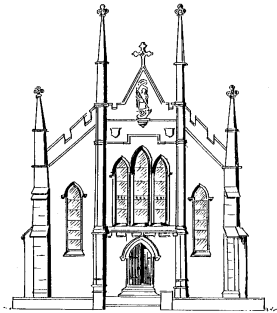


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 17 IN 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: Mathew 13:44-52

Today's prayer:

Father in Heaven, we ask You to help us
to embrace the reason that we must apply Your teachings to our lives –
so that our foundation will be unshakable and storm-proof
when the howling winds and surging rains beat against us.

The foundation of this world is temporal
and growing more and more decadent,
so we choose instead to build our lives
on the eternal foundation of Your Holy Word,
as You teach us all throughout Scripture.

We will come to regret that which consumed our heart,
our mind and our time in building temporal foundations,
but we will never come to regret building a spiritual foundation
comprised of Jesus Christ and His eternal worth.

Keep us clear minded and focused
on the truth that only faith in You satisfies us here
and leads to share life with You for eternity. Amen.

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to those that ever endure.
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God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Today's prayer:

Lord God,
You are the sure foundation
of all that is good and holy.
Keep us close to You,
guide our steps each day,
and strengthen our hope
in Your unfailing love. Amen.

Tuesday – Week 17

Collect:

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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,
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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: Matthew 13:36-43

Today's prayer:

Heavenly Father,
help us to receive the blessings of this life
with gratitude and wisdom,
never letting passing things distract us
from the lasting treasure
of Your Kingdom. Amen.

Wednesday – Sts Mary, Martha & Lazarus

Hosts of the Lord

St Martha is the patron saint of cooks, servants, housekeepers, homemakers, innkeepers, waiters and waitresses, domestic workers, and hospitality.

St Mary of Bethany has no universally recognised official patronage but is widely regarded as a patron of contemplative prayer, those who seek a deeper spiritual life, and all who listen to the word of God.

St Lazarus of Bethany is traditionally honoured as the patron saint of the sick, lepers (through the medieval Order of St Lazarus), the poor, and those who seek hope in illness and the promise of the resurrection.

Together, Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus can fittingly be invoked as patrons of Christian families, friendship, hospitality, and homes where Christ is welcomed.

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: Matthew 13:44-46 or John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38:42

Today's prayer:

Lord Jesus, You found a welcome
in the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.
Fill our homes and hearts with generous hospitality,
so that all who enter may find kindness,
peace, and the warmth of Your presence.
Teach us to serve with love,
to listen to Your word with attentive hearts,
and to welcome You in every guest. Amen.

St Mary, Pray for us

St Martha, Pray for us

St Lazarus, Pray for us

Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany were close friends of Jesus, whose home became a place of welcome, friendship and faith. Martha is remembered for her generous service, Mary for listening attentively at the Lord's feet, and Lazarus for being raised from the dead, a sign of Christ's power over death. Together they remind us that the Christian life is rooted in hospitality, prayer, loving service and confident hope in the resurrection.

Thursday – Week 17

St Peter Chrysologus - Bishop and Doctor of the Church

patron saint of preachers, speakers, and those who seek the grace to proclaim God's word with conviction, eloquence and love.

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: Matthew 13:47-53

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.

St Peter Chrysologus, Pray for us

St Peter Chrysologus (c. 380–450) was Bishop of Ravenna and one of the Church's great preachers. His title Chrysologus, meaning "Golden-Worded," reflects the clarity, warmth and wisdom of his sermons, which encouraged Christians to live the Gospel with charity and faith. Proclaimed a Doctor of the Church

Friday – St Ignatius of Loyola

Priest, and cofounder of the Jesuits

patron saint of all spiritual retreats, soldiers and the Society of Jesus

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: Matthew 13:54-58 or Luke 14:25-33

Today's prayer:

Teach us, good Lord,
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,
except that of knowing
that we are doing Your will.

St Ignatius Loyola

Our Lady of the Wayside, Pray for us,
St Ignatius, Pray for us
All Jesuit saints, Pray for us

*St Ignatius Loyola (23rd October 1491 · Azpeitia, Spain
- 31st July 1556 · Rome) priest and theologian, who, with Peter Faber
and Francis Xavier, founded the religious order of the Society of Jesus
(The Jesuits), and became its first Superior General, in Paris in 1541.*

Saturday – St Alphonsus Liguori

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

patron saint of confessors and theologians

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 14:1-12 or Matthew 5:13-19

Today's prayer:

St Alphonsus' Act of Contrition

I love You, Jesus,
my love above all things,
I repent with my whole heart for
having offended You.
Never permit me to separate myself from You again.
Grant that I may love You always
and then do with me what You will.

St Alphonsus, Pray for us

*St Alphonsus Liguori (27th September 1696, Marianella, Campania –
1st August 1787 Pagani) an Italian bishop, spiritual writer, composer,
musician, artist, poet, lawyer, scholastic philosopher, and theologian. He
founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the
Redemptorists.*