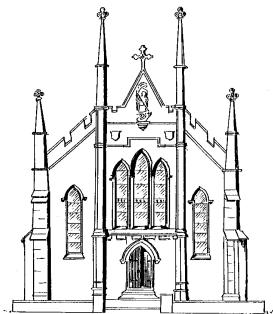


DAILY PRAYERS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

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Sunday - Easter Week 5

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those You were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under Your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 13:31-33a, 34-35

Today's prayer:

All-powerful and ever-living God,
shine with the light of Your radiance
on all people
most especially
on those who live in the shadow
of darkness and despair.
Let the dawn from on high break upon us all,
and fill us with the new light and life
of the resurrection of Jesus
Your risen and glorified Son. Amen.

Monday - Easter Week 5

St Dunstan (*909 Baltonsborough – 19th May 988 Canterbury*)
Pastor
patron saint of blacksmiths

Collect:

May Your right hand, O Lord, we pray,
encompass Your family with perpetual help,
so that, defended from all wickedness
by the Resurrection of Your Only Begotten Son,
we may make our way by means of your heavenly gifts.
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 14:21-26

Today's prayer:

Oh God of truth and beauty,
You not only blessed Bishop Dunstan
with the skill and talent of making music
and gifts from metal,
but also gave him the ability to use these gifts to teach others,
to change what was wrong or hurtful
and to spread Your Word far and wide.
As You blessed him,
bless us all with our own talents and skills.
Remind us to thank and praise You always for these gifts
and to use them in the best way,
to spread the Gospel, like St Dunstan.
We ask You to hear our prayer
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
God, now and for ever. Amen.

St Dunstan, Pray for us

Tuesday - Easter Week 5

St Bernadine of Sienna (*8th September 1380 Massa Marittima – 20th May 1444 L'Aquila*) Priest

patron saint of advertisers, advertising, Aquila, chest problems, gambling addicts, public relations personnel, public relations work.

Collect:

O God, who restore us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of Christ,
grant Your people constancy in faith and hope,
that we may never doubt the promises
of which we have learned from You.
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 14:27-31a

Today's prayer:

Prayer of St Bernardine of Siena
The Patron of all who suffer respiratory illness

Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love and strength!
You are the refuge of those who repent,
our banner of warfare in this life,
the medicine of souls,
the comfort of those who mourn,
the delight of those who believe,
the light of those who preach the true faith,
the wages of those who toil,
the healing of the sick.
To You our devotion aspires;
by You our prayers are received;
we delight in contemplating You.
O Name of Jesus,
You are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

St Bernardine, Pray for us

Wednesday - Easter Week 5

St Christopher of Magallanes (*30th July 1869 Totatiche, Mexico - 25th May 1927, Colotlán, Mexico*) and his 21 companion martyrs

Collect:

O God, restorer, and lover of innocence,
direct the hearts of Your servants towards Yourself,
that those You have set free from the darkness of unbelief
may never stray from the light 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 15:1-8

Today's prayer:

Almighty and eternal God,
who made the Priest Saint Christopher Magallanes
and his 21 companions
faithful to Christ the King even to the point of martyrdom,
grant us, through their intercession,
that, persevering in confession of the true faith,
we may always hold fast to the commandments of Your love.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saint Christopher, Pray for us
All holy martyrs, pray for us

Saint Christopher worked in the fields until he was 19. He was ordained in September 1899 and was appointed chaplain and vice principal of a school of arts and trades in Guadalajara. He organized catechism centers and schools for those of living in the countryside. He built a dam to help in irrigation, founded homes for orphans and small plots of land to help the poor. He worked in the Parish of Totalice for 17 years before he was shot on May 21st 1927 on the way to celebrate Mass. Before he was shot, he said, "I am innocent, and I die innocent; I forgive the authors of my death from my heart and I ask God that my blood would serve to bring peace to divided Mexicans."

Beatified on November 22nd 1992 and canonized by Pope St John Paul II on May 21st 2000.

Thursday – Easter Week 5

St Rita of Cassia, Religious (1381 – 22 May 1457)

patron saint of Lost and impossible causes, sickness, wounds, marital problems, abuse, mothers

Collect:

O God, by whose grace,
though sinners, we are made just
and, though pitiable, made blessed,
stand, we pray, by Your works,
stand by Your gifts,
that those justified by faith
may not lack the courage of perseverance.
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 15:9-11

Today's prayer:

Saint Rita,
during your entire life on Earth
you found your happiness by following the will of our heavenly Father.
Help me to be as trusting of God in all His plans for me.
Help me this day to give myself to Him as you did,
without limit, without fear, without counting the cost.
Help me to be generous in serving the needs of others,
patient in all difficulties,
forgiving toward all who injure me.
Help me to learn more deeply the great mystery of the Cross of Jesus,
so that by embracing it as you did,
I may come to experience its power to heal and to save. Amen.

Saint Rita, Pray for us

Friday - Easter Week 5

Collect:

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
that, being rightly conformed to the Paschal Mysteries,
what we celebrate in joy
may protect and save us with perpetual power.
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 15:12-17

Today's prayer:

May Your right hand, O Lord, we pray,
encompass Your family with perpetual help,
so that, defended from all wickedness
by the Resurrection of Your Only Begotten Son,
we may make our way by means of Your heavenly gifts.
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday - Easter Week 5

Collect:

Almighty and eternal God,
who through the regenerating power of Baptism
have been pleased to confer on us heavenly life,
grant, we pray,
that those You render capable of immortality
by justifying them
may by Your guidance
attain the fullness of glory.
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 15:18-21

Today's prayer:

Grant, we beseech You, O Lord God,
that all Your people,
may remain continually in the enjoyment of soundness
both of mind and body,
and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
may be delivered from present sadness,
and enter into the joy of Your eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.