

Entrance Antiphon: **The blood the holy Martyrs was poured out for Christ upon the earth; therefore they have gained everlasting rewards.**

First Reading: 1 Timothy 6:2-12
As a man dedicated to God you must aim to be saintly.

Responsorial Psalm: **How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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

Gospel: Luke 8:1-3
With Jesus went several women who provided for him out of their own resources.

Communion Antiphon: **Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father, says the Lord.**

Saturday, 21st September

ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

He is known in the Gospels as Levi, the tax collector. He was called to be one of the twelve by Christ and martyred possibly in Egypt of Persia.

Entrance Antiphon: **Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, says the Lord.**

The **Gloria** is said.

First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13
To some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some evangelists.

Responsorial Psalm: **Their word goes forth through all the earth.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! We praise you, O God, we acknowledge you to be the Lord. The glorious company of the apostles praise you, O Lord. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13
Follow me. And he got up and followed him.

Communion Antiphon: **I did not come to call the just, but sinners, says the Lord.**

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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

16th – 21st September
Week 24, Year I

Monday, 16th September

St Cornelius, Pope & Martyr and St Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr

Cornelius died in exile in 253, but regarded as a martyr. Whilst he was Bishop of Rome he opposed the Novatian schism. He was supported by Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, who was beheaded in 258 during the Valerian persecution. Both were venerated from the earliest times.

Entrance Antiphon: **The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ forever.**

First Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: **Blessed be the Lord for he has heard my cry.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Make me grasp the way of your precepts, and I will muse on your wonders. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 7:1-10
Not even in Israel have I found faith like this.

Communion Antiphon: **It is you who stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.**

Tuesday, 17th September

Weekday or
St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Robert died in 1621 but was not canonised until 1930. a Jesuit famed for his learning and spiritual direction. He was an exemplary pastor and was named a cardinal in 1599. He became the official cardinal for the Holy Office and imposed silence on Galileo in 1616.

Entrance Antiphon: **Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

First Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

The president must have an impeccable character. In the same way, deacons must be conscientious believers in the mystery of the faith.

Responsorial Psalm: **I will walk with blameless heart.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death, and he has proclaimed life through the Good News. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Young man, I tell you to get up.

Communion Antiphon: **How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

Wednesday, 18th September

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon: **Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

First Reading: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

The mystery of our religion is very deep.

Responsorial Psalm: **Great are the works of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Accept God's message for what it really is: God's message, and not some human thinking. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 7:31-35

We played the pipes for you, and you wouldn't dance; we sang dirges, and you wouldn't cry.

Communion Antiphon: **How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

Thursday, 19th September

Weekday or

St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop or St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Born in 602 at Tarsus, Theodore is an example of heroic virtue as a pastor of the English Church. He is regarded as a second Augustine, sent to unite what his predecessor had founded. He is one of the most important figures in early English Christianity, both for ecclesiastical organisation and for his promotion of learning. He was consecrated Bishop at age 66 and arrived in England the following year, 669, where he would spend the rest of his life in what Bede would call the 'golden age'. He died in 690, aged 88. Januarius is the patron saint of Naples in Italy.

Entrance Antiphon: **Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.**

First Reading: 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Always take great care about what you do and what you teach; in this way you will save both yourself and those who listen to you.

Responsorial Psalm: **Great are the works of the Lord.**

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: Luke 7:36-50

Her many sins must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love.

Communion Antiphon: **How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**

Friday, 20th September

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

113 martyrs were canonised by Blessed John Paul II during his pastoral visit to Korea in 1984. The evangelisation of Korea began in the early 17th century by a fervent group of lay Christians. At first they were without priests but soon missionaries from France entered the country secretly. 103 members of this community were among the martyrs, together with three bishops and seven priests, from France. The persecution began in 1839 and ended in 1867.