

preserved at Wardley Hall, and his jaw-bone at Saint Ambrose, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

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.

The Gloria is recited.

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Response to the Psalm

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord; the noble army of martyrs praise you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:17-20: You will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the pagans.

Communion Antiphon

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

SATURDAY

Weekday *or* Saturday Mass of Our Lady [OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Entrance Antiphon

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

[BVM: Happy are you, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God, through whom we have been saved and redeemed.]

First Reading

1 Timothy 1:15-17: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Response to the Psalm

May the name of the Lord be blessed for evermore!

Gospel Acclamation

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:43-49: Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord' and not do what I say?

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.

[BVM: The Lord has looked on his lowly handmaid; behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.]

SOME COMMON MASS TEXTS

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE MARIAN ANTHEM

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus: O clement, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

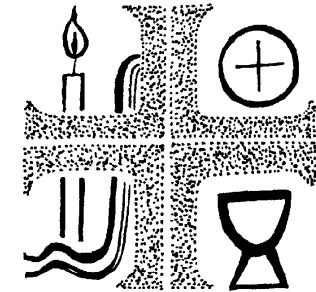


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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

TWENTY THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

6th—11th September 2021



THE SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Paul, writing to the Colossians, teaches about what it means to live in Christ: to live in Christ means to choose good over evil - to reject what does not come from God. On Friday we begin Paul's first letter to Timothy, his companion for many years, whom he has sent to the Church in Ephesus. It is full of practical advice for a pastor: Paul begins by pointing out his own unworthiness. In the Gospel (Luke 6) we see Jesus curing again, then praying before calling his apostles; he then begins a great discourse, where he teaches the people about the true fulfilling of the Law. It is vital that we are people of good acts, not just words and intentions.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and Their Families.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS (September)

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

MONDAY 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 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

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

Gospel Reading

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 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 2:6-15: The Lord has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven you all your sins.

Response to the Psalm

How good is the Lord to all.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:12-19: Jesus spent the whole night in prayer and he picked twelve whom he called 'apostles'.

Communion Antiphon

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WEDNESDAY

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[FEAST]

Entrance Antiphon

Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

The Gloria is sung or recited.

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4: The time will come when she who is to give birth will give birth.

Or Romans 8:28-30: Those whom God foreknew he also predestined.

Response to the Psalm

I exult for joy in the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, for the sun of justice, Christ our God, was born of you.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:1-16. 18-23: Mary has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the Virgin will bear a son, who will save his people from their sins.

THURSDAY

Weekday *or* Saint Peter Claver, Priest [OPTIONAL MEMORIAL]

Saint Peter Claver: born in Spain in 1580, Peter studied at the University of Barcelona before becoming a Jesuit; he joined the Jesuit mission in Colombia, where he spent his life in ministering to the slaves arriving from Africa in the most dreadful conditions. He referred to himself as the "servant of the slaves", and continued this work until his death in 1654.

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: Put on love.

Responsorial Psalm

Let everything that breathes give praise to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38: Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate.

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.

FRIDAY

Saint Ambrose Barlow, Priest and Martyr [FEAST]

Saint Ambrose Barlow: born in 1585 at Barlow Hall in Chorlton-cum-Hardy, he became a Benedictine after his studies at Douai and Valladolid, before returning to Manchester to work for the Catholics of this region. He was famed for his preaching and love of the poor, walking long distances in order to fulfil his ministry. He was imprisoned at least four times, before his final arrest and execution at Lancaster in 1641. His skull is