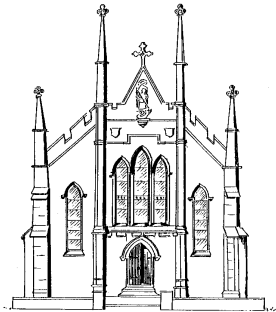


**DAILY
PRAYERS**

**WEEK 13 IN
ORDINARY TIME**



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

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Sunday – Saint Peter and St Paul

Collect:

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,
that we may be sustained
by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul,
that, as through them You gave Your Church
the foundations of her heavenly office,
so through them You may help her to eternal salvation.
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 21:15-19

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,
on this feast of Saints Peter and Paul,
we pray for Your Church throughout the world.
Through the faith of Peter,
keep her steadfast in proclaiming Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Through the zeal of Paul,
send her forth to bring the Gospel to every nation.
Strengthen Pope Leo, bishops, priests, deacons, religious,
and all the faithful in their mission of witness and service.
Grant courage to Christians who suffer persecution,
unity where there is division,
hope where there is discouragement,
and renewed faith where hearts have grown weary.
May Your Church be a sign of Your saving love,
drawing all people to the truth and mercy of Christ.
United with Saints Peter and Paul,
and with all the saints who have gone before us in faith,
may we remain faithful to the Gospel
and one day share in the glory of Your heavenly kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Peter, Pray for us

St Paul, Pray for us

Monday – Week 13

Collect:

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 8:18-22

Today's prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
Light of the world,
drive far from us all darkness,
guard us from sin and fear,
and lead us in the path of peace,
that we may walk always in Your light
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Tuesday – Week 13

First Martyrs of the See of Rome

Collect:

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 8:23-27

Today's prayer:

O God, who consecrated
the abundant first fruits of the Roman Church
by the blood of the Martyrs,
grant, we pray, that with firm courage
we may together draw strength from so great a struggle
and ever rejoice at the triumph of faithful love.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

All Holy Martyrs of Rome, Pray for us

The First Martyrs of the See Rome were the Christians put to death during the persecution of Emperor Nero following the great fire of Rome in AD 64. Though innocent of the crime, they were falsely accused and subjected to cruel deaths, becoming some of the earliest witnesses to Christ in the heart of the Roman Empire.

Their courage and fidelity strengthened the young Church and proclaimed that no earthly power could extinguish the light of the Gospel. Their sacrifice remains an enduring testimony to faith and hope.

Wednesday – Week 13

St Oliver Plunkett
Bishop and Martyr

Collect:

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of 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: Matthew 8:28-34

Today's prayer:

God our Father,
You filled Saint Oliver with the spirit of fortitude,
enabling him to feed Your people with his word
and to lay down his life for the faith;
at his intercession keep us strong in that same faith
and help us to proclaim it everywhere.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Oliver Plunkett, Pray for us

Saint Oliver Plunkett (1625–1681) was born in County Meath, Ireland, and became Archbishop of Armagh in 1669. During a time of persecution, he worked tirelessly to strengthen the faith, promote priestly formation, and reconcile divisions among his people. Falsely accused of treason amid anti-Catholic hysteria, he was tried and executed at Tyburn, London, on 1 July 1681. Canonised in 1975, he is honoured as a courageous shepherd, martyr, and witness to truth and reconciliation.

Thursday – Week 13

Collect:

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Matthew 9:1-8

Today's prayer:

Prayer for Guidance to the Way of Christ

God, our Father,
Your light of truth
guides us to the way of Christ.
May all who follow Him
reject what is contrary to the gospel.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Friday – St Thomas ('Doubting Thomas')

*Apostle - patron saint of Christians in India and Afghanistan
and of architects and builders*

Collect:

Grant, almighty God,
that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apostle Thomas,
so that we may always be sustained by his intercession
and, believing, may have life
in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son,
whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 20:24-29

Today's prayer:

Eternal One, as we travel through life's valleys,
in the places of darkness, and despair,
we know that You are with us.
Even when life's doubts assail us,
we know that You still abide with us, watching over us.
Strengthen our faith.
Help us remember that You never give us more than we can handle.
Embolden us to share our doubts,
to question our absolute truths, our certainties,
and to grow ever closer to You.

St Thomas, Pray for us that we may proclaim with you that Jesus is "My Lord and my God!"

*...Once You showed to Thomas
Wounded hands and side;
Here I kneel adoring,
Faith alone my guide.
Help me grow in faith, Lord,
Grow in hope and love,
Living by Your Spirit,
Gift of God above...*

*A verse from Fr James Quinn SJ translation of
St Thomas Aquinas' hymn Adore te devote.*

Saturday – Week 13

St Elizabeth of Portugal

patron saint of widows and victims of adultery

Collect:

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chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of 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: Matthew 9:14-17

Today's prayer:

Father of peace and love,
You gave Saint Elizabeth the gift of reconciling enemies.
By the help of her prayers
give us the courage to work for peace among all people,
that we may be called the children of God.
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.

St Elizabeth, Pray for us, that we may be true witnesses to the peace and reconciliation taught by Jesus.

St Elizabeth was born in 1271 into the royal family of Aragon. At the age of twelve she was married to the king of Portugal and had two children. The marriage was unhappy and led to many disputes between the families. She lived a life of penance, prayer and fasting. After her husband's death she renounced the world and lived in poverty as a member of the Third Order of St Francis. War broke out between her son and grandson, and while attempting to reconcile them, she died in 1336.