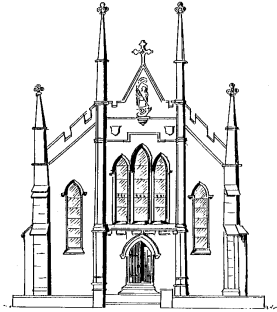


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 17

ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

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Sunday - Week 17

Collect:

O God, protector of those who hope in You,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance Your mercy upon us
and grant that, with You as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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 11:1-13

Today's prayer:

In moments of trial and tribulation,
I humbly come before You,
seeking Your divine grace and boundless mercy.
Lord, grant me the strength to endure life's challenges,
for I know that Your love is unwavering,
and Your guidance is unerring.
Help me find the lessons in my struggles
and the courage to face them
with unwavering faith.
In Your grace and mercy,
I find solace, knowing that You are by my side,
leading me towards brighter days.
Thank You for Your endless love and understanding. Amen.

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God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 13:31-35

Today's prayer:

Lord, as I embark on this new day's journey,
I ask for Your grace and mercy to accompany me.
May Your light shine upon my path,
illuminating the way forward.
In the hustle and bustle of life,
grant me the wisdom to make choices that align with Your divine plan.
Help me show kindness and compassion to those I meet on this journey,
just as You have shown to me.
Let Your grace guide my steps,
and let Your mercy fill my heart,
for I am forever grateful for Your presence in my life. Amen.

Tuesday – Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus

Hosts of the Lord

Collect:

Heavenly Father,
Your Son called Lazarus from the grave
and sat at table in the house of Bethany.
May we serve Him faithfully in our brethren
and with Mary ponder and feed upon His Word.
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 11:19-27

Today's prayer:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
whose Son blessed by His presence
the home of Lazarus and Mary and Martha in Bethany:
grant that, like Martha,
we may serve Christ faithfully in the person of our brothers and sisters;
and that, like Mary, we may feed on his Word and grow in his love and grace;
and that, like Lazarus, we may be brought forth from death to new life in him;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St Mary, Pray for us

St Martha, Pray for us

St Lazarus, Pray for us

In February 2021 Pope Francis included these three saints in the General Roman Calendar "...considering the important evangelical witness they offered in welcoming the Lord Jesus into their home, in listening to Him attentively, in believing that He is the resurrection and the life."

Pope Francis' decree states that "in the household of Bethany the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, and for this reason, the Gospel of John states that He loved them. ...Martha generously offered Him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to His words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the One who humiliated death."

Wednesday – Week 17

St Peter Chrysologus

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Collect:

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and grant that, with You as our ruler and guide,
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in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 13:44-46

Today's Prayer:

O God, who made the Bishop Saint Peter Chrysologus
an outstanding preacher of Your Incarnate Word,
grant, through his intercession,
that we may constantly ponder in our hearts
the mysteries of Your salvation
and faithfully express them in what we do.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saint Peter Chrysologus, Pray for us

Peter Chrysologus "Peter the Golden-worded" (c. 380 – c. 450) was an Italian prelate who served as Bishop of Ravenna from about 433 until his death. He is known as the "Doctor of Homilies" for the concise but theologically rich reflections he delivered during his time as the Bishop of Ravenna. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII in 1729.

Thursday – St Ignatius of Loyola

Priest - *patron saint of Society of Jesus; soldiers; spiritual retreats; accidents and injuries.*

Collect:

O God, who raised up Saint Ignatius of Loyola in Your Church to further the greater glory of Your Name, grant that by his help we may imitate him in fighting the good fight on Earth and merit to receive with him a crown in Heaven. 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 14:25-33

Today's prayer: *by St Ignatius of Loyola*

Dearest Lord,
teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve You as You deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward
save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.

St Ignatius of Loyola, Pray for us

St Ignatius of Loyola SJ (c. 23rd October 1491 – 31st July 1556, was a Basque Spaniard priest and theologian, who, with six companions, founded the religious order of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and became its first Superior General, in Paris in 1541 Ignatius envisioned the purpose of the Society of Jesus to be missionary work and teaching. In addition to the vows of chastity, obedience and poverty of other religious orders in the church, Loyola instituted a fourth vow for Jesuits of obedience to the Pope, to engage in projects ordained by the pontiff. Jesuits were instrumental in leading the Counter-Reformation. As a former soldier, Ignatius paid particular attention to the spiritual formation of his recruits and recorded his method in the Spiritual Exercises (1548). In time, the method has become known as Ignatian spirituality. He was beatified in 1609 and was canonized as a saint on 12 March 1622. He was declared the patron saint of all spiritual retreats by Pope Pius XI in 1922.

Friday – St Alphonsus Liguori

Religious - *patron saint of confessors*

Collect:

O God, who constantly raise up in Your Church new examples of virtue, grant that we may follow so closely in the footsteps of the Bishop Saint Alphonsus in his zeal for souls as to attain the same rewards that are his in Heaven. 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 5:13-19

Today's prayer: A Night Prayer by St Alphonsus

Jesus Christ, my God,

I adore You and I thank You for the many favours

You have bestowed on me this day

I offer You my sleep and all the moments of this night,

and I pray that You preserve me from sin.

Therefore, I place myself in Your most sacred side,

and under the mantle of our Blessed Lady, my Mother.

May the holy Angels assist me and keep me in peace,

and may Your blessing be upon me. Amen.

St Alphonsus, pray for us

St Alphonsus Maria de Liguori CSsR (27 September 1696 – 1 August 1787) was an Italian bishop and a spiritual writer, composer, musician, artist, poet, lawyer, scholastic philosopher, and theologian. He founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, in November 1732. In 1762 he was appointed Bishop of Sant'Agata dei Goti. A prolific writer, he published nine editions of his Moral Theology in his lifetime, in addition to other devotional and ascetic works and letters. Among his best-known works are The Glories of Mary and The Way of the Cross, the latter still used in parishes during Lenten devotions. He was canonized in 1839 by Pope Gregory XVI and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1871. One of the most widely read Catholic authors.

Saturday - Week 17

St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

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who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen..

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 14:1-12

Today's prayer:

Lord, teach me the art of forgiveness,
for I know that through Your grace and mercy,
I can release the burdens of resentment and anger.
Grant me the strength to let go of grudges
and to open my heart to the healing power of Your love.
Help me see others as You see them,
with compassion and understanding.
In Your divine grace and mercy,
I find the courage to forgive
and the freedom to embrace
a life filled with love and peace. Amen.