

MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025

SAINT PETER CHANEL

Born at Cuet (France) 1803. Died on Futuna (South-west Pacific Ocean) on this day in 1841. A parish priest noted for his pastoral zeal, particularly his care of the sick. Joined the Society of Mary (Marists) and remembered for his missionary work in the Pacific. Evangelisation in the local language brought some success on the island of Futuna which led to his murder by a jealous chieftain. Honoured as the first martyr of the Church in Oceania.

ENTRANCE VERSE: Perpetual light will shine on your Saints, O Lord, and life without end for ever, alleluia!

First Reading: *Acts 4:23-31*

PSALM RESPONSE Happy are all who put their trust in the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! If then, you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are from above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Alleluia!

The Gospel: *John 3:1-8*

COMMUNION VERSE: Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies it produces much fruit, alleluia.

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2025

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

Born in Siena in 1347. Died at Rome on this day in 1380. Committed to the practice of prayer and penance from an early age, she entered the Dominican Third Order while still an adolescent. Became an influential spiritual leader and made strenuous efforts to reconcile Church and state and to reform the Roman Papacy. Remembered for her holiness and determination and, though she never learned to write, for the quality of her teaching.

Remembered also as a mystic and a reformer of religious life.

ENTRANCE VERSE: Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ, alleluia.

First Reading: *Acts 4:32-37*

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of man must be lifted up, so that all who believe in him may have eternal life. Alleluia!

The Gospel: *John 3:7-15*

COMMUNION VERSE: If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, alleluia!

WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2025
WEDNESDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

ENTRANCE VERSE

I will praise you Lord among all the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia!

First Reading: ***Acts 5:17-26***

PSALM RESPONSE:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***John 3:16-21***

COMMUNION VERSE:

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

THURSDAY 1 MAY 2025
THURSDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

ENTRANCE VERSE

O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

First Reading: ***Acts 5: 27-33***

PSALM RESPONSE:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***John 3: 31-36***

COMMUNION VERSE:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

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FRIDAY 2 MAY 2025

SAINT ATHANASIUS.

ENTRANCE VERSE: In the midst of the church, he opened his mouth,
and the Lord filled him with the spirit

First Reading: *Acts 5: 34-42*

PSALM RESPONSE: One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the 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: *John 6: 1-15*

COMMUNION VERSE: No one can lay a foundation other than the one
that is there, namely Jesus Christ, alleluia.

SATURDAY 3 MAY 2025

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES

ENTRANCE VERSE: These are the holy men whom the Lord has
chosen in his own perfect love; to them he gave eternal glory, alleluia!

First Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:1-8*

PSALM RESPONSE: Their message goes out to all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth,
and the life, says the Lord; Philip, whoever sees me sees the Father.
Alleluia!

The Gospel: *John 16: 6-14*

COMMUNION VERSE: Lord, show us the Father, and that will be
enough for us. Whoever has seen me, Philip, has seen the Father also,
alleluia!