

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

Saturday, 25th November

St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Or Our Lady on Saturday

Catherine lived in the 4th Century and was much venerated in the Middle Ages. She was a convert to Christianity and as a teenager tried to convert the Emperor Maximus but succeeded in converting his wife. Catherine was condemned to death by stretching on the breaking wheel but as soon as she touched it, it broke so she was beheaded. She is patron of Russia and much venerated in the Orthodox Church.

Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

BVM Entrance Antiphon No. 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: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13
I am dying of melancholy because of the wrong I did in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm: **Remember the wonders the Lord has done.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 20:27-40
He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.

Communion Antiphon: **To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

BVM Communion Antiphon No. 3: **All generations will call me blessed, for God has looked on his lowly handmaid.**



20th – 25th November
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Monday, 20th November

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

First Reading: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15. 41-43. 54-57.62-64
It was a dreadful wrath that visited Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: **Give me life, O Lord, and I will do your will.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43
What do you want me to do for you? – Let me see again.

Communion Antiphon: **To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

Tuesday, 21st November

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast dates from 1372 in the Latin Rite: In the Eastern Rite from the sixth century and in certain Italian monasteries from the ninth century. Mary was presented in the temple at Jerusalem at the age of three where she lived with other girls and women who had charge of them.

Alternative antiphons may be chosen by the celebrant.

Entrance Antiphon: **Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.**

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31
I shall have left an example of how to make a good death for the holy laws.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord upholds me.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10
The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

Communion Antiphon: **Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.**

Wednesday, 22nd November

St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Cecilia died a martyr's death in Rome in the 3rd Century. She was honoured from the fifth century and is Patron of Musicians. Her name appears in the Roman Canon.

Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1. 20-31
The creator of the world will give you back both breath and life.

Responsorial Psalm: **I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! When anyone obeys what Christ has said, God's love comes to perfection in him. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 19:11-28
Why did you not put my money in the bank?

Communion Antiphon: **To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

Thursday, 23rd November

Weekday or

**St Clement, Pope and Martyr or
St Columban, Abbot**

Clement died in 100. He was the fourth Bishop of Rome and renowned both for his pastoral solicitude and firm paternal admonition.

Columban was an Irish monk and missionary to France. He wrote a strict monastic rule and was fearless in his denunciation of lax bishops.

Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

First Reading: 1 Maccabees 2:15-29
We will follow the covenant of our ancestors.

Responsorial Psalm: **I will show God's salvation to the upright.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 19:41-44
If you had only understood the message of peace!

Communion Antiphon: **To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

Friday, 24th November

**St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs**

There are 117 martyrs in this group and although they died at different times, they were all canonised by Pope St John Paul II in 1998. Of the group 96 were Vietnamese, 11 were Spanish and 10 were French. There were 8 bishops, 50 priests and 59 lay Catholics, including a seminarian.

Entrance Antiphon: **May we never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the word of the Cross is the power of God to us who have been saved.**

First Reading: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37. 52-59
They celebrated the dedication of the altar, joyfully offering holocausts.

Responsorial Psalm: **We praise your glorious name, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death, and he has proclaimed life through the good news.**

Gospel: Luke 19:45-48
You have turned the house of God into a robber's den.

Communion Antiphon: **Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

The
Word
of God