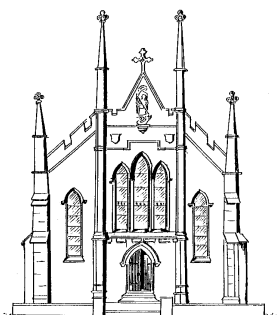


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 24 IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

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Sunday – Week 24

Collect:

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of Your mercy,
grant that we may serve You with all our heart.
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 18:21-35

Today's prayer:

Blessed are You,
O Lord our God,
Creator and Ruler of the universe,
for You have satisfied our souls
with this feast of Your grace.
Keep us faithful in Your service
until Your realm of glory comes;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday –

The Exultation of the Holy Cross

Collect:

O God, who willed that Your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known His mystery on Earth, may merit the grace of His redemption 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: John 3:13-17

Today's prayer: Before the Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones."

V. We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You,

R. Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

O God, who for the redemption of the world chose to be born in a stable and to die upon the Cross: Lord Jesus Christ, by Your holy Passion, which we, Your unworthy servants, now call to mind, and by Your holy Cross and death, deliver us from the pains of Hell and lead us to that place where You brought the Good Thief who was crucified beside You. You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday – Our Lady of Sorrows

Collect:

O God, who willed
that, when Your Son was lifted high on the Cross,
His Mother should stand close by and share His suffering,
grant that Your Church,
participating with the Virgin Mary in the Passion of Christ,
may merit a share in His Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Today's prayer:

O most holy Mother, Queen of Sorrows, who followed your beloved Son through all the Way of the Cross, and whose heart was pierced with a fresh sword of grief at all the stations of that most sorrowful journey, obtain for us, we beseech you, O most loving Mother, a perpetual remembrance of our Blessed Saviour's Cross and Death, and a true and tender devotion to all the mysteries of his most holy Passion.

Obtain for us the grace to hate sin, even as he hated it in the agony in the garden; to endure wrong and insult with all patience as he endured them in the judgement hall; to be meek and humble in all our trials as he was before his judges; to love our enemies even as he loved his murderers, and prayed for them upon the Cross; and to glorify God and to do good to our neighbour, even as he did in every mystery of his suffering.

O Queen of Martyrs, who by the Dolours of your Immaculate Heart on Calvary, merited to share the Passion of our Most Holy Redeemer, obtain for us some portion of your compassion, that for the love of Jesus crucified, we may be crucified to the world in this life, and in the life to come may, by his infinite merits and your powerful intercession, reign with him in glory everlasting. Amen.

Wednesday – St Cornelius, Pope and St Cyprian, Bishop

St Ninian Bishop of Galloway

St Cornelius, Pope — patron saint of cattle and other horned animals, and traditionally invoked against epilepsy, earache, fever and convulsions. His association with cattle probably arose from his name being connected popularly with Latin cornu, “horn.”

St Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage — traditionally invoked against plague and pestilence, and sometimes regarded as a patron of North Africa, especially Carthage.

Collect:

O God, who gave Saints Cornelius and Cyprian to Your people
as diligent shepherds and valiant Martyrs,
grant that through their intercession
we may be strengthened in faith and constancy
and spend ourselves without reserve
for the unity of the Church.

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 7:31-35

Today’s prayer:

O God, by the preaching of your blessed servant and bishop Ninian you caused the light of the Gospel to shine in the land of Britain: Grant, we pray, that having his life and labours in remembrance we may show our thankfulness by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St Ninian, who lived around the fifth century, is honoured as an early missionary bishop of Scotland. Tradition associates him with Whithorn in Galloway, where he established a Christian community known as Candida Casa, the “White House.” From there, the Gospel spread among the peoples of southern Scotland and beyond.

Sts Cornelius and Cyprian were third-century bishops united by faith and friendship during a time of persecution. Cornelius, Pope of Rome, defended the Church’s mercy towards Christians who had fallen away under persecution but wished to return. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, strongly supported him. Both suffered for Christ: Cornelius died in exile, and Cyprian was later beheaded. Their witness reminds us that courage, unity and mercy belong together in the life of the Church.

Thursday – Week 24

St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor
St Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor

Collect:

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of Your mercy,
grant that we may serve You with all our heart.
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 7:36-50

Today's Prayer:

Hear us, God our Saviour,
that, as we rejoice in commemorating the Virgin blessed Hildegard,
we may be instructed by her loving devotion.

O God, who adorned the Bishop Saint Robert Bellarmine
with wonderful learning and virtue
to vindicate the faith of Your Church,
grant, through his intercession,
that in the integrity of that same faith
Your people may always find joy.
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 Robert Bellarmine, Pray for us
St Hildegard of Bingen, Pray for us

St Robert Bellarmine (1542–1621), a Jesuit cardinal and gifted theologian, defended Catholic teaching during the Reformation and served the Church with learning, humility and pastoral care. St Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179), a German Benedictine abbess, was a remarkable writer, composer and spiritual teacher whose works explored Scripture, creation and the Christian life. Though separated by centuries, both placed exceptional intellectual gifts at the service of God and the Church, and both are honoured as Doctors of the Church.

Friday – Week 24

Collect:

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of Your mercy,
grant that we may serve You with all our heart.
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 8:1-3

Today's prayer:

O God,
mercy and forgiveness are Yours
by nature and by right.
Receive our humble petitions.
Though we are bound tightly by the chain of our sins,
set us free by the power of Your great mercy. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us
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Saturday - Week 24

St Januarius, Bishop and martyr - *patron saint of Naples*,
St Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury

Collect:

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of Your mercy,
grant that we may serve You with all our heart.
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 8:4-15

Today's prayer: *Collect for Saint Januarius:*

O God, who grant us to venerate the memory of the Martyr Saint Januarius,
give us, we pray, the joy of his company in blessed happiness for all eternity.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Saint Theodore of Tarsus (7th Archbishop of Canterbury)

O God, who called Your servant Saint Theodore to be a bishop among us
and to set the Church on a firm foundation,
grant, we pray, through his intercession
that we may always remain steadfast on the rock which is Christ
and be obedient to the calling we have received.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St Januarius, Pray for all those persecuted for their faith
Saint Theodore of Canterbury, Pray for our land and its peoples

St Januarius was born in Italy and was bishop of Benevento during the Emperor Diocletian persecution. Bishop Januarius went to visit two deacons and two laymen in prison. He was then also imprisoned along with his deacon. They were thrown to the wild beasts, but when the animals did not attack them, they were beheaded. What is believed to be Januarius' blood is kept in Naples, as a relic. It liquifies and bubbles when exposed in the cathedral. Scientists have not been able to explain this miracle to date. St. Januarius died around

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Saint Theodore of Tarsus, (c. 602, Tarsus, Cilicia, Asia Minor - September 19th 690, Canterbury) He was the seventh archbishop of Canterbury and the first archbishop to preside over the whole English Church.