

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
What God wants is for you all to be holy.

Responsorial Psalm: **Rejoice, you just, in the Lord.**

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, 31st August

Weekday or

St Aidan, Bishop, and the St's of Lindisfarne or Votive Mass of the BVM

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.**

BVM Antiphon (5): **Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.**

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
You have learnt from God yourselves to love one another.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord comes to rule the people with fairness.**

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.**

BVM Antiphon (5): **Glorious things are spoken of you, O Virgin Mary, for he who is mighty has done great things for you.**

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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

**26th – 31st August
Week 21, Year I**



Monday, 26th August

BL DOMINIC BARBERI, PRIEST

Dominic died on Reading station in 1849. Originally from Viterbo, Italy, he became a Passionist and in 1841 came to the English mission. He founded four Passionist houses, and his preaching and example inspired many. He was responsible for receiving Blessed John Henry Newman into the Church. Much of his ministry took place in North Staffordshire around Cotton and he lived at Aston Hall, Stone.

Entrance Antiphon: **How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness and proclaims salvation.**

The **Gloria** is recited.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
God wanted to save those who have faith through the foolishness of the message we preach.

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 has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20
I will make you fishers of men.

Communion Antiphon: **Make your home in me as I will in you, says the Lord; he who lives in me, as I in him, will bear much fruit.**

Tuesday, 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: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
We are eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well.

Responsorial Psalm: **O Lord, you search me and you know me.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Open our 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: **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.**

Wednesday, 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: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Slaving night and day, we were proclaiming the Good News to you.

Responsorial Psalm: **O Lord, you search me and you know me.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32

You are the sons of those who murdered the prophets.

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

Thursday, 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: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race.

Responsorial Psalm: **Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.**

NB The Gospel is proper to this feast.

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

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.**

Friday, 30th August

Weekday or

Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, Martyrs

Today we remember three women martyrs of the sixteenth century. Margaret Clitherow was arrested for harbouring priests. She is patron of the Catholic Women's League. Anne Line was disinherited by her parents and following her husband's death, she became a priest's housekeeper; she too, was found guilty of harbouring priests. Margaret Ward helped a priest escape from prison.

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.**