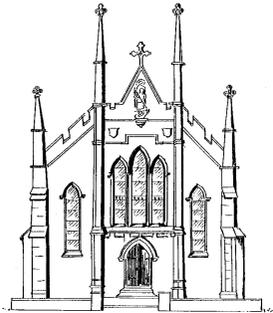


DAILY PRAYERS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

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Sunday – Week 4

Collect:

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour You with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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: Luke 4:21-30

Today's prayer:

Father, we exalt Your Holy Name.
The angels that surround You cry out,
'Holy Holy Holy!'
and, gladly, we join them in praising and thanking You.
Father, we grieve that this world does not know You.
We grieve that so many study the order and beauty of all that You have
made,
and yet give no thanks to You.
We grieve because instead of praising the works of Your hands,
many rage against You as if You were the source of all evil.
Father, the world does not know You
and we grieve that Your name is blasphemed all day long,
across every continent of the world, You have made.
How great is Your love that You should love a world like this
and send Your Son,
knowing that we would scourge Him,
spit on Him, and nail Him to a Cross.
Lord have mercy on us!
Give us the grace and strength to always honour You and make You known.

Monday – Week 4

Collect:

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour You with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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 5:1-20

Today's prayer:

God the Father, I thank You for creating me.
God the Son, I thank You for redeeming me.
God the Holy Spirit, I thank You for sanctifying me;
Fill my thoughts, words and actions with Your grace,
so that they may be pleasing to You.
O Blessed Trinity,
help me in becoming that which You intended me to become when You
created me, for in that perfection I will give You the glory You desire of
me,
and in that perfection, I will find my greatest joy in Heaven. Amen.

Tuesday – Week 4

Collect:

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour You with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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 5:21-43

Today's prayer:

Father, we are so thankful that in Your grace,
You have made us Your children and that we can call You our Father.
We bear Your Name in this world
and we tremble to think that anyone would despise You
because of what they see in us.
Deliver us from merely calling You Lord
and not doing what You command.
Let us be done with living for ourselves,
and help us to live in a way that honours You.
We pray for friends and loved ones who are under great pressure,
who endure distress, and who face great darkness.
Grant that Your Name will be honoured
as they trust You and love You, even in this!
As Your Son glorified Your Name by enduring the Cross,
so grant them, and us, the endurance,
that together we may reflect Your Son's likeness.

Wednesday – Candlemas

The Presentation of the Lord

Saint Simeon and Saint Anna - patron saints of senior citizens

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
we humbly implore Your majesty
that, just as Your Only Begotten Son
was presented on this day in the Temple
in the substance of our flesh,
so, by Your grace,
we may be presented to You with minds made pure.
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: Luke 2:22-40

Today's prayer: A Hymn by St John Henry Newman

The Angel-lights of Christmas morn, Which shot across the sky,
Away they pass at Candlemas, They sparkle and they die.
Comfort of earth is brief at best, Although it be divine;
Like funeral lights for Christmas gone, Old Simeon's tapers shine.
And then for eight long weeks and more, We wait in twilight grey,
Till the high candle sheds a beam On Holy Saturday.
We wait along the penance-tide Of solemn fast and prayer;
While song is hushed, and lights grow dim In the sin-laden air.
And while the sword in Mary's soul Is driven home, we hide
In our own hearts, and count the wounds Of passion and of pride.
And still, though Candlemas be spent Soon Alleluias o'er,
Mary is music in our need, And Jesus light in store.

St John Henry Card. Newman, The Oratory (1849)

Mary, Mother of the Light of the World, Pray for us
Saint Joseph, Pray for us
Saint Simeon, Pray for us
Saint Anna, Pray for us
St John Henry, Pray for us

Thursday – Week 4

St Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

Patron saint of sufferers from throat diseases and of wool combers

St Anscar, Bishop - Patron saint of Scandinavia.

Collect:

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour You with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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 6:7-13

Today's prayer: Prayers to Saint Blaise and St Anscar

O glorious Saint Blaise,
who by your martyrdom left to the Church a precious witness to the faith,
obtain of us the grace to preserve within ourselves this divine gift,
and to defend, by word and example,
the truth of that same faith,
which is attacked and slandered in these our times.
You restored a little child when at the point of death
because of an affliction of the throat,
grant us your intercession
the grace to welcome God's healing
and the faith to enjoy His enduring protection. Amen.

God, You willed to send St Anscar to enlighten many peoples.
Through his intercession, grant that we may walk in the light of Your truth. Amen.

St Blaise, Pray for us
St Anscar, Pray for us

St Blaise of Sebaste was a doctor and bishop of Sebaste in Armenia.

He was born in Sivas, Turkey and was martyred there in 316.

St Ansgar (8th September 801 – 3rd February 865), was Archbishop of Hamburg-Bremen in the northern part of the Kingdom of the East Franks.

Known as the "Apostle of the North" because of his travels. He received the missionary mandate to bring Christianity to Northern Europe.

Friday – Week 4

Collect:

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour You with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
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 6:14-29

Today's prayer:

Father, we long for the day when all people hallow Your Name.
Move and act in this world, we pray, in such a way
that more and more people will treasure You above all else.
We pray too, that You make this true of us.
Lord, hasten the day when our faith will be sight.
And until that day comes,
let us be done with exalting ourselves.
Let us live for Your praise and for Your honour alone
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Saturday – St Agatha

Virgin Martyr

Patron saint of rape victims, breast cancer patients, nurses and bellfounders

Collect:

May the Virgin Martyr Saint Agatha
implore Your compassion for us, O Lord, we pray,
for she found favour with You
by the courage of her martyrdom
and the merit of her chastity.
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: Luke 9:23-26

Today's prayer:

Saint Agatha, you are a woman possessing tremendous courage.
Your faith alone reflects the vastness of skies.
You endured pain and suffering
because your Heavenly faith is greater than any worldly afflictions.
Your selflessness crushed down any desires.
Your strength and your resolve to serve God prevailed
over intimidations, threats, torture, and even death.
We pray that you impart to us your bravery
and your benevolence. Amen.

St Agatha, Pray for us

St Agatha of Sicily (c. 231 – c. 251 AD) was born in Catania or Palermo, Sicily, and she was martyred in approximately 251. She is one of several virgin martyrs who are commemorated by name in the First Eucharistic Prayer. According to Maltese tradition, during the persecution of Roman Emperor Decius (AD 249–251), Agatha, together with some of her friends, fled from Sicily and took refuge in Malta. Some historians believe that her stay on the island was rather short, and she spent her days in a rock-hewn crypt at Rabat, praying and teaching the Christian Faith to children. After some time, Agatha returned to Sicily, where she faced martyrdom. Agatha was arrested and brought before Quintanus, praetor of Catania, who condemned her to torture and imprisonment.