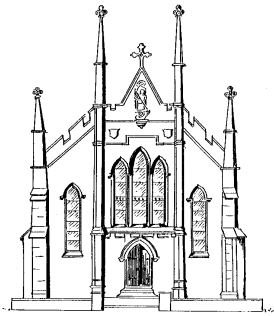


# DAILY PRAYERS EASTER WEEK 3



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## Sunday - Easter Week 3

### Collect:

May Your people exult for ever, O God,  
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,  
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,  
we may look forward in confident hope  
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.  
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 24:13-35

### Today's prayer:

Our Father,  
each day is a little life,  
each night a tiny death;  
help us to live with faith and hope and love.  
Lift our duty above drudgery;  
let not our strength fail, or the vision fade,  
in the heat and burden of the day.  
O God, make us patient and merciful one with another  
in the fret and jar of life,  
remembering that each fights a hard fight  
and walks a lonely way.  
Forgive us, Lord, if we hurt our fellow souls;  
teach us a gentler tone,  
a sweeter charity of words,  
and a more healing touch.  
Sustain us, O God, when we must face sorrow;  
give us courage for this day and hope for tomorrow.  
Day unto day may we take hold of Your hand  
and look up into Your face,  
whatever befall, until our work is finished  
and the day is done. Amen.

*St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)*

# Monday – St George

## Martyr

*Patron of our Country and Parish!*

*Also patron of Aragon, Catalonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Palestine, Portugal, Germany and Greece; and of Moscow, Istanbul, Genoa and Venice (second to Saint Mark). Also of soldiers, archers, cavalry and chivalry, farmers and field workers, riders and saddlers, and he helps those suffering from leprosy, plague and syphilis. In recent years he has been adopted as patron saint of Scouts. Quite busy then!*

## 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:

Saint George, faithful servant of God and invincible martyr, favoured by God with the gift of faith, and inflamed with an ardent love of Christ, you fought valiantly against the dragons of pride, falsehood, and deceit. Neither pain nor torture, sword nor death could separate you from the love of Christ.

I fervently ask you for the sake of this love to help me by your intercession to overcome the temptations that surround me, and to bear bravely the trials that oppress me, so that I may patiently carry the cross which is placed upon me; and let neither distress nor difficulties separate me from the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

O valiant champion of the Faith, assist me in the combat against evil, that I may win the crown promised to those who persevere unto the end. Amen.

*For our Parish family*

Heavenly Father, we thank You for our parish family and its people. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may grow. Help us to see You in everyone we meet and fill our lives with Your praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to the Father...  
St Geroge, Pray for us

# Tuesday - St Mark

## Evangelist

*Patron saint of lions, lawyers, notaries, opticians, pharmacists, painters, secretaries, interpreters, prisoners, and people dealing with insect bites and Venice!*

## 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.

## Wednesday – Easter Week 3

### Collect:

Be present to Your family, O Lord, we pray,  
and graciously ensure  
those You have endowed with the grace of faith  
an eternal share in the Resurrection of Your Only Begotten 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 6:35-40

### Today's prayer:

Lord, I thank You for the finished work of the Cross.  
I praise You for the resurrection  
that brings the hope that I will have everlasting life.  
Teach me to acknowledge what You have done for the world  
through salvation on a daily basis.  
Forgive me if I have neglected to share the gospel  
due to feeling incapable or uncomfortable.  
I pray for opportunities to share my faith.  
I ask for boldness to tell others about the resurrection.  
Through Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

## Thursday - Easter Week 3

### Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,  
let us feel Your compassion more readily  
during these days when, by Your gift,  
we have known it more fully,  
so that those You have freed from the darkness of error  
may cling more firmly to the teachings of Your truth.  
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 6:44-51

### Today's prayer: A Prayer for Pope Francis

Almighty God look kindly on Your servant Pope Francis.  
You invited him to shepherd Your flock.  
Guide and protect him in his daily work.  
Inspire him in Your ways to embrace and unite Your Church.

Loving God, assist Pope Francis in his constant effort,  
to enlighten and strengthen Your Church and its people.  
Open the eyes of non-believers so that together,  
peace and harmony will prevail throughout our world.

Merciful God, may the splendour of Your Son's resurrection,  
continue to illuminate all our lives.  
May our thoughts, words and actions,  
bear daily witness to the new life You gave us.

Eternal God hear our prayer and the prayers of Pope Francis.  
May they be a worthy addition to the chorus of praise  
among the angels and saints as we seek Your help and grace.  
We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ,  
the true and everlasting Light. Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for him  
St Peter, Pray for him  
St George, Pray for him  
St Francis, Pray for him

## Friday - Easter Week 3

St Peter Chanel, priest and martyr - *patron saint of Oceania*  
St Louis Grignon de Monfort, priest - *patron of preachers*

### Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that we, who have come to know  
the grace of the Lord's Resurrection,  
may, through the love of the Spirit,  
ourselves rise to newness of life.  
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 6:52-59

### Today's prayer:

A Spiritual Communion:

*A prayer for those times when we are unable to receive Holy  
Communion*

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

*St Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort (31<sup>st</sup> January 1673 – 28<sup>th</sup> April 1716)*

Mary, Woman of the Eucharist, Pray for us  
St Peter Chanel, Pray for us  
St Louis Grignon de Monfort, Pray for us

## Saturday – St Catherine of Siena

### Religious

*Patron saint of Europe, of journalists, media, and nursing.*

### 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:

Eternal God, eternal Trinity,  
You have made the Blood of Christ so precious  
through His sharing in Your Divine nature.  
You are a mystery as deep as the sea;  
the more I search, the more I find,  
and the more I find the more I search for You.  
But I can never be satisfied,  
what I receive will ever leave me desiring more.  
When You fill my soul, I have an ever-greater hunger,  
and I grow more famished for Your light.  
I desire above all to see You,  
the true light, as You really are.

*St Catherine of Siena (25<sup>th</sup> March 1347 – 29<sup>th</sup> April 1380)  
Made a Doctor of the Church by Pope St Paul VI in 1970  
Made a Patron of Europe by Pope St John Paul II in 1999*