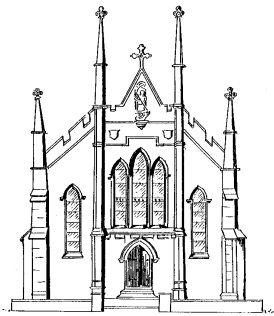


DAILY PRAYERS

EASTER WEEK 4



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Sunday - Easter Week 4

Good Shepherd Sunday

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
lead us to a share in the joys of Heaven,
so that the humble flock may reach
where the brave Shepherd has gone before.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 10:11-18

Today's prayer:

Faithful Shepherd,
You are not a hireling who runs away at the sight of danger,
but Your fidelity was tested
and proven on the wood of the Cross.
Accept the gift of our gratitude
for Your marvellous care.
Help us to hear and follow Your voice.
Watchful Shepherd,
who protects the flock
and searches tirelessly
for those who wander from the fold,
retrieve the lost and bring them home.
Tend and heal their wounds.
Good Shepherd,
who lays down His Life for His sheep,
nourish Your people with the Bread of Life,
that we may reflect Your likeness
and enjoy the spring of Living Water that never ends. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

O Lord, we beseech You for an outpouring of vocations to the priesthood.
May Your call resonate in the hearts of many,
inspiring them to dedicate their lives to Your service.
Bless the Church with devoted servants eager to shepherd Your flock.

Monday - Easter Week 4

Collect:

O God, perfect light of the blessed,
by whose gift we celebrate the Paschal mysteries on earth,
bring us, we pray,
to rejoice in the full measure of Your grace
for ages unending.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 10:1-10

Today's prayer:

Merciful, holy and faithful Lord Jesus Christ,
You died for our sins
and were raised for our justification,
in view of Your resurrection,
we ask that You would awaken us also
from the grave of our sins and iniquities,
and grant us Your grace
that we may partake
in Your resurrection
at the final resurrection of all the dead. Amen.

St Augustine (13th November 354 – 28th August 430)

Tuesday – Saint George

Patronal feast of our Parish

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,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 9:23-26

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,
You gave St George the strength of character
to overcome his fear and to die for his faith.
Help us to develop the qualities of St George;
to take responsibility,
to be truthful,
to do our Christian duty willingly,
to have courage and determination
and dedicate our lives to living the Gospel
and helping others. Amen.

Prayer for our Parish

O God, You have made us the Church of Your dear Son.
Make our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards You.
Grant that our common life and work may be an example to all about us.
Guide us in our mission of serving You in all things.
We ask St George our patron to help us to remain secure in Your love.
Amen

Wednesday - Easter Week 4

St Adalbert, Bishop and martyr - *patron saint of Poland, Czech Republic, and students of Polish literature (956 – April 23, 997) He was the Bishop of Prague and a missionary to the Hungarians, Poles, and Prussians, who was martyred in his efforts to convert the Baltic Prussians to Christianity.*

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and martyr - *St Adalbert (1577 - 1622) was a Capuchin friar who was involved in the Catholic Counter-Reformation, and was martyred at Seewis im Prättigau, Switzerland. He was canonized in 1746.*

Collect:

O God, life of the faithful,
glory of the humble, blessedness of the just,
listen kindly to the prayers
of those who call on You,
that they who thirst for what You generously promise
may always have their fill of Your plenty.
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 12:44-50

Today's prayer:

O God, who bestowed the crown of martyrdom
on the Bishop Saint Adalbert,
as he burned with zeal for souls,
grant, we pray, by his prayers,
that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherds,
nor the care of the shepherds be ever lacking to the flock.

O God, who were pleased to award
the palm of martyrdom to Saint Fidelis
as, burning with love for You, he propagated the faith,
grant, we pray, through his intercession,
that, grounded in charity,
we may merit to know with him
the power of the Resurrection of Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St Adalbert, Pray for us

St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Pray for us

Thursday – St Mark

Evangelist

Patron saint of notaries, Venice and Barristers

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,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Mark 16:15-20

Today's prayer:

Almighty God,
who by the hand of St Mark the evangelist
have given to Your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ:
We thank You for this witness,
and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St Mark, Pray for us

Friday - Easter Week 4

Collect:

O God, author of our freedom and of our salvation,
listen to the voice of our pleading
and grant that those You have redeemed
by the shedding of Your Son's Blood
may have life through You
and, under Your protection,
rejoice for ever unharmed.
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 14:1-6

Today's prayer:

Christ is Risen:
The world below lies desolate.
Christ is Risen:
The spirits of evil are fallen.
Christ is Risen:
The angels of God are rejoicing.
Christ is Risen:
The tombs of the dead are empty.
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are His forever and ever. Amen.

St Hippolytus (c. 170 – c. 235)

Saturday – Easter Week 4

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that by Saint Joseph's intercession
Your Church may constantly watch over
the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation,
whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.
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 14:7-14

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father, I thank You
that You opened my eyes
to see the purpose for my existence
and the importance of focusing
foremost on the things of eternity.
May I be faithful to share the message of salvation today
with others who are not so blessed.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.