

Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31

Two blind men who believe in Jesus are cured.

Communion Antiphon: **He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.**

Saturday, 8th December

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Patroness of the Diocese**

The Feast of the Conception of Mary has been celebrated in the West since the 8th century. In the 11th century Mary's 'immaculate' conception began to be held true and in 1854 Pope Pius IX defined the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; that Mary was preserved by God from the stain of Original Sin.

Entrance Antiphon: **I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation, and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bride adorned with her jewels.**

The **Gloria** is recited.

First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15. 20

I will make enemies of your offspring and the offspring of the woman.

Responsorial Psalm: **Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6. 11-12

Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.

The **Creed** is recited.

Communion Antiphon: **Glorious things are spoken of you, O Mary, for from you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.**

WEEKDAY

MASS SHEET

**3rd – 8th December
Advent Week One**



Monday, 3rd December

St Francis Xavier, Priest

Born in 1506 in Spain, Francis died on this day in 1552 off the coast of China. Francis met Ignatius of Loyola whilst studying in Paris and was a founding member of the Jesuits. He was a great missionary, especially in India and Japan. He is remembered for the witness of his poverty and for his tireless efforts as a missionary.

Entrance Antiphon: **I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin.**

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord draws all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.

Responsorial Psalm: **I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! God of hosts, bring us back: let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11

Many will come from east and west to take their places in the kingdom of heaven.

Communion Antiphon: **What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.**

Tuesday, 4th December

**St John Damascene, Priest &
Doctor of the Church**

John was born in Damascus in the late 7th century. He was a monk and priest in Jerusalem and is remembered for defending the Faith and for his devotion to Our Lady. He died in 749.

Entrance Antiphon: **Behold the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.**

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
On him the spirit of the Lord rests.

Responsorial Psalm: **In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 10:21-24
Jesus is filled with joy by the Holy Spirit.

Communion Antiphon: **The Just judge will bestow a crown of righteousness on those who eagerly await his coming.**

Wednesday, 5th December

Feast of St Birinus

Birinus came to England in 634. He established his See in Dorchester upon Thames which after his death was moved to Winchester. During his fifteen years apostolate he baptised the King of the West Saxons and converted many of his subjects. He died in 650.

Entrance Antiphon: **My words that I have put into your mouth, says the Lord, will never be absent from your lips, and your gifts will be accepted on my altar.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23
Preaching the gospel is a duty which had been laid upon me.

Responsorial Psalm: **Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he had entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-37
The harvest is rich but the labourers are few.

Communion Antiphon: **The Lord has put his faithful servant in charge of his household, to give them their share of bread at the proper time.**

Thursday, 6th December

Weekday of Advent or St Nicholas, Bishop

Entrance Antiphon: **You, O Lord, are close, and all your ways are truth. From of old I have known of your decrees, for you are eternal.**

First Reading: Isaiah 26:1-6
Let the upright nation come in, she, the faithful one.

Responsorial Psalm: **Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Here is the Lord God coming with power. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-27
The person who does the will of my Father will enter the kingdom of Heaven.

Communion Antiphon: **Let us live justly and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of the glory of our great God.**

Friday, 7th December

St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ambrose died in 397. While a catechumen he was chosen as bishop of Milan by popular acclaim. He is one of the four Doctors of the Latin Church. Ambrose baptised St Augustine of Hippo.

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: Isaiah 29:17-24
That day the eyes of the blind will see.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is my light and my help.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Send victory like a dew, you heavens, and let the clouds rain it down. Let the earth open and bring forth the Saviour. Alleluia!**