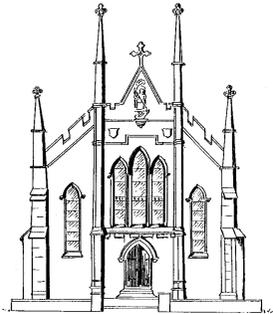


DAILY PRAYERS CORPUS CHRISTI



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Sunday – Corpus Christi

Collect:

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of Your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to revere the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of Your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 9:11b-17

Today's prayer:

Anima Christi – attributed to Pope John XXII (1249 Cahors – 4th December
1334 Avignon)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from You.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to You
That with your saints I may praise You
For ever and ever. Amen.

*This translation is by St John Henry Newman
(The prayers is better known to us in the hymn Soul of my Saviour)*

O Sacrament most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment Thine!

Monday - St Alban

(Died 305) - Patron saint of converts, refugees, torture victims

Collect:

Almighty God,
by whose grace and power
Your holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering
and was faithful even to death:
Grant us, who now remember him in thanksgiving,
to be so faithful in our witness to You in this world,
that we may receive with him the crown of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 10:34-42

Today's prayer:

Saint Alban, you gave us an example of hospitality
by opening your home to one in need
and as a result of this encounter, you were completely changed.
We ask that through your intercession
we may be given the courage to offer help
to those who are forced to flee their homes in search of safety.
We ask that in accompanying others as you did
we may encounter God in a new way.
Saint Alban, Patron of Refugees, pray for us
and all refugees around the world.

Alban met a Christian priest fleeing from persecutors and sheltered him in his house for several days Alban was impressed with the priest's faith and piety that he found himself imitating him and soon converted to Christianity. Alban was sentenced to endure all the punishments that were to be inflicted upon the priest, unless he would comply with the pagan rites of their religion. Alban refused, and declared, "I worship and adore the true and living God who created all things." Consequently, he was beheaded and died a martyr. Saint Alban is venerated as the first-recorded British Christian martyr, for which reason he is considered to be the British protomartyr. Along with fellow Saints Julius and Aaron, Alban is one of three named martyrs recorded at an early date from Roman Britain.

Tuesday – St Aloysius Gonzaga

(9th March 1568, Castiglione delle Stiviere – 21st June 1591, Rome)

Religious

Patron saint of young students, Christian youth, the blind, AIDS patients, and those who care AIDS sufferers

Collect:

O God, giver of heavenly gifts,
who in Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
joined penitence to a wonderful innocence of life,
grant, through his merits and intercession,
that, though we have failed to follow him in innocence,
we may imitate him in penitence.
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 22:34-40

Prayer to Our Lady by St Aloysius

O holy Mary, into your blessed trust and special keeping,
into your tender mercy, this day, every day of my life
and at the hour of my death,
I commend my soul and body;
to you I entrust all my hopes and consolations,
all my trials and miseries,
my life and the end of my life,
that through your intercession and your merits,
all my actions may be ordered
according to the will of your divine Son.
Amen.

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Pray for us

Wednesday – St John Fisher and St Thomas More

Martyrs

St Thomas More is the patron saint of adopted children, lawyers, civil servants, politicians and difficult marriages.

Collect:

O God, who in martyrdom
have brought true faith to its highest expression,
graciously grant that,
strengthened through the intercession of Saints John Fisher and Thomas
More,
we may confirm by the witness of our life the faith we profess with our lips.
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 10:34-39

Today's prayer:

Good Lord,
set in thy Church strong and mighty pillars
that may suffer and endure great labours,
which also shall not fear persecution,
neither death
but always suffer with good will,
slander, shame, and all kinds of torments,
for the glory and praise of thy holy Name.
By this manner, good Lord,
the truth of thy Gospel
shall be preached throughout the world.
Therefore, merciful Lord,
exercise thy mercy,
show it indeed upon thy Church. Amen.

(Prayer of St John Fisher)

St John Fisher and St Thomas More, Pray for us.

Thursday – Nativity of St John the Baptist

Collect:

O God, who raised up Saint John the Baptist
to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord,
give Your people, we pray,
the grace of spiritual joys
and direct the hearts of all the faithful
into the way of salvation and peace.
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 1:57-66,80

Today's prayer:

Lord God, You gave St Elizabeth,
in her old age, the gift of a son, Saint John the Baptist,
who would prepare the way for Jesus to begin His ministry here on earth.

Lord, fill Your people with the joy of possessing graces
like those of Saint John the Baptist,
and direct the minds of us all in the way of salvation and peace.

St John was martyred for truth and justice,
so may we Lord, energetically profess our faith in You,
and help us to lead others
to Your Way,
Your Truth,
and Your Eternal Life. Amen.

St John the Baptist, Pray for us
St Elizabeth, mother of St John, Pray for us
St Zechariah, father of St John, Pray for us

Friday – Sacred Heart of Jesus

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who glory in the Heart of Your beloved Son
and recall the wonders of His love for us,
may be made worthy to receive
an overflowing measure of grace
from that fount of heavenly gifts.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 15:3-7

Today's prayer:

O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love you,
and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer You this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure
and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, Good Jesus,
that I may live in You and for You.
Protect me in the midst of danger.
Comfort me in my afflictions.
Give me health of body,
assistance in my temporal needs,
Your blessing on all that I do,
and the grace of a holy death. Amen.

Saturday – Immaculate Heart of Mary

Collect:

O God, who prepared a fit dwelling place for the Holy Spirit
in the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
graciously grant that through her intercession
we may be a worthy temple of Your glory.
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 2:41-51

Today's prayer:

O Immaculate Heart of Mary,
full of goodness,
show your love towards us.
Let the flame of your heart,
O Mary, descend on all people.
We love you immensely.
Impress true love in our hearts
so that we have a continuous desire for you.
O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we are in sin.
You know that we sin.
Give us, by means of your Immaculate Heart, spiritual health.
Let us always see the goodness of your motherly heart
and may we be converted by means of the flame of your heart. Amen.