he found him he brought him to Antioch. As things turned out they were to live together in that church a whole year, instructing a large number of people. It was at Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

PSALM: All you nations, praise the Lord.

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

GOSPEL: Jn 10:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

It was the time when the feast of Dedication was being celebrated in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the Temple walking up and down in the Portico of Solomon. The Jews gathered round him and said, 'How much longer are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.' Jesus replied:

'I have told you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name are my witness; but you do not believe, because you are no sheep of mine. The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory, alleluia.

WEDNESDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of our name to my kin, alleluia.

READING: Acts 12:24-13:5

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The word of God continued to spread and to gain followers. Barnabas and Saul completed their task and came back from Jerusalem, bringing John Mark with them.

In the church at Antioch the following were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. One

day while they were offering worship to the Lord and keeping a fast, the Holy Spirit said, 'I want Barnabas and Saul set apart for the work to which I have called them.' So it was that after fasting and prayer they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

So these two, sent on their mission by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and from there sailed to Cyprus. They landed at Salamis and proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. John acted as their assistant.

PSALM: O God, let all the nations praise you.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 12:44-50

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus declared publicly:

'Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me, sees the one who sent me. I, the light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not stay in the dark any more. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them faithfully, it is not I who shall condemn him, since I have come not to condemn the world, but to save the world: he who rejects me and refuses my words has his judge already: the word itself that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day. For what I have spoken does not come from myself; no, what I was to say, what I had to speak, was commanded by the Father who sent me, and I know that his commands mean eternal life. And therefore what the Father has told me is what I speak.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go out and hear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

THURSDAY

Mass of the Day

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

READING: Acts 13:13-25

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and his friends went by sea from Paphos to Perga in Pamphylia where John left them to go back to Jerusalem. The others carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. After the lessons from the Law and the Prophets had been read, the presidents of the synagogue sent

them a message: 'Brothers, if you would like to address some words of encouragement to the congregation, please do so.' Paul stood up, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out, and for about forty years took care of them in the wilderness. When he had destroyed seven nations in Canaan, he put them in possession of their land for about four hundred and fifty years. After this he gave them judges, down from the prophet Samuel. Then they demanded a king, and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin. After forty years, he deposed him and made David their king, of whom he approved in these words: "I have selected 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.'"

PSALM: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia!
Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness, firstborn from the dead; you have loved us and washed away our sins in your blood. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Jn 13:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
After he had washed the feet of his disciples, Jesus said to them:

'I tell you most solemnly,
no servant is greater than his master,
no messenger is greater than the man who sent him.

'Now that you know this, happiness will be yours if you behave accordingly. I am not speaking about all of you: I know the ones I have chosen; but what scripture says must be fulfilled: Someone who shares my table rebels against me.

'I tell you this now, before it happens,
so that when it does happen
you may believe that I am He.
I tell you most solemnly,
whoever welcomes the one I send welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one
who sent me.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

FRIDAY

Our Lady of Fatima
(Standard Readings used)



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

READING: Acts 13:26-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul stood up in the synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia, held up a hand for silence and began to speak: 'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you. What the people of Jerusalem and their rulers did, though they did not realise it, was in fact to fulfil the prophecies read on every sabbath. Though they found nothing to justify his death, they condemned him and asked Pilate to have him executed. When they had carried out everything that scripture foretells about him they took him down from the tree and buried him in a tomb. But God raised him from the dead, and for many days he appeared to those who had accompanied him from Galilee to Jerusalem: and it is these same companions of his who are now his witnesses before our people.

'We have come here to tell you the Good News. It was to our ancestors that God made the promise but it is to us, their children, that he has fulfilled it, by raising Jesus from the dead. As scripture says in the first psalm: You are my son: today I have become your father.'

PSALM: You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.

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: Jn 14:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
Jesus said to the disciples:

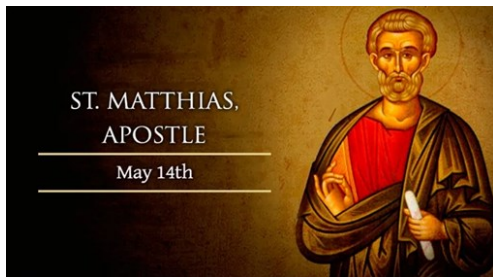
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am
you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.’
Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are
going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through
me.’

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Christ our Lord was
handed over for our transgressions and was raised
again for our justification, alleluia.**

SATURDAY *St Matthias*



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: It was not you who chose
me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and
appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will
last, alleluia.**

READING: Acts 1:15-17. 20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers –
there were about a hundred and twenty persons in
the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture
has to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking
through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who
offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested
Jesus – after having been one of our number and
actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the
Book of Psalms it says:

Let his camp be reduced to ruin,
let there be no one to live in it.

And again:

Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been
with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was
travelling round with us, someone who was with us
right from the time when John was baptising until the
day when he was taken up from us – and he can act
with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as
Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias,
they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart;
show us therefore which of these two you have
chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate,
which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’
They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to
Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

**PSALM: The Lord will give him a seat with the
leaders of his people.**

**ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!
I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord,
to go out and bear fruit that will last. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments

you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father’s commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you

and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love

than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you,

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master’s business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my
commandment: love one another as I love you,
says the Lord**

SECOND FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH ADORATION AT ST PATRICK’S

7.30-8.00 PM: Confessions

8.00-8.30 pm: Mass

**8.30-11pm: Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**