

DAILY PRAYER - TERM 1 2017

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>Fourth Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>					
Week 1 30/1 to 3/2				<i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	
<i>Fifth Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>					
Week 2 6/2 to 10/2	<i>Waitangi Day (observed)</i>				
<i>Sixth Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>					
Week 3 13/2 to 17/2					
<i>Seventh Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>					
Week 4 20/2 to 24/2			Chair of St. Peter		
<i>Beginning of Lent: sacrifice, fasting, almsgiving</i>					
Week 5 27/2 to 3/3			ASH WEDNESDAY		
<i>First Week of Lent: sacrifice, fasting, almsgiving</i>					
Week 6 6/3 to 10/3		Perpetua & Felicity	John of God		
<i>Second Week of Lent: sacrifice, fasting, almsgiving</i>					
Week 7 13/3 to 17/3					St Patrick Principal Patron of Ireland
<i>Third Week of Lent: sacrifice, fasting, almsgiving</i>					
Week 8 20/3 to 24/3	SAINT JOSEPH Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity				
<i>Fourth Week of Lent: sacrifice, fasting, almsgiving</i>					
Week 9 27/3 to 31/3					

	<i>Fifth Week of Lent: sacrifice, fasting, almsgiving</i>				
Week 10 3/4 to 7/4					
	<i>Holy Week</i>				
Week 11 10/4 to 14/4				HOLY THURSDAY TRIDIUM	GOOD FRIDAY THE PASSION OF OUR LORD TRIDIUM

Term 1 Feasts and celebrations

- 5 Feb **Agatha:** An early martyr who died in Sicily.
- 6 Feb **Waitangi Day:** A New Zealand public holiday where we celebrate and recognise the foundation document of the relationship between the tangata whenua and settlers. To be observed on Monday, 8th February 2016.
- 10 Feb **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Today marks the beginning of Lent, the 40-day penitential season before Easter. Ashes, an ancient symbol of penitence, placed on our foreheads is a reminder of our mortality and our need to repent, turn from our sins and follow the gospel. During the time of Lent we are urged to renew our lives, to pray more, to make sacrifices, to give alms to the poor.
- 11 Feb **Our Lady of Lourdes:** In 1858 the Immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous near Lourdes in France.
- 22 Feb **Chair of St. Peter, Apostle:** This feast day is a symbol of the unity of the Church founded on St. Peter.
- 4 Mar **Casimir:** 1458-1488. Polish prince who had a great devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 7 Mar **Perpetua & Felicity:** Martyred in the persecution of Septimus Severus in 203, at Carthage.
- 8 Mar **John of God:** 1495-1550; Born in Portugal; after a dangerous life as a soldier, deciding to devote the rest of his life to good works, he founded a hospital in Granada and set up the Order of Hospitallers of St John of God; he was outstanding in his love and care for the sick and needy.
- 17 Mar **St Patrick:** Patron saint of Ireland Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing -not even death.
- 19 Mar **St Joseph Husband of Mary:** and foster-father of Jesus. This feast honours Joseph's role in the Holy Family.
- 21 Mar **HOLY WEEK:** Starting with Palm Sunday yesterday this week is known as Holy Week. It is observed as a very important week. The focus is on Jesus' last days in Jerusalem (Sunday to Wednesday), the last Supper (Thursday), his passion and death (Friday), the waiting for the Resurrection (Saturday) and it leads to the climax of the Easter Vigil (after sunset on Saturday) and the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection.
- 4 Apr **Annunciation of the Lord:** Today is a celebration of the beginning of our salvation when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with the message that she was to be the mother of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. We celebrate also Mary's humble and gracious acceptance of God's will for her.
- 7 Apr **St John Baptist de la Salle:** April 30, 1651 – April 7, 1719) was a French priest, educational reformer, and founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. He is a saint of the Roman Catholic Church and the patron saint of teachers. De La Salle dedicated much of his life to the education of poor children in France; in doing so, he started many lasting educational practices. He is considered the founder of the first Catholic schools.