

Saturday, 5th August

**Dedication of St Mary Major  
or  
Votive Mass of the BVM**

*St Mary Major is the oldest church in the west dedicated to Our Lady. At the council of Ephesus in 431 the Blessed Virgin Mary was proclaimed 'Theotokos' meaning Mother of God. It was shortly after this that Pope Sixtus II erected a basilica in Rome in her honour.*

Entrance Antiphon: **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

BVM Antiphon (3): **Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High, above all women on the earth; for he has so exalted your name, that your praise shall be undying on our lips.**

First Reading: Leviticus 25:1. 8-17  
*In the year of jubilee each of you is to return to his ancestral home.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are those who, with a noble and generous heart, take the word of God to themselves and yield a harvest through their perseverance. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12  
*Herod sent and had John beheaded. John's disciples went off to tell Jesus.*

Communion Antiphon: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

BVM Antiphon (3): **All generations will call be blessed, for God has looked on his lowly handmaid.**



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**WEEKDAY**

**MASS SHEET**

**31<sup>th</sup> July – 5th August  
Week 17, Year I**

**Monday, 31st July**

**St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

*Ignatius was born at Loyola (Spain) in 1491 and died on this day in 1556. He was a soldier who converted after being injured in battle. Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and developed the Spiritual Exercises, where he invites us to become Soldiers of Christ. His motto, and that of the Jesuits, is 'the greater glory of God'.*

Entrance Antiphon: **At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

First Reading: Exodus 32:15-24. 30-34  
*The people who committed a grave sin, making themselves a god of gold.*

Responsorial Psalm: **O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-35  
*A mustard seed becomes a tree so that the birds of the air shelter in its branches.*

Communion Antiphon: **Thus says the Lord, I have come to cast fire on the earth, and how I wish that it were kindled.**

**Tuesday, 1st August**

**St Alphonsus Mary de Ligouri,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

*Alphonsus founded the Redemptorists in 1732, an order famed for its preaching and giving of missions. He was a most able preacher who had been a lawyer, obtaining doctorates in both civil and church law before pursuing his vocation to the priesthood. He published books on moral theology and was a much sought after confessor. He was a bishop but resigned and died aged 91 in 1787.*

Entrance Antiphon: **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

First Reading: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9. 28  
*The Lord would speak to Moses face to face.*

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is compassion and love.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord remains for ever: What is this word? It is the Good News that has been brought to you. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13:36-43  
*Just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time.*

Communion Antiphon: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August

**St Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop or  
St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest**

*Eusebius died in 371 and was founder of the Canons Regular (Augustinians) in the west.*

*Peter died in 1868 and was a friend of St John Vianney. He founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.*

Entrance Antiphon: **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35  
*When they saw Moses, they would not venture near him.*

Responsorial Psalm: **You are holy, O Lord our God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46  
*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Communion Antiphon: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

First Reading: Exodus 40:16-21. 34-38  
*The cloud covered the Tent of Meeting and the glory of the Lord God filled the tabernacle.*

Responsorial Psalm: **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53  
*They collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use.*

Communion Antiphon: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August

**St John Mary Vianney, Priest**

*John died in 1859, universally known as the Cure d'Ars. He is a model and patron of Parish Priests and was born near Lyons in 1786. He struggled with studies in the seminary but finally was ordained in 1815. He was assigned to the parish of Ars. He remained there for 42 years because the people repeatedly opposed his transfer.*

Entrance Antiphon: **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

First Reading: Leviticus 23:1. 4-11. 15-16. 27. 34-37  
*You are to call these the most solemn festivals of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Ring out your joy to God our strength.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Accept God's message for what it really is: God's message, and not some human thinking.**

Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58  
*This is the carpenter's son, surely? Where did the man get his wisdom and these miraculous powers?*

Communion Antiphon: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**