

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25
We are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord fills the earth with his love.**

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Communion Antiphon: **The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.**

Saturday, 25th August

**Weekday or
Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday**

Entrance Antiphon: **Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
God chose what is weak by human reckoning.

Responsorial Psalm: **Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
You have shown you can be faithful in small things, come and join in your master's happiness.

Communion Antiphon: **The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.**



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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

**27th August – 1st September
Week Twenty One, Year II**

Monday, 27th August

St Monica

Monica died in 387. She was born in North Africa, married to the dissolute Patricius and mother of three children, including St Augustine of Hippo. An exemplary Christian mother she endured much family strife but lived to see her son baptised a Christian.

Entrance Antiphon: **Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5. 11-12
The name of the Lord will be glorified in you and you in him.

Responsorial Psalm: **Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 23:13-22
Alas for you, blind guides!

Communion Antiphon: **The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.**

Tuesday, 28th August

**St Augustine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

Augustine was born in north Africa and died at Hippo in 480. He was a free-spirit as a youth and converted late to Christianity. He was baptised by St Ambrose of Milan and later became Bishop of Hippo. He was a great thinker and outstanding preacher.

Entrance Antiphon: **In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.**

First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17

Keep the traditions that we taught you.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord comes to rule the earth.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Open your heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 23:23-26

You should have practised these matters of the Law, without neglecting the others.

Communion Antiphon: **Thus says the Lord: You have but one teacher, the Christ, and you are all brothers.**

Wednesday, 29th August

The Passion of St John the Baptist

For rebuking Herod Antipas for taking Herodias, his half brother's wife, John was imprisoned. Rashly Herod promised Salome, Herodias' daughter, whatever she wanted after she had danced before him. Herodias told her to ask for John the Baptist's head.

Entrance Antiphon: **I spoke, O Lord, of your decrees before kings, and was not confounded; I pondered your commands and loved them greatly.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:17-19

Stand up and tell them all I command you; do not be dismayed at their presence.

Responsorial Psalm: **My lips will tell of your justice, O Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia!**

NB The Gospel is Proper to this Feast

Gospel: Mark 6:17-29

I want you to give me John the Baptist's head, here and now, on a dish.

Communion Antiphon: **John answered and said: He must increase; but I must decrease.**

Thursday, 30th August

Weekday or

Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs

Margaret Clitherow died in 1586. She became a Catholic and did much to support her fellow Catholics and priests. She was arrested for helping and harbouring priests. She refused to plead because she did not wish to implicate her family or members of her household. She nevertheless was found guilty and was crushed to death at York. Margaret is patron of the Catholic Women's League.

Anne Line died in 1560. Both she and her brother were disinherited by their Calvinist parents after they converted to Catholicism. Anne's husband died in exile. Left in penury she became housekeeper to Fr John Gerrard SJ. After his arrest her house became a centre for recusants. She was arrested and found guilty of harbouring priests.

Margaret Ward died in 1588. She was born in Cheshire and entered domestic service. She famously assisted a priest in his escape from London prison. She was arrested, tried, found guilty and executed for refusing to confirm the established church.

Entrance Antiphon: **Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

You have been enriched in so many ways in Christ.

Responsorial Psalm: **I will bless your name for ever, O Lord.**

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 24:42-51

Stand ready.

Communion Antiphon: **The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.**

Friday, 31st August

Weekday or

St Aidan, Bishop, and the Sts of Lindisfarne

Aidan died in 651. A Celt who did much to make Lindisfarne a centre of education for future saints.

Entrance Antiphon: **Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**