

DAILY PRAYER – TERM 4 2017

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<i>28th Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>				
Week 1 16/10 to 20/10		St Ignatius of Antioch Memorial	St Luke Evangelist		
	<i>29th Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>				
Week 2 23/10 to 27/10	Labour Day				
	<i>30th Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>				
Week 3 30/10 to 3/11			All Saints Day Solemnity	All Souls Day Commemoration	St Martin de Porres
	<i>31st Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>				
Week 4 6/10 to 10/11				Dedication of the St John Lateran Basilica	St Leo the Great (Pope & Doctor of the Church)
	<i>32nd Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>				
Week 5 13/11 to 17/11	St Frances Xavier				St Elizabeth of Hungary
	<i>33rd Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>				
Week 6 20/11 to 24/11		Presentation of Mary	St Cecilia		
	<i>34th Week in Ordinary Time: Living out our Christian faith in our daily lives</i>				
Week 7 27/11 to 1/12				St Andrew Apostle	
	<i>First Sunday of Advent: Prepare the Way of the Lord</i>				
Week 8 4/11 to 8/12				St Ambrose	Immaculate Conception of Mary
	<i>Second Sunday of Advent: Prepare the Way of the Lord</i>				
Week 9 11/12 to 15/12				St John of the Cross	

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- 14 Oct **Callistus I:** Pope and martyr. A Christian slave. Became Pope and bishop of Rome c.217.
- 15 Oct **Teresa of Avila:** 1515-1582, b. Avila in Spain, d. at Alba in Italy. Joined Carmelite Order which she later reformed successfully in spite of great trials. Wrote works renowned for their depth of doctrine and showing her spiritual experiences. A commanding, attractive person; frank, affectionate, cheerful, and witty.
- 16 Oct **Margaret Mary Alacoque:** 1647-1690. French mystic and visionary who encouraged veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- 18 Oct **Luke the Evangelist:** Luke the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with St Paul's 'Luke, the beloved physician' (Col 4:14). Luke was a Greek and a Gentile. Luke's gospel shows special sensitivity to evangelizing Gentiles. It is only in his gospel that we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan, that we hear Jesus praising the faith of Gentiles such as the widow of Zarephath and Naaman the Syrian (Lk.4:25-27), and that we hear the story of the one grateful leper who is a Samaritan (Lk.17:11-19). Luke is the patron of physicians and surgeons.
- 23 Oct **John of Capistrano:** 1386-1456; studied law and became governor of Perugia in 1412; married but he and his wife obtained a dispensation allowing him to become a Franciscan in 1416; ordained in 1420. After a distinguished career as a Franciscan, was asked to become the Franciscan papal legate of Hungary and also a papal legate to Palestine, Milan, France, Sicily, Austria, Bavaria, Poland, Bohemia, and Silesia. When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, he devoted himself to a crusade against the Ottomans but died at Vilach in Austria from the plague.
- 28 Oct **Simon & Jude, Apostles:** Nothing is known of Simon except that he was born at Cana and was known as "the Zealot"; said to have preached the gospel in Egypt and later Persia with Jude. Jude (aka Thaddaeus) is traditionally identified as the brother of James and writer of the letter of his name; thought to have preached and died in Persia; patron saint of "hopeless cases".
- 1 Nov **ALL SAINTS DAY**
- 2 Nov **ALL SOULS DAY**
- 3 Nov **Martin de Porres:** 1579-1639 Lay brother of the Dominican Order he worked for the poor, established an orphanage and children's hospital.
- 4 Nov **Charles Borromeo:** 1538-1584. He became bishop of Milan in 1566. Implemented the reforms of the Council of Trent. Started the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).
- 9 Nov **Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.**
- 10 Nov **Leo the Great:** 400-461 Pope. He is a doctor of the church .
- 11 Nov **Martin of Tours:** c.316-397. A pagan soldier who became a Christian and founded a monastery in Liguge in France. Became bishop of Tours c.371.
- 12 Nov **Josaphat:** b.1580 in the Ukraine; joined the monks of St Basil, later became bishop of Polock; worked strenuously for church unity, especially between Orthodox and Catholic. Martyred in 1623.
- 18 Nov **Dedication of the basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul:** This feast day honours the anniversary of the dedication of these two churches in Rome in the fourth century.
- 21 Nov **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** We celebrate today Mary's dedication of herself to God, from her childhood, through the power of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- 22 Nov **Cecilia:** not much is known of her but she was honoured as a virgin and martyr in Rome from an early date. The patron of music and musicians, perhaps because she is said to have sung to God "in her heart".
- 3 Dec **Francis Xavier:** b. Spain 1506, d. on island of Shangchwan in China in 1552. Met Ignatius Loyola in Paris and became a founding member of the Society of Jesus. Went to India at the Pope's request in 1541 and preached the gospel there and in Japan for ten years. Many became Christians; died attempting to extend his work into China. The patron saint of missionaries.

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- 4 Dec **John of Damascus:** c.675-c.749; the son of a Christian official at the court of the khalif Abdul Malek at Damascus; became a monk and priest at the monastery of Mar Saba between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea; an influential theologian, preacher and hymn-writer.
- 8 Dec **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**
- 11 Dec **Damasus I:** c.305-384; elected pope in 366; active in countering contemporary heresies, especially Arianism and Donatism, and confirmed the Council of Constantinople in 381; commissioned Jerome to translate the Scriptures.
- 12 Dec **Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Mexico
- 13 Dec **Lucy:** 4th Century - Patroness of Blindness,
- 14 Dec **John of the Cross:** 16th Century : Spain - Writer