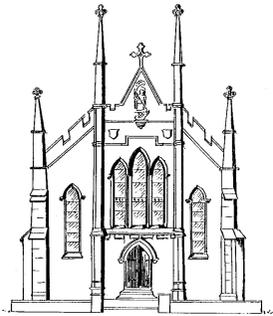


DAILY PRAYERS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

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Sunday – Week 18

Collect:

Draw near to Your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide,
You may restore what You have created
and keep safe what You have restored.
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 12:13-21

Today's prayer:

O God, my Promise-Keeper,
You are the Alpha and the Omega.
You were.
You are.
You are to come.
I give thanks to You, my God.
Although I am tempted to complain,
I simply look around and see a multitude of blessings
that You have lavished upon me.
As You Word states,
“You give life and breath and everything.”
Instill in me a grateful heart
and show me more and more
Your love in my life.
Make me content with what You have given me.
You are enough for me.
Because of Your wonderful salvation gifted to me,
I praise You forevermore. Amen.

Monday – St Alphonsus

Confessor

Patron saint of arthritis sufferers, lawyers, confessors, moral theologians, vocations

Collect:

O God, who constantly raise up in Your Church new examples of virtue, grant that we may follow so closely in the footsteps of the Bishop Saint Alphonsus in his zeal for souls as to attain the same rewards that are his in Heaven. 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 5:13-19

Today's prayer:

Saint Alphonsus' Prayer to end the day:

Jesus Christ, my God,
I adore You and I thank You
for the many favours You have bestowed on me this day
I offer You my sleep and all the moments of this night,
and I pray that You preserve me from sin.
Therefore, I place myself in Your most sacred side,
and under the mantle of our Blessed Lady, my Mother.
May the holy Angels assist me and keep me in peace,
and may Your blessing be upon me. Amen.

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Pray for us

Saint Alphonsus Liguori (27th September 1696, Marianella, Naples – 1st August 1787, Pagani) He was a bishop, a spiritual writer, a composer, a musician, an artist, a poet, a lawyer, a scholastic philosopher, and above all a theologian

Tuesday – Week 18

St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop (2nd March 283, Sardinia, -1st August 371, Vercelli); St Peter Julian Eymand, Priest (4th February 1811, La Mure, France – 1st August 1868, La Mure)

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and keep safe what You have restored.
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 14:22-36

Today's prayer:

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be a friend of that which is eternal and abides. May I never quarrel with those nearest me: and if I do, may I be reconciled quickly. May I love, seek and attain only that which is good. May I wish for everyone's happiness and envy no one. May I never rejoice in the ill-fortune of one who has wronged me. When I have done or said what is wrong, may I never wait for the rebuke of others, but always rebuke myself until I make amends. May I win no victory that harms either me or my opponent. May I reconcile friends who are angry with one another. May I never fail a friend who is in danger. When visiting those in grief may I be able by my gentle and healing words to soften their pain. May I respect myself. May I always keep tame that which rages within me. May I accustom myself to be gentle, and never be angry with people because of circumstances. May I never discuss who is wicked and what wicked things he or she has done, but know good people and follow in their footsteps.

St Eusebius of Vercelli

St Eusebius of Vercelli, Pray for us
St Peter Julian Eymand, Pray for us

Wednesday - Week 18

Collect:

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and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide,
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and keep safe what You have restored.
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 15:21-28

Today's prayer:

God our Great Provider,
You continually show how good You are to me.
You say that You will supply all my needs,
and at times when I need You,
You provide for me.
You are my my God who provides.
You are the God who raises the poor from the dust,
and the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with nobles.
Thank You for the way You answer my prayer
and provide exactly what I have need.
Help me to keep trusting in You for my daily bread.

Lord hear me and help me.

Thursday – St John Vianney

Priest – *Patron saint of parish priests*

Collect:

Almighty and merciful God,
who made the Priest Saint John Vianney
wonderful in his pastoral zeal,
grant, we pray,
that through his intercession and example
we may in charity win brothers and sisters for Christ
and attain with them eternal 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: Matthew 9:35–10:1

Today's prayer:

Prayer for Priests

God, please give to Your Church today
many more priests after Your own heart.
May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd.
May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance;
be examples of humility and poverty;
shining models of holiness;
tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God;
zealous dispensers of Your grace in the sacraments.
May their loving devotion to Your Son Jesus in the Eucharist
and to Mary his Mother
be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

St John Vianney (8th May 1786 · Dardilly - 4th Aug 1859 · Ars-sur- Formans)

Friday -Week 18

Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major, Rome

Collect:

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and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in You as their Creator and guide,
You may restore what You have created
and keep safe what You have restored.
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 16:24-28

Today's prayer: Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our faith

Mother, help our faith!
Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognise His voice and call.
Awaken in us a desire to follow in His footsteps,
to go forth from our own land and to receive His promise.
Help us to be touched by His love, that we may touch Him in faith.
Help us to entrust ourselves fully to Him and to believe in His love,
especially at times of trial,
beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.
Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.
Remind us that those who believe are never alone.
Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus,
that He may be light for our path.
And may this light of faith always increase in us,
until the dawn of that undying day
which is Christ Himself, Your Son, our Lord!

*Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary at the conclusion of the Encyclical 'Lumen Fidei'
(29th June 2013)*

Today's feast focuses our attention on a church building - the basilica of St Mary Major in Rome. It is one of the oldest and most important shrines in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Tradition says that in August 352 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a wealthy nobleman in Rome. She asked that a church be built on the spot where he would find snow. On that hot summer day, snow mysteriously appeared on the Esquiline Hill and a church was built on the spot and it was dedicated to Our Lady of the Snows.

Saturday – The Transfiguration of the Lord

Collect:

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration
of our Only Begotten Son
confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers
and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship,
grant, we pray, to Your servants,
that, listening to the voice of Your beloved Son,
we may merit to become co-heirs with Him.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 9:28b-36

Today's prayer:

At the Transfiguration of Jesus Your Son,
Father, You showed Him in glory,
And gave a glimpse of what His disciples
would see in His risen life.
Bless us in our humanity,
with an awareness of Your presence,
leading us to share in Your divine life
even in our daily struggle.
Help us to deepen
our knowledge of the Law and the Prophets,
channels of Your grace throughout history,
and signposts for our journey. Amen.

Holy Patriarch Moses, Pray for us
Holy Prophet Elijah, Pray for us
St Peter, Pray for us
St James, Pray for us
St John, Pray for us