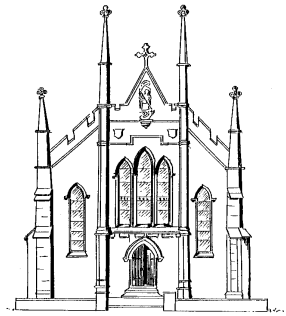
DAILY PRAYERS

WEEK 34 IN ORDINARY TIME



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

Collect:
Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in Your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render Your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim Your praise.
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 25:31-46

Today's prayer: For Young People and the Church
Lord Jesus Christ, our Servant King,
You welcomed the young with love
and called them to follow You with joy.
Look with tenderness upon the young people of our world,
with all their hopes and dreams, their questions and uncertainties,
and the wonderful possibilities that lie before them.
Guide them as they discover the path You have prepared for them.
Give them courage to seek what is good, wisdom to recognise what is true, and generous hearts ready to love and serve those around them.
Bless Your Church, that young and old together
may learn from one another, share the riches of their faith,
and encourage each other along the journey of life.
May no young person feel forgotten, no honest question go unheard,
and no searching heart be left without the hope of Your love.
Lord Jesus, King of Love, walk beside us all,
and help us to build a Church
where every generation is welcomed,
every gift is treasured,
and every life finds its joy in You.
Amen.

Monday – Week 34

St Clement I. Pope and Martyr; St Columbanus, Abbot

Collect:
Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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 21:1-4

Today's prayer:
O God, who strengthened St Clement in his witness to the faith
and inspired St Columbanus to spread the Gospel,
grant that, through their prayers,
we may remain steadfast in faith,
united in love and generous in Your service.
May their example encourage us to follow Christ faithfully
and bring His peace to those around us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Clement, Pray for us
St Columbanus, Pray for us

***St Clement I**, Pope and Martyr. He was one of the earliest successors of St Peter as Bishop of Rome. Remembered for his wisdom and pastoral care, he wrote an important letter encouraging unity among Christians. Tradition holds that he was martyred by being thrown into the sea with an anchor.*

***St Columbanus**, Abbot. He was born in Ireland around 543, St Columbanus became a great missionary monk, founding monasteries in France and Italy. Known for his courage, learning and strict monastic discipline, he tirelessly preached the Gospel, challenged powerful rulers and helped renew Christian life throughout Europe. He died in 615.*

Tuesday – St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and the Martyrs of Vietnam

Collect:
O God, source and origin of all fatherhood,
who kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions
faithful to the Cross of Your Son,
even to the shedding of their blood,
grant, through their intercession,
that, spreading Your love among our brothers and sisters,
we may be Your children both in name and in 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: Luke 21:5-11

Today's prayer:
O God, who gave St Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his companions
the courage to remain faithful to Christ even unto death,
grant that, through their prayers,
we may be steadfast in faith, courageous in times of difficulty
and generous in our love for others.
Strengthen all who suffer persecution for their faith,
and bless Your Church with the gifts of peace, unity and hope.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Andrew Dung-Lac, Pray for us
All you holy Martyrs of Vietnam, Pray for us

St Andrew Dũng-Lạc *was a Vietnamese priest who suffered martyrdom in 1839 during a period of fierce persecution. Today we remember him alongside 116 other martyrs, including bishops, priests, religious and laypeople, who gave their lives for Christ between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries. Despite imprisonment, torture and the threat of death, they remained steadfast in faith. Their courage reminds us of the precious gift of religious freedom and encourages us to remain faithful to Christ in every circumstance.*

Wednesday – St Catherine of Alexandria

Virgin Martyr

patron saint of students, scholars and philosopher.

Collect:
Almighty ever-living God,
who gave Saint Catherine of Alexandria to Your people
as a Virgin and an invincible Martyr,
grant that through her 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 21:12-19

Today's prayer:
O God, who blessed St Catherine of Alexandria with wisdom,
courage and an unwavering love for Christ,
grant that, through her prayers,
we may grow in understanding of Your truth
and remain steadfast in our faith.
Give us courage to stand for what is right,
patience in times of difficulty
and hearts always ready to bear witness to Your love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us

According to ancient tradition, St Catherine was a young Christian woman of remarkable intelligence and learning who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, during the fourth century. She courageously defended her faith before the Roman emperor and, refusing to renounce Christ, suffered martyrdom. Although the historical details of her life remain uncertain, her story has inspired Christians for centuries. St Catherine reminds us that true wisdom is found in Christ.

Thursday – Week 34

Collect:
Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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 21:20-28

Today's Prayer:
Servant King,
Help us, with simple words,
to explain the warmth
within our hearts
that we experienced
in that first encounter
with Your love and grace -
the Spirit's flame,
still burning bright within -
that others, in their own
journeys of discovery
might reach out and touch
the hand that's always there,
and be embraced by love.

Friday – Week 34

Collect:
Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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: Lk 21:29-33

Today's prayer:
Servant King,
Help us, through simple acts
of kindness and compassion,
to share the love
You have placed within our hearts.
May the light of Your presence,
shining through our lives,
bring hope to those
who struggle on their way,
comfort to those
who feel forgotten,
and courage to those
who seek Your face,
that all may come to know
the joy of being loved by You.
Amen.

Saturday – Week 34

Collect:
Stir up the will of Your faithful, we pray, O Lord,
that striving more eagerly
to bring Your divine work to fruitful completion
they may receive in greater measure
the healing remedies Your kindness bestows.
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: Lk 21:34-36

Today's prayer:
Today is the last day of the Church's liturgical year.
Tomorrow a new year begins with the Season of Advent.

O God, the beginning, and the end of all things,
You are always the same, and whose years fail not,
we now, at the close of another year, come in adoration before You,
and offer You our deepest thanks for the fatherly care
with which You have watched over us,
for the many times You have protected us from evils of soul and body,
and for the numberless blessings, both temporal and spiritual,
which You have showered upon us.
May it please You, Lord, to accept the homage of our grateful hearts
which we offer You in union with the infinite thanksgiving of Your divine Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

We give thanks for the blessings of the past year and ask that as we prepare for a new year, we may rejoice in those blessings and learn from our past mistakes.

Glory be to the Father…