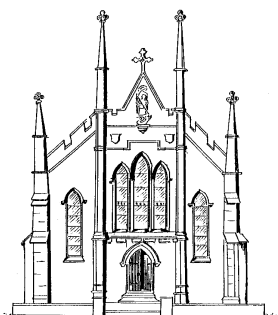


DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 25 IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Sunday – Week 25

Collect:

O God, who founded all the commands of Your sacred Law upon love of You and of our neighbour,
grant that, by keeping Your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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 20:1-16a

Today's prayer:

Lord God, Heavenly Father,
You have commanded us to have no other gods.
Keep us faithful to You alone,
dethrone the idols in our life,
and give us the grace to honour, love
and trust You above all things.

Glory be to the Father...

Monday – St Matthew

Apostle and Evangelist

patron saint of accountants, bankers, tax collectors, customs officers and financial workers

Collect:

O God, who with untold mercy
were pleased to choose as an Apostle
Saint Matthew, the tax collector,
grant that, sustained by his example and intercession,
we may merit to hold firm in following 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: Matthew 9:9-13

Today's prayer:

St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist,
you heard the call of Jesus and followed Him without delay.
Pray for us, that we may listen to His voice,
leave behind whatever keeps us from Him,
and follow Christ with faithful and generous hearts.
Help us to bear witness to the Gospel
in all that we say and do. Amen.

St Matthew, Pray for us

Tuesday – Week 25

Collect:

O God, who founded all the commands of Your sacred Law upon love of You and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping Your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 8:19-21

Today's prayer:

O God,
You have taught us that love of You and of our neighbour is the heart of Your Law.
Help us to keep Your Commandments with generous hearts and lead us at last to the joy of eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday – St Pius of Pietrelcina

Priest - patron saint of civil-defence volunteers and Catholic adolescents; he is also widely invoked by the sick and suffering.

Collect:

Almighty ever-living God, who, by a singular grace,
gave the Priest Saint Pio a share in the Cross of Your Son
and, by means of his ministry,
renewed the wonders of your mercy,
grant that through his intercession
we may be united constantly to the sufferings of Christ,
and so brought happily to the glory of the resurrection.
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 9:1-6

Today's prayer:

St Pius of Pietrelcina,
faithful priest and servant of Christ,
you found your strength in prayer,
the Eucharist and the Cross.
Pray for us in our needs,
comfort those who suffer,
and help us to trust more deeply in God's mercy and love.
May we follow Christ faithfully each day
and find our peace in Him. Amen.

St Pius, Pray for us

St Pius of Pietrelcina (1887–1968), better known as Padre Pio, was an Italian Capuchin friar and priest renowned for his life of prayer, his devotion to the Eucharist and his ministry in the confessional. For fifty years he bore the stigmata, the wounds of Christ. He also founded a hospital, the Home for the Relief of Suffering. Canonised by St John Paul II in 2002, he remains a much-loved witness to prayer, sacrifice and trust in God.

Thursday – Our Lady of Walsingham

Collect:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
That a in the mystery of the Incarnation
The Blessed and ever Virgin mary
Conceived Your Son in her heart
Before she conceived Him in the womb,
So we, Your pilgrim people,
Rejoiving in her motherly care,
May welcome Him into our hearts
And become a holy house fir for His eternal dwelling
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Today's Gospel reading: Luke 1:26-38

Today's Prayer:

Our Lady of Walsingham,
Mother of God and Mother of the Church,
pray for the conversion of England
and draw our people ever closer to your Son.
Renew among us the gift of faith,
strengthen those who seek Christ,
and bring back those who have wandered from Him.
May our homes and communities
become places of prayer, charity and peace,
and may England once again rejoice in the light of the Gospel. Amen.

Walsingham has been a place of pilgrimage since the eleventh century, when, according to tradition, Our Lady appeared to Richeldis de Faverches and asked her to build a replica of the Holy House of Nazareth. The shrine became one of medieval England's greatest pilgrimage centres before its destruction at the Reformation. Restored in modern times, Walsingham remains a centre of prayer for Christian unity and for the conversion of England: that our nation may rediscover Christ and the Catholic faith.

Friday – Week 25

Collect:

O God, who founded all the commands of Your sacred Law upon love of You and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping Your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 9: 18-22

Today's Prayer:

Lord our God,
fill our hearts with love for You and for one another.
May Your Commandments guide our lives,
Your grace strengthen us in faithfulness,
and Your mercy bring us safely to everlasting life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saturday – Sts Cosmas and Damian

Martyrs

patron saints of doctors, surgeons, dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians, and barbers (who were the original surgeons).

Collect:

O God, who founded all the commands of Your sacred Law upon love of You and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping Your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

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 9:43b-45

Today's prayer: A Prayer to Saints Cosmas and Damian

O Saints Cosmas and Damian, we honour and venerate you with all the humility and interior affection of our hearts.

We invoke you, glorious martyrs of Jesus Christ, who during life exercised the art of healing with admirable charity and sacrifice, curing the incurable and ministering to dangerous illnesses, not so much with the aid of medicine and skill, but by the invocation of the all-powerful Name of Jesus Christ.

Now that you are more powerful in heaven, graciously bestow your merciful glance upon us; and at the sight of the many ills which oppress us, the many spiritual and corporal diseases that surround us, hasten your help. Assist us, we pray, in every distress.

We do not ask for ourselves only, but for all our relatives, families, friends, and enemies, so that, restored to health of soul and body, we can give glory to God, and honour to you, our saintly protectors. Amen.

Tradition says Cosmas and Damian were twins and doctors. They were martyred around the year 287. Renowned for their healing powers, they also brought many pagans to the Christian Faith by offering their services free of charge. Their reputation for healing continued after their martyrdom, as many miraculous cures were attributed to their intercession.