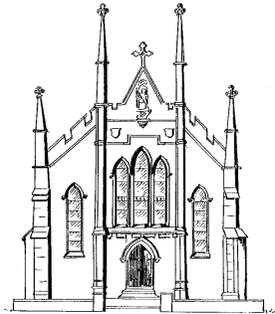


DAILY PRAYERS

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 1:29-34

Today's prayer:

O God,
Give me strength to live another day;
Let me not turn coward before its difficulties or prove recreant to its duties;
Let me not lose faith in other people;
Keep me sweet and sound of heart, in spite of ingratitude or meanness;
Preserve me from minding little stings or giving them;
Help me to keep my heart clean, and to live so honestly and fearlessly that
no outward failure can dishearten me or take away the joy of conscious
integrity;
Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things;
Grant me this day some new vision of Your truth;
Inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness;
and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls;
in the Name of the strong Deliverer,
our only Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monday – Week 2

Collect:

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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 2:18-22

Today's prayer:

Lord God, You came to give honour
to the least, those forgotten, overlooked and misjudged.
You came to give first place to the last,
those left behind, misunderstood and undervalued.
You came to give a warm welcome to the lost,
those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute.
Help us to be Your ears to listen to their cries.
Help us to be Your voice speaking out love and acceptance.
Help us to be Your feet walking beside those in need.
Help us to be Your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them.
You came for the least, the lost and last of this world.
Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Tuesday – St Anthony of Egypt

Abbot

Patron saint of animals, skin diseases, farmers, butchers, basket makers, brushmakers and gravediggers

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:

Heavenly Father, St. Anthony the Abbot
accepted Your call to renounce the world
and to love You above all things.
He faithfully served You in the solitude of the desert
by fasting, prayer, humility and good works.
In the Sign of The Cross, he triumphed over the Devil.
Through his intercession, may we learn to love You with all our hearts,
with all our souls, with all our minds, with all our strength
and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves.
We ask this through Jesus our Lord, Amen.

St Anthony, Pray for us that we may become worthy to receive the promises
of Jesus.

St Anthony (251-356) was born into a wealthy landowner family in Coma, Egypt. He is known by numerous titles including, the Father of all Monks, Anthony the Great, Anthony of Egypt, Anthony the Abbot, Anthony of the Desert, Anthony the Anchorite and Anthony of Thebes. He is said to have lived until he was 105yrs.

Wednesday – Week 2

Start of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

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:

One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son
in whom all are baptized,
One giver of many gifts,
One tree of many fruits
One speaker of every tongue, renew in our day
the wonders of Pentecost,
grant that people of every race and nation
may understand one another, and as one, proclaim
the praises of God.
Grant that all may be one
as You, Spirit, with the Father and the Son
are One God, One Lord.
Grant unity to the Body of Christ;
grant unity to the human family.
Sole breath of every living thing,
may all be one who, in You,
live and move and have their being.

Thursday – Week 2

St Wulstan, Bishop

Patron saint of vegetarians and dieters

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:

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!

Friday – Week 2

St Fabian, Pope and Martyr - *Patron of athletes and soldiers*
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 3:13-19

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.*

Saturday – St Agnes

Martyr - *Patron saint of children, engaged couples, victims of sexual abuse,
and gardeners*

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:

St Agnes, you refused to give up your faith;
help us to be proud of our faith,
to love it, to be strong in it, and to give witness to it daily.
St Agnes, patron saint of children,
watch over the children of the world;
keep them safe from harm;
be with them in their hour of need;
and always pray for them. Amen.

St Agnes, Pray for us that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

*St Agnes (fourth Century) is one of the most-celebrated Roman martyrs.
According to tradition, she was a beautiful girl, about 12 or 13 years old, who
refused marriage, stating that she could have no spouse but Jesus Christ. Her
suitsors revealed her Christianity, which was then condemned as a cult, and in
punishment she was exposed in a brothel. Awed by her purity and presence, all but
one of the Roman youths left her untouched; in his attempt to violate her, the sole
attacker was miraculously struck blind, whereupon Agnes healed him with prayer.*

*Later, after refusing to renounce her faith, she was murdered during the
persecution of the Christians by the Roman emperor Diocletian and was buried
beside the Via Nomentana. On her feast day two lambs are blessed in the Church
of Sant'Agnese in Rome, and from their wool are made the pallia sent by the pope
to archbishops as tokens of jurisdiction.*