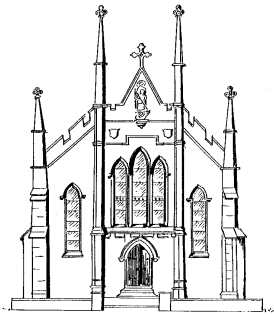


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 2 IN ORDINARY TIME



**HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
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Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

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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 1:35-42

Today's prayer:

Loving God,
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.
Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, Your gift.
Be present to those in need in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.
Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront
the consequences of the global pandemic.
Make us courageous in embracing the changes
required to seek the common good.
Now more than ever,
may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.
Enable us to succeed in listening and responding
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.
May their current sufferings
become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.
Through Christ our Lord,
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians. Amen.

Pope Francis

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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 – Week 2

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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,
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God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mk 2:23-28

Today's prayer:

Good and gracious God,
I thank You for the beauty of the Earth and all creation.
Help me to hear always the calling to be a good steward of Your gifts,
the caretaker of all You have entrusted to us on Earth.
Let me always recognize, cherish and enjoy
the goodness in all of creation.
Teach me reverence for every person and all living things.
O God, help me to use Your gifts wisely and share them generously.
Whisper in my heart the reminder
that I am but a temporary guardian of Your abundance;
I am called to pass Your gifts on to the next generation.
Let all I do be a reflection of Your love and care.
Amen.

Wednesday – St Anthony of Egypt

Patron Saint of butchers, gravediggers and those suffering infectious diseases, particularly skin diseases

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:

Lord God, 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 better; with all our hearts, all our souls, all our minds, all our strength and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. St Anthony the Abbot, Pray for us

Anthony the Great (c. 12th January 251 – 17th January 356) He was a monk from Egypt, revered since his death as a saint. For his importance among the Desert Fathers and to all later Christian monasticism, he is also known as the Father of All Monks. The biography of Anthony's life by Athanasius of Alexandria helped to spread the concept of Christian monasticism, particularly in Western Europe via its Latin translations. He is often erroneously considered the first Christian monk, but as his biography and other sources make clear, there were many ascetics before him. Anthony was, however, among the first known to go into the wilderness (about AD 270), which seems to have contributed to his renown. Accounts of Anthony enduring supernatural temptation during his sojourn in the Eastern Desert of Egypt inspired the depiction of his temptations in visual art and literature.

Thursday – Week 2

Start of the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

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: Mark 3:7-12

Today's prayer:

Glory to you, Father, for You reveal Yourself in Your creation and call all people to live in Your presence. Glory to You, Christ Jesus, for You give Yourself entirely to each one of us and invite us to do the same. Glory to You, Holy Spirit, for You gather us together in love and unity. Glory to You, God of Love, in whom we are created, redeemed and made one. Amen.

Friday – Week 2

St Wulstan, Bishop - *Patron Saint of vegetarians and dieters (See below!)*

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:

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!

Saturday – Week 2

St Fabian, Pope and Martyr - *patron saint of Rome*

St Sebastian, Martyr - *patron saint of archers and athletes and of those who desire a saintly death*

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God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mark 3:20-21

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 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.