



Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June

Weekday or

**St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church**

*Cyril was a defender of the faith at the council of Ephesus and fought against heresy as a great defender of the mystery of the Incarnation and the dogma of Mary's Divine Motherhood. He is a Doctor of the Church and died in 444.*

Entrance Antiphon: **The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.**

First Reading: 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3

*In the people's hearing the king read out everything that was said in the book of the covenant found in the Temple of the Lord, and in the presence of the Lord he made a covenant.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Lord, teach me your statutes.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Because of your love give me life, and I will do your will. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 7:15-20

*You will be able to tell them by their fruits.*

Communion Antiphon: **The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.**

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June

**St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

*Irenaeus was martyred in 202. Although from Asia Minor he was a disciple of Polycarp and bishop of Lyons. He defended orthodoxy against the Gnostics.*

Entrance Antiphon: **The law of truth was in his mouth; no dishonesty was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and peace, and turned many away from evil.**

First Reading: 2 Kings 24:8-17

*The king of Babylon deported Jehoiachin and all the nobility of the country to Babylon.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Rescue us, O Lord, for the glory of your name.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is something alive and active; it can judge secret emotions and thoughts. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29

*The house built on rock and the house built on sand.*

Communion Antiphon: **Remain in me, as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.**



Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Both these men were martyred in Rome in the first century. Peter was chosen by Jesus to lead the Church. Paul was converted on the road to Damascus and preached to the Gentiles especially.*

Entrance Antiphon: **These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: Acts 12:1-11

*Now I know the Lord really did save me from Herod.*

Responsorial Psalm: **From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8. 17.18

*All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

The **Creed** is said.

Communion Antiphon: **Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**