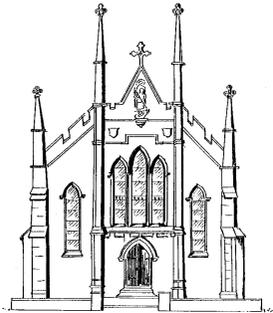


# DAILY PRAYERS

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 2:1-11

### **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*

## Monday – St Anthony of Egypt

Abbot - Patron Saint of skin diseases and those suffering from shingles.

### Collect:

O God, who brought the Abbot Saint Anthony to serve You by a wondrous way of life in the desert, grant, through his intercession, that, denying ourselves, we may always love You above all things. 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 19:16-26

### Today's prayer:

My child, I am the Lord Who gives strength in the day of trouble. Come to Me when all is not well with you. Your tardiness in turning to prayer is the greatest obstacle to heavenly consolation, for before you pray earnestly to Me you first seek many comforts and take pleasure in outward things. Thus, all things are of little profit to you until you realize that I am the one Who saves those who trust in Me, and that outside of Me there is no worth-while help, or any useful counsel or lasting remedy.”

*From 'The Imitation of Christ' by Thomas à Kempis*

St Anthony, Pray for us

*St Anthony (251-356) was born into a wealthy landowner family in Coma, Egypt. He lived until he was 105! At the age of 34, St Anthony, then a Monk, disposed of all his worldly wealth and lived a life of solitude and prayer in the desert, people would bring him food, join him in prayer and seek his healing powers. In 311, he travelled to Alexandria to comfort the many imprisoned Christians destined for martyrdom during the Diocletian period of persecution. Saint Athanasius, his biographer, said, "Anthony was not known for his writings nor for his worldly wisdom, nor for any art, but simply for his reverence toward God".*

## Tuesday – 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:** Mark 2:23-28

### Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father, You have filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold Your gracious hand in all Your works, that, rejoicing in Your whole creation, we may learn to serve You with gladness, for the sake of Him through whom all things were made, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to the Father...

## Wednesday – Week 2

St Wulstan, Bishop

Patron Saint of Vegetarians and dieters (*see below*)

### 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 3:1-6

### 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!*

## Thursday – Week 2

St Fabian, Pope and Martyr

Patron Saint of Rome

St Sebastian, Martyr

Patron saint of archers and athletes and of those who desire a saintly death.

### 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 3:7-12

### 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.*

## Friday – St Agnes

Virgin Martyr - Patron saint of girls

### 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.*

## Saturday – Week 2

St Vincent of Saragossa – Deacon

Patron saint of Lisbon, the Algarve, Valencia, Vicenza, vinegar-makers, wine-makers, the Order of Deacons

### 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 3:20-21

### Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father, since the time of the Apostles  
You have inspired the Church to commission certain members  
to assist in a special way in the pastoral mission of Christ.  
Bless all deacons, especially our Deacons John and George -  
along with Deacon Philip as he prepares for priestly ordination -  
that they may be humble and faith-inspired in their ministry.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saint Vincent of Saragossa, Pray for all deacons and 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*