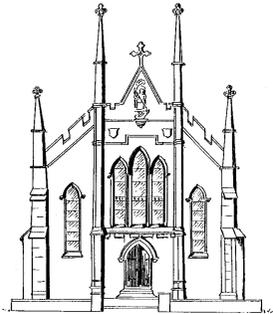


# DAILY PRAYERS EASTER WEEK 2



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## Sunday - Easter Week 2

Day of Divine Mercy

### Collect:

God of everlasting mercy,  
who in the very recurrence of the Paschal Feast  
kindle the faith of the people You have made Your own,  
increase, we pray, the grace You have bestowed,  
that all may grasp and rightly understand  
in what font they have been washed,  
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,  
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.  
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 20:19-31

### Today's prayer:

Lord, death could not hold You.  
And because of You,  
Your resurrection, we, too, can live.  
Thank You that the grave is only a journey  
into the presence of God.  
You have removed the sting of death  
and empowered life.  
Now I will live in Your presence forever. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

How blest are they who have not seen,  
And yet whose faith has constant been  
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

## Monday – St Mark

Evangelist

Patron saint of notaries and lawyers

### Collect:

O God, who raised up Saint Mark, Your Evangelist,  
and endowed him with the grace to preach the Gospel,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may so profit from his teaching  
as to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Mark 16:15-20

### Today's prayer:

Lord, help me to follow in the footsteps of St Mark  
and to fall in love with You completely,  
desiring only Your will in my life.  
Help me to hear Your voice  
and to be guided by the Holy Spirit  
to do all that You ask of me. Amen.

Saint Mark, Pray for us

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
On Sunday morn at break of day  
The sad disciples went their way  
To see the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!

## Tuesday – St George

Martyr

patron saint of England, farmers and shepherds and our parish!

### Collect:

Extolling Your might, O Lord,  
we humbly implore You,  
that, as Saint George imitated the Passion of the Lord,  
so he may lend us ready help in our weakness.  
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:

Mighty God,  
Saint George was nicknamed the "Victory Bringer"  
because he relied on Your power  
to defeat evil wherever he went.  
Starting out as a soldier in his country's army,  
he converted and became a soldier for Christ.  
Laying down the world's armour by giving his wealth to the poor,  
he forever after carried the shield of faith  
and won many victories for those who sought Your help.  
I ask him to pray for the battles  
I've been enduring, and to bring Your triumph into my life.  
Help me to overcome the Enemy, Lord Jesus,  
and teach me how to protect myself  
with ever-increasing faith.

Saint George, pray for me. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sat and spoke unto the three,  
Your Lord has gone to Galilee, Alleluia!

## Wednesday - Easter Week 2

### Collect:

As we recall year by year the mysteries  
by which, through the restoration of its original dignity,  
human nature has received the hope of rising again,  
we earnestly beseech Your mercy, Lord,  
that what we celebrate in faith  
we may possess in unending love.  
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 3:16-21

Draw us forth, God of all creation.  
Draw us forward and away from limited certainty  
into the immense world of Your love.  
Give us the capacity, to even,  
for a moment taste the richness of the feast You give us.  
Give us the peace to live with uncertainty,  
with questions,  
with doubts.  
Help us to experience the resurrection anew  
with open wonder  
and an increasing ability to see You i  
n the people of Easter. Amen.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
And we with Holy Church unite,  
As evermore is just and right,  
in glory to the King of light. Alleluia.

## Thursday – Easter Week 2

St Peter Chanel (*12<sup>th</sup> July 1803 – 28<sup>th</sup> April 1841*)  
patron saint of Oceania.

### Collect:

O God, who for the salvation of the world  
brought about the Paschal sacrifice,  
be favourable to the supplications of Your people,  
so that Christ our High Priest,  
interceding on our behalf,  
may by His likeness to ourselves  
bring us reconciliation,  
and by His equality with You  
free us from our sins.  
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 3:31-36

The veil of darkness  
transformed to the brightest light.  
The most dreadful end  
became the most beautiful beginning.  
The depths of despair  
fade to reveal everlasting hope.  
The curse of death  
defeated by eternal life.  
Lord Jesus, Light of the World,  
Show us Your Light.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Our humble thanks to God let's show  
And fitting praise on Him bestow  
For Paschal blessings here below. Alleluia!

## Friday – St Catherine of Siena

Doctor of the Church  
patron saint of Europe and of Italy

### Collect:

O God, who set Saint Catherine of Siena on fire with divine love in her contemplation of the Lord's Passion and her service of Your Church, grant, through her intercession, that Your people, participating in the mystery of Christ, may ever exult in the revelation of His glory. Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Today's Gospel reading:** Matthew 11:25-30

### Today's prayer:

O loving, tender Word of God,  
You tell me:  
'I have marked the path and opened the gate with My Blood;  
do not be negligent in following it,  
but take the same road  
which I, eternal Truth, have traced out with My Blood.'  
Arise, my soul, and follow your Redeemer,  
for no one can go to the Father but by Him.  
O sweet Christ, Christ-Love,  
You are the way, and the door  
through which we must enter  
in order to reach the Father.  
*St Catherine of Siena (25<sup>th</sup> March 1347, Siena – 29<sup>th</sup> April 1380, Rome)*

St Catherine of Siena, Pray for us

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
On this most holy day of days,  
To God your hearts and voices raise,  
In laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia!

## Saturday - Easter Week 2

### Collect:

Set aside, O Lord,  
the bond of sentence written for us by the law of sin,  
which in the Paschal Mystery You canceled  
through the Resurrection of 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 6:16-21

### Today's prayer:

From a prayer by Pope Francis

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For He took upon Himself our suffering,  
and burdened Himself with our sorrows  
to bring us, through the Cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Pray for us

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
O sons and daughters of the Lord,  
The King of glory, King adored,  
From death to life has been restored. Alleluia.