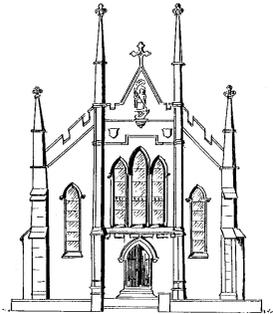


DAILY PRAYERS WEEK TWO



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Sunday – Week 2

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of Your people
and bestow Your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 1:35-42

Today's prayer:

Loving God,
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.
Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, Your gift.
Be present to those in need in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.
Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront
the consequences of the global pandemic.
Make us courageous in embracing the changes
required to seek the common good.
Now more than ever,
may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.
Enable us to succeed in listening and responding
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.
May their current sufferings
become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.
Through Christ our Lord,
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians. Amen.

Pope Francis

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Today's Gospel reading: Mark 2:18-22

Today's prayer:

Lord God, You came to give honour
to the least, those forgotten, overlooked and misjudged.
You came to give first place to the last,
those left behind, misunderstood and undervalued.
You came to give a warm welcome to the lost,
those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute.
Help us to be Your ears to listen to their cries.
Help us to be Your voice speaking out love and acceptance.
Help us to be Your feet walking beside those in need.
Help us to be Your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them.
You came for the least, the lost and last of this world.
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Tuesday – Week 2

St Wulstan, Bishop

Collect:

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who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of Your people
and bestow Your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mk 2:23-28

Today's prayer:

Fill us, we pray You, Lord our God,
with that spirit of charity
which burned in the heart of Saint Wulstan Your Bishop,
that as he honoured You by faithful service of Your poor,
so by the help of his prayers
we may live lives of service and of charity,
and attain to the blessed life of Your kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Wulstan, Pray for us

that we may become worthy to enter into the joys of eternal life.

St Wulstan (1008-1095) was born at Long Itchington in Warwickshire.

In his early youth, he was noted for his special religious and spiritual nature. He studied at Evesham and Peterborough Abbeys and then joined the Benedictine Monastery, in Worcester where he was ordained a priest in 1038. He served as Prior until in 1062 was appointed Bishop of Worcester.

He was the last surviving pre-Conquest bishop and the only English-born bishop after 1075. St Wulstan is the patron Saint of vegetarians and dieters due to his being distracted at Mass one day by the smell of a cooking goose, after which event he swore never to eat meat again!

Wednesday – Week 2

St Fabian, Pope and Martyr

St Sebastian, Martyr

Collect:

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who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of Your people
and bestow Your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mark 3:1-6

Today's prayer:

Lord, so great was their love for You
that even though St Fabian and St Sebastian walked in a world
where speaking Your Name meant certain death
they still proclaimed it.
Help us work for a world where all may speak their creeds
and pray their prayers without fear of violence.
Hear the prayers of those who abide with You
in dangerous times and in dark valleys,
and who die with Your Name on their lips.
Draw them quickly to Your side
where they might know eternal peace.

St Fabian, Pray for us
St Sebastian, Pray for us

Pope Saint Fabian (200, Rome – 250, Rome)

was the bishop of Rome from 10th January 236 until his death on 20th January 250. A dove is said to have descended on his head to mark him as the Holy Spirit's unexpected choice to become the next pope.

Saint Sebastian (256 Narbonne, France - 287, Rome) was killed during during the Roman emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians. He was initially tied to a post or tree and shot with arrows, though this did not kill him. He was, according to tradition, rescued and healed by Saint Irene of Rome.

Thursday – St Agnes

Virgin Martyr

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
who choose what is weak in the world to confound the strong,
mercifully grant,
that we, who celebrate the heavenly birthday of Your Martyr Saint Agnes,
may follow her constancy in the faith.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 13:44-46

Today's prayer:

To St Agnes of Rome to Protect the Young

Saint Agnes, so young and yet made so strong
and wise by the power of God,
protect by your prayers
all the young people of every place
whose goodness and purity are threatened by the evils
and impurities of this world.
Give them strength in temptation
and a true repentance when they fail.
Help them to find true Christian friends
to accompany them in following the Lamb of God
and finding safe pastures in His Church
and in her holy sacraments.
May you lead us
to the wedding banquet of heaven
to rejoice with you and all the virgin martyrs in Christ
who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

St Agnes, Pray for us

St Agnes of Rome (291 Rome - 304 Rome)

St Agnes is one of several virgin martyrs commemorated by name in the First Eucharistic Prayer. She is depicted in art with a lamb, evoking her name which resembles the Latin word for "lamb", agnus She is also shown with a martyr's palm. She is the patron saint of girls.

Friday – Week 2

St Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of Your people
and bestow Your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mark 3:13-19

Today's prayer:

Almighty God, whose deacon Vincent,
upheld by You, was not terrified by threats
nor overcome by torments:
Strengthen us to endure all adversity
with invincible and steadfast faith;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Vincent of Saragossa, Pray for us

Saint Vincent of Saragossa (also known as Vincent Martyr, Vincent of Huesca or Vincent the Deacon), the Protomartyr of Spain, was a deacon of the Church of Saragossa. He is the patron saint of Lisbon and Valencia. Vincent spent most of his life in the city of Saragossa, where he was educated and ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Valerius of Saragossa, who commissioned Vincent to preach throughout the diocese. Because Valerius suffered from a speech impediment, Vincent acted as his spokesman. When the Roman Emperor Diocletian began persecuting Christians in Spain, both were brought before the Roman governor, Dacian, in Valencia. Vincent and his bishop Valerius were confined to the prison of Valencia. Though he was finally offered release if he would throw the Scriptures on the fire, Vincent refused. Speaking on behalf of his bishop, he informed the judge that they were ready to suffer everything for their faith, and that they could pay no heed either to threats or promises. He was martyred under the Emperor Diocletian around the year 304 and St Valerius was martyred in 319

Saturday – Week 2

Collect:

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who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of Your people
and bestow Your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mark 3:20-21

Today's prayer: Pope Francis' Twin Prayers for the Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey
as a sign of salvation and hope.

“We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

“You, Salvation of all people, know what we need, and we trust that
you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee,
joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

“Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself,
and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the
Resurrection. Amen.

The *Sub tuum praesidium* (a 3rd Century prayer to Our Lady)

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas, we who are put to the test
and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

*(Pope Francis' s prayed his prayer above and the 'Sub tuum...' on his recent visit,
(11th March 2020), to the Shrine of Our Lady Health of the Roman People
(Maria Salus Populi Romani) in the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome
to pray for the people of Italy suffering in the Pandemic)*

Our Lady, Health of Christians, Pray for us.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.

Our Lady, Mirror of Justice, Pray for us.