

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: Esther 4: 17 (*LIII, p544*)

*Spare your people, for men are seeking our ruin.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Our life like a bird has escaped from the snare of the fowler.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 (*LIII, p 730*)

*The bridegroom is here; go out and meet him.*

Communion Antiphon: **Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil will I fear, for you are with me.**

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August**

**ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR**

*Lawrence died in Rome in 258, just four days after Sixtus and his companions. He helped administer funds for the poor. It is said he was burnt to death on a grid iron. After Peter and Paul he is one the principal patrons of Rome.*

Entrance Antiphon: **This is the blessed Lawrence who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church: for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

*God loves a cheerful giver.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Happy the man who takes pity and lends.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Anyone who follows me will not be walking in the dark, says the Lord, he will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 12:24-26

*If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.*

Communion Antiphon: **Whoever serves me must follow me and where I am there also will my servant be, says the Lord.**

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# WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

**5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> August  
Week 18, Year I**

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August**

**Weekday or  
Dedication of St Mary Major**

*St Mary Major is the oldest church in the west dedicated to Our Lady. At the council of Ephesus in 431 the Blessed Virgin Mary was proclaimed 'Theotokos' meaning Mother of God. It was shortly after this that Pope Sixtus II erected a basilica in Rome in her honour.*

Entrance Antiphon: **O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.**

First Reading: Numbers 11:4-15

*I am not able to carry this nation by myself alone.*

Responsorial Psalm: **Ring out your joy to God our strength.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 14:31-21

*Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. He handed the loaves to his disciples who gave them to the crowds.*

Communion Antiphon: **You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

Entrance Antiphon: **In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

*His robe as white as snow.*

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**

Alternative First Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19  
*We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven.*

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36  
*As he prayed the aspect of his face was changed.*

Communion Antiphon: **When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**



Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August

Weekday or  
**St Sixtus II and companions, Martyrs or  
St Cajetan, Priest**

*Only twelve months after being elected Pope, Sixtus and six deacons were arrested and martyred in Rome.*

*Cajetan was born c. 1480 and died 1547. Together with Pope Paul IV he founded the first congregation of clerks regular. He also ran pawn shops for the poor of Naples, not for profit but to help those in temporary need.*

Entrance Antiphon: **O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.**

First Reading: Numbers 13:1-2. 25-14:1. 26-29. 34-35  
*They refused a land of delight.*

Responsorial Psalm: **O Lord, remember me out of the love you have for your people.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! By his own choice the Father made us his children by the message of the truth, so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he created. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28  
*Woman, you have great faith.*

Communion Antiphon: **You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> August

**St Dominic, Priest**

*Dominic's first foundation was a monastery of cloistered nuns in 1215 that would support the preaching ministry by their prayers. Although the friars lived a monastic life, Dominic stated that the purpose of the Order was preaching for the salvation of souls. His preference was to make foundations in university cities, but was also interested in the missions. Dominic died in 1221.*

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: Numbers 20:1-13  
*Make water flow for the community out of the rock.*

Responsorial Psalm: **O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-23  
*You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

Communion Antiphon: **This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.**

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August

**ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS,  
VIRGIN AND MARTYR.**

**PATRON OF EUROPE**

*Teresa Benedicta was murdered in the gas chambers at Auschwitz in 1942. She was born Edith Stein and her journey to the faith led her from her Jewish roots, through agnosticism to Catholicism. She became a Carmelite nun renowned for her scholarship, life of intense prayer and compassionate to all. Canonised on October 11<sup>th</sup> 1998, by Blessed Pope John Paul II, she was named co-patroness of Europe in 2000.*

Entrance Antiphon: **May I never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**