

MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2022
SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Born at Naples (Italy) in 1696. Died at Nocera on this day in 1787. A lawyer before ordination. After founding the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), he was for thirteen years bishop of Sant'Agata dei Goti, but resigned due to ill health. He coped with much internal conflict within the congregation and external opposition. Remembered as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology.

ENTRANCE VERSE: The mouth of the just man utters wisdom, and his tongue tells forth what is just; the law of his God is in his heart.

First Reading: *Jeremiah 28:1-17*

PSALM RESPONSE Teach me your laws, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

The Gospel: *Matthew 14:13-21*

COMMUNION VERSE: He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield his fruit in due season

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2022
TUESDAY OF THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE VERSE: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay

First Reading: *Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22*

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord will build up Zion again, and appear in all his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!
Master, you are the Son of God, you are the king of Israel. Alleluia!

The Gospel: *Matthew 14:22-36*

COMMUNION VERSE: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST, 2022

SAINT DOMINIC

Born at Calaruega (Spain) about 1170. Died at Bologna (Italy) on 6 August 1221. An Augustinian canon noted for prayer, penance, and an exemplary life. In a time of violent crusades he sought the reconciliation of Albigensian heretics through instruction and prayer. Established the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) to revitalise the Church through study, teaching, preaching, and prayer. Remembered as a preacher, organiser, and patron of learning.

ENTRANCE VERSE:

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the Spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-7

PSALM RESPONSE:

The Lord will guide us, like a shepherd guarding his flock.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

The Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

COMMUNION VERSE:

This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST, 2022

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

Born near Lyons (France) in 1786. Died at Ars on this day in 1859. Overcame various obstacles, including little education and lack of means, to be ordained a priest. Served in a remote parish as the Cure of Ars, where his sanctity attracted thousands of visitors. Remembered for his preaching and confessional counsel and is honoured as a model for parish clergy.

ENTRANCE VERSE:

Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice;
your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALM RESPONSE:

Create a clean heart in me, O God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold against it.

Alleluia!

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-23

COMMUNION VERSE:

Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST 2022
FRIDAY OF THE 18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE VERSE: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay

First Reading: *Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7*

PSALM RESPONSE: It is I who deal death and give life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are they who suffer persecution for justice' sake; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

The Gospel: *Matthew 16: 24-28*

COMMUNION VERSE: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST, 2022
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

This feast had its origin in the East in the fourth century as the commemoration of the dedication of the church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. It was observed in the West from the eighth century and extended to the entire Western Church in the fifteenth century. The feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians

ENTRANCE VERSE: In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

First Reading: *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14*

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

The Gospel: *Luke 9:28-36*

COMMUNION VERSE: When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.