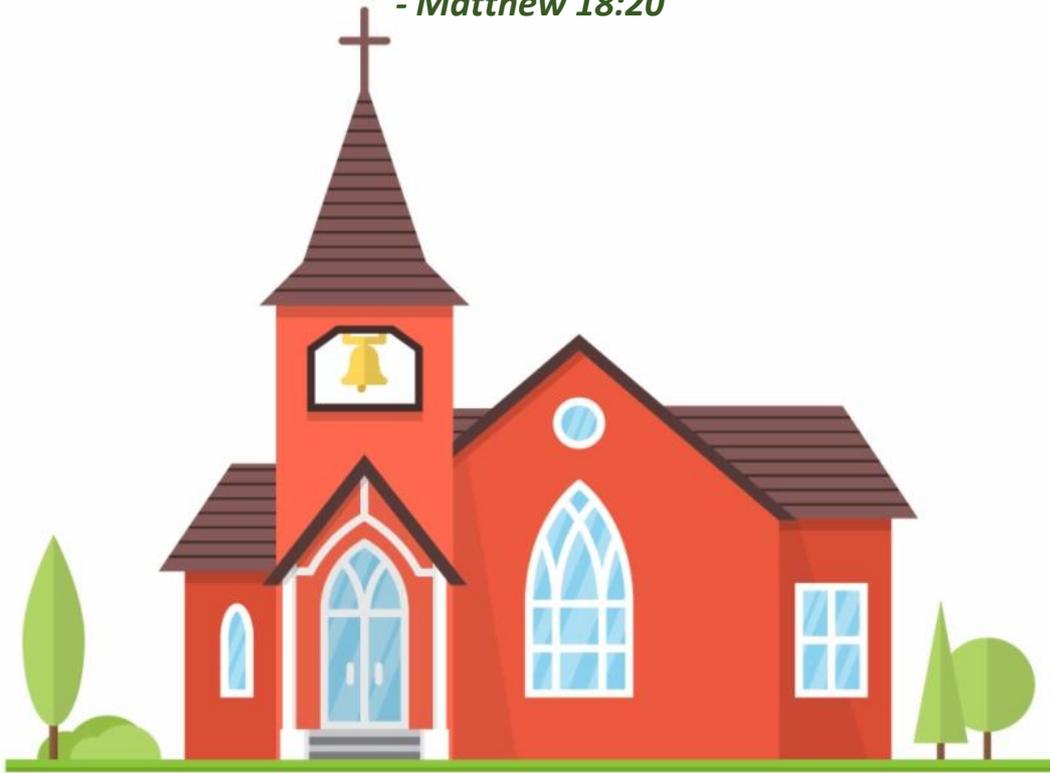


Bringing The Church Home

A resource for inviting Christ into your homes and lives
whilst we cannot worship together.

'Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I amongst them.'
- Matthew 18:20



At a time of uncertainty we need to feel the healing power of
prayer more than ever.

Whilst our public places of worship have closed for Mass, we invite
you and your family to gather together and pray in your own home
so that you can still feel the presence of Christ at work in your lives.



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Prepare the way of the Lord

We suggest lighting a candle as a focal point for prayer and perhaps play some quiet reflective music to help create a still and peaceful environment.

If more than one person is gathered in prayer, the responses for all are in bold.

Gathering:

We begin our prayer with the reminder that Jesus died and rose again for us and so we gather, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

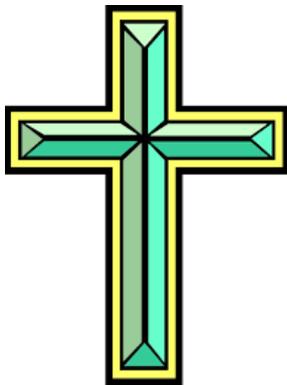
Loving God, You sent us Jesus your Son to show how great is your love and care for each one of us. Give us the courage to face the things we are afraid of and the faith to know that you are our strength and our salvation. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



Forgiveness:

Let us bring to mind the things that we may have done wrong this week. None of us are perfect and we need to take responsibility for our thoughts and actions that have not been kind.

Pause.



I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord, have mercy. **All repeat**
Christ, have mercy. **All repeat**
Lord, have mercy. **All repeat**

Thanksgiving:

During times of trouble and uncertainty, it is important to not forget the things we are thankful for and to thank God for the many blessings that have been given to us.

Take it in turns to share something that you are thankful for today.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of life: for the breath that sustains life, for the food of this earth that nurtures life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life. We thank you for giving us this day and we pray that we live it in a way that is pleasing to you. **Amen.**

The Word:

Think of a favourite reading you would like to read from Scripture and try to understand what the message is trying to teach us.

Alternatively, you can follow the liturgical cycle of readings at Mass for on Sundays.

You can find the order of readings at the end of this booklet.

Intercessions:

We pray for individuals and families throughout the world who are struggling in some way during this time. We pray that they find the comfort, love and support that they need to get through their hardship. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for ourselves, that we remain safe and healthy. We pray for the Lord's protection and healing. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

We pray for our world leaders as they try their best to do what is right for their countries and to protect the people as best they can. Lord, we ask that you guide them and encourage them to make the right decisions. Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**



Pray now for your own private intentions.

You may wish to go around the group if there are more than one of you and pray aloud your own intercessory prayers.

Offering:

Lord, we offer you all our thoughts, words and deeds of every day. We offer you our fears and worries, our joy and happiness. We offer you our promise that we will not lose sight of you in times of trouble and we will keep you at the forefront of everything we do. **Amen.**



Awareness:

Read slowly.

As we pray together, let us be still and silent for a moment. Allow ourselves to become aware of Christ's presence amongst us. Feel the Holy Spirit at work in our hearts, filling us with warmth and love. Just sit for a moment in the presence of God.

Our Father:

Let us pray the words our Father taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

Final Prayer:

As our prayer rises before you, O God, so may your mercy come down upon us to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Blessing:

Lord, we pray for your holy blessing to keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



“Lord,
teach us to
pray...”

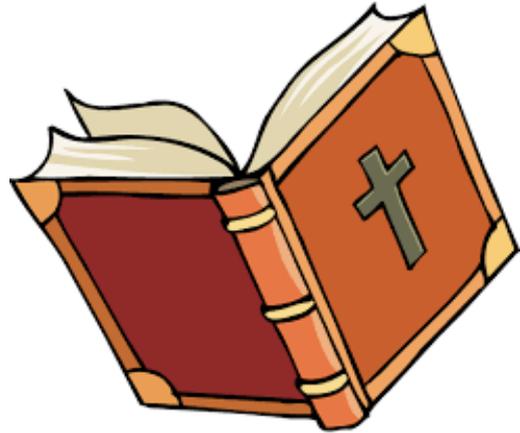


Order Of Readings

Readings can be found online at universalis.com or on the app but can only access current weeks readings without a paid for subscription.

Sunday 22nd March: *4th Sunday of Lent*

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41



Sunday 29th March: *5th Sunday of Lent*

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

Sunday 5th April: *Palm Sunday*

Gospel before the procession of palms: Matthew 21:1-11
1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Thursday 9th April: *Maundy Thursday*

1st Reading: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: John 13:1-15

Friday 10th April: *Good Friday*

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9
Gospel: John 18:1-19:42



Saturday 11th April: *Holy Saturday*

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2
2nd Reading: Genesis 22:1-18
3rd Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1
4th Reading: Isaiah 54:5-14
5th Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11
6th Reading: Baruch 3:9-15,32-4:4
7th Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28
8th Reading: Romans 6:3-11
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday 12th April: *Easter Sunday*

1st Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9



Sunday 19th April: *Divine Mercy Sunday:*
2nd Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Sunday 26th April: *3rd Sunday of Easter*

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Sunday 3rd May: *4th Sunday of Easter*

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Sunday 10th May: *5th Sunday of Easter*

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Sunday 17th May: *6th Sunday of Easter*

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sunday 24th May: *7th Sunday of Easter*

1st Reading: Acts 1:12-14

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11



Sunday 31st May: *Pentecost*

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Sunday 7th June: *The Most Holy Trinity*

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

Sunday 14th June: *Corpus Christi*

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Sunday 21st June: 12th *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Sunday 28th June: *Feast of Saints Peter and Paul*

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Sunday 5th July: 14th *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

2nd Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Sunday 12th July: 15th *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

2nd Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Sunday 19th July: 16th *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Sunday 26th July: 17th *Sunday in Ordinary Time*

1st Reading: 1 Kings: 3:5, 7-12

2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

