

WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

23rd July – 28th July
WEEK SIXTEEN, YEAR II



Monday, 23rd July

ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS & PATRON OF EUROPE

Before she founded the Bridgettines she was married with eight children, one of whom was St Catherine of Sweden. Bridget died in 1373 in Rome where she helped restore the Papacy from Avignon. She is remembered for her asceticism, her dedication to reform within the Church, and her lifelong mystical experience of Christ's passion.

Entrance Antiphon: **Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we honour Saint Bridget, at whose feast the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: Galatians 2:19-20
I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.

Responsorial Psalm: **I will bless the Lord at all times.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Remain in my love, says the Lord; whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 15:1-8
Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Communion Antiphon: **Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above kings.**

Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23

The man who hears the word and understands it, he is the one who yields a harvest.

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.**

Saturday, 28th July

Weekday or
Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

Entrance Antiphon: **See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

BVM Antiphon: **All the richest of the people long to see your face; behind her, her maiden companions are escorted to the King; her attendants are escorted to you amid gladness and joy.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 7:1-11
Do you take this temple that bears my name for a robber's den?

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

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

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30
Let them both grow till the harvest.

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.**

BVM Antiphon: **Praise the Lord our God, for in Mary his handmaid he has fulfilled his promise of mercy to the house of Israel.**

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Tuesday, 24th July

**Weekday or
St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest**

Born in Lebanon, he became a monk and had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Later he became a hermit until his death in 1898.

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Micah 7:14-15. 18-20
To the bottom of the sea throw all our sins.

Responsorial Psalm: Let us see, O Lord, your mercy.

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

Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50
Stretching out his hand towards his disciples he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers.'

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Wednesday, 25th July

ST JAMES, APOSTLE

James was martyred in 44 and was the first of the Apostles to die. His tomb at Compostella in Spain was one of the greatest medieval places of pilgrimage. Still today it attracts thousands of pilgrims, including the Pope in 2010.

Entrance Antiphon: As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother mending their nets and he called them.

The **Gloria** is said.
First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
We always carry with us in our body the death of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm: Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I chose you from the world to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28
You shall drink my cup.

Communion Antiphon: They drank the chalice of the Lord, and became the friends of God.

Thursday, 26th July

**Ss Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Joachim and Anne are named as Mary's parents in a late 2nd century tradition. The feast honours both the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of the Lord.

Entrance Antiphon: Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave him who was a blessing for all the nations.

First Reading: Jeremiah 2:1-3. 7-8. 12-13
My people have abandoned me, the fountain of living water, only to dig cisterns for themselves, leaky cisterns that hold no water.

Responsorial Psalm: In you, Lord, is the source of life.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Harden not your hearts today, but listen to the voice of the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17
The mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them.

Communion Antiphon: They received blessings from the Lord and mercy from God their Saviour.

Friday, 27th July

**Weekday or
Bl Robert Sutton, Priest & Martyr**

One of three brothers ordained in Douai, France, Robert returned to England in 1578 and ministered for 10 years before being martyred in 1588, age 34.

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Jeremiah 3:14-17
I will give you shepherds after my own heart; all the nations will gather in Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.

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!