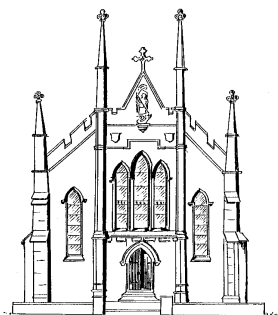


DAILY PRAYERS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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 10:27-30

Today's prayer:

O God, Shepherd of all Your people,
deliver us from all troubles,
worries and cares that assail us,
that we may always do
what is pleasing in Your sight,
and remain safe in the care of our Good Shepherd,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Vocations

Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose.
Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life
and to respond with a generous "Yes."
Make our diocese, parishes, homes and hearts
fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.
May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal.
Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.
Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single
life,
permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives,
all of whom are who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.
We commend our prayer for vocations to You,
Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother,
in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday - Easter Week 4

St Nereus and St Achilleus, Martyrs (*They were Roman soldiers of the Praetorian Guard (the emperor's bodyguards) who were martyred at the end of the first century, and were said to have been baptized by St. Peter himself.*)

St Pancras, Martyr (*A Roman citizen who converted to Christianity, and was beheaded for his faith at the age of fourteen, around the year 304*)

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:

God most holy,
we give You thanks
for bringing us out of the shadow of night
into the light of morning,
and we ask You for the joy
of spending this day in Your service,
so that when evening comes,
we may once more give You thanks,
through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday - Easter Week 4

Our Lady of Fatima

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, celebrating the mysteries of the Lord's Resurrection,
we may merit to receive the joy of our redemption.
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 10:22-30

Today's prayer:

O Most Holy Virgin Mary,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima
and reveal a glorious message.
We implore you,
inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary.
By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption
that are recalled therein
may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask,
through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for us

Wednesday - St Matthias

Apostle (*Died in about 80AD in Jerusalem*)

patron saint of alcoholics, carpenters, and tailors

Collect:

O God, who assigned Saint Matthias
a place in the college of Apostles,
grant us, through his intercession,
that, rejoicing at how Your love has been allotted to us,
we may merit to be numbered among the elect.
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 15:9-17

Today's prayer:

O glorious St. Matthias,
you were selected by the twofold sign
of the uprightness of your life
and the call of the Holy Spirit.
Obtain for us the grace to practice the same uprightness of life
and to be called by that same Spirit
to wholehearted service of the Church.

Our Lady, Queen of Apostles, Pray for us
St Matthias, Pray for us

Thursday – Easter Week 4

Collect:

O God, who restore human nature
to yet greater dignity than at its beginnings,
look upon the amazing mystery of Your loving kindness,
and in those You have chosen to make new
through the wonder of rebirth
may You preserve the gifts
of Your enduring grace and blessing.
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 13:16-20

Today's prayer:

Lord of All, You are the Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the end of all things,
I come before You in all faithfulness,
knowing that You and You alone are the solution to my problems.
Bring me peace about the decisions I have to face in life
and help me see Your hand in everything that I do.
I'm here to serve You, Lord,
and all I ask is that You make use of me.
I trust You to guide me and to protect me. Amen.

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:

Lord God,
You are the Author of freedom.
I pray that every yoke of bondage be shattered
in the Name of Jesus.
Let Your Spirit move across all nations,
awakening hearts to the truth
that sets all people free. Amen.

Saturday - Easter Week 4

Collect:

O God, who in the celebration of Easter
graciously give to the world
the healing of heavenly remedies,
show benevolence to Your Church,
that our present observance
may benefit us for eternal 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 14:7-14

Today's prayer:

Lord Jesus,
You came that the world might know
the peace that You have experienced with the Father eternally.
Yet, You taught us that in this life
there will be wars and rumours of wars.
Nations will rise against nations
as violence works itself out in the world.
However, through You, the world may be saved.
O Lord, send Your spirit into the hearts of all people,
that the world might know true peace
through Your abundant mercy. Amen.