

Prayer to St Michael:

Holy Michael,
the Archangel,
defend us in the day of battle;
be our safeguard against
the wickedness and
snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him
we humbly pray;
and do thou
Prince of the Heavenly Hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust down into hell
Satan and all the other
evil spirits who wander
through the world
for the ruin of souls.
Amen.



ANGEL OF GOD,
my Guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this **day**
(or night)
be at my side,
to light, to guard,
to rule and guide. Amen.

**PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS IN
THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:**

Hail, Guardian
of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted
His only Son;
in you Mary
placed her trust;
with you Christ
became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us
in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage, and defend us
from every evil. Amen.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN,

MOTHER OF MERCY,
hail, our life, our sweetness
and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor
banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our
sighs, mourning and weeping
in this valley (*vale*) of tears.
Turn then, O most gracious
advocate, thine eyes of mercy
towards us, and after this exile
show unto us the blessed
fruit of thy womb,
JESUS.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.
V/: Pray for us,
O holy Mother of God.
R/: That we may be made
worthy of the promises
of Christ.

+ JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH +
21st November 2021 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE (B)

In the Year of St Joseph: 8th Dec. 2020 - 8th Dec. 2021

SAINT JOSEPH:

Comfort of the Afflicted: Pray for us! Patron of the Dying: Pray for us!
Hope of the Sick: Pray for us! Terror of Demons: Pray for us!



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**Jesus replied
to Pontius Pilate:**

“YES, I AM A KING.

**I was born for this,
I came into the world for this:**

**TO BEAR WITNESS
TO THE TRUTH;
and all who are on the side of truth
LISTEN TO MY VOICE.”**

(John 18:37)

Entrance Antiphon:

Revelation 5:12; 1:6.

How worthy is the Lamb
Who was slain, to receive power
and divinity, and wisdom and strength
and honour. To Him belong glory and
power for ever and ever.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 92

Response: The LORD is King,
with Majesty enrobed.

Gospel Acclamation:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Blessings on Him Who comes
in the Name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming Kingdom
of our father David!
ALLELUIA!

The Mystery of Faith:

**SAVE US, SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD,
FOR BY YOUR CROSS
AND RESURRECTION,
YOU HAVE SET US FREE!**

Communion Antiphon:

Psalm 72:28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

or:

Mark 11:23-24

Amen, I say to you:
Whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you,
say the Lord.

Bishops' Statement: Honouring Sunday

Friday, November 19th, 2021 @ 12:00

During the pandemic, public worship was suspended for a time and there have been restrictions on parish life. As a result, people have been exploring other ways to practice their faith including Spiritual Communion via live streaming.

As people begin returning to more regular patterns of parish life and following the first face to face meeting of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in Leeds, the bishops have issued the following statement about the importance of honouring Sunday:

HONOURING SUNDAY

As the Synodal Pathway of listening and discerning unfolds, we the bishops of England and Wales, are paying particular attention to the hopes and fears, the joys and anxieties of all who are sharing their thoughts and feelings with us.

LONGING FOR OUR LORD

We are attentive to the experience of the last year or so, when we have lived our faith through the limitations of the pandemic. We have heard of the longing which some express as a "homesickness". We want to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We yearn to celebrate the sacraments together, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We desire to be nourished by our Lord in Holy Communion. The live streaming of the Mass and the remarkable response of our Catholic communities to those in need, have provided comfort, sustenance and resilience.

THE EUCHARIST, SOURCE AND SUMMIT

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our spiritual and pastoral life. Many people have said to us that they have appreciated the noble simplicity of the Mass at this time, which has allowed the mystery and majesty of our Lord's sacrificial love to shine through. The central appeal of the Mass, its beauty and its transcendence, raises our minds and hearts to God in an unambiguous and compelling manner. Our Lord Jesus invites us to receive anew the gift of Sunday as the

preeminent day, the day of the Resurrection, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist. Here we stand together before our heavenly Father, offering our thanksgiving and prayer, through our Saviour in the Holy Spirit. Here we receive Christ in his Word. Here we are nourished by Christ in his precious Body and Blood. This is our primary joy, for which there is no substitute, and from which we draw our strength.

THE GIFT OF THE SUNDAY EUCHARIST

The Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. When the Church speaks of the Sunday obligation, it reminds us that attending Mass is a personal response to the selfless offering of Christ's love.

At this time, we recognise that for some people there may be certain factors which hinder attendance at Sunday Mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together. As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday Mass.

RESPONDING TO THE GIFT

We now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns which they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the Mass.

The Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith. We gather on the "first day of the week," and devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2:42). The Eucharist sustains us and spurs us on, renewing our gratitude and our hope. **Continue >>>**

Bishops' Statement: Honouring Sunday

When we say "Amen" to Christ in receiving his Body and Blood, we express the love of God which is deep within us, and at the end of Mass, when we are sent forth, we express our love for our neighbour, especially those in need. These two dimensions reveal the full meaning of our faith. We are gathered together and sent out, we pray and are fed, we worship and we adore; these are intrinsic to our lives as those baptised into Christ.

Approved at the Plenary Assembly
of Bishops in Leeds.
Thursday 18 November 2021

PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!

Thank you to all those who are brave and bold and generous with their time and attention in attending Holy Mass on Sundays, or Saturday evenings.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Huge and especial thanks are due also to Alex Rees and the amazing Team of Stewards who have enabled us to re-open St Mary's Church and keep Her open safely all this time - since June last year, more or less!!



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REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM: PRAYER WITH HOLY WATER:

Revive in me (us), Lord,
in the Sign of the Holy Water,
the memory of my (our) Baptism;
May it be a defence against
the wiles of the Evil One
and a Gift of Your Presence.
Amen.

**In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**



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A PRAYER AT NIGHT-TIME FOR PROTECTION AND BLESSING:

VISIT THIS HOUSE,
we pray You Lord:
Drive far away from it
all the snares of the enemy.
May Your holy angels stay here
and guard us in peace,
and let Your blessing be always upon us.
Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

The Lord grant us a quiet night
and a perfect end. Amen.