

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2025
SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL

ENTRANCE VERSE: Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word, and heeding his voice.

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

PSALM RESPONSE: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Bless the Lord, all you his angels, his ministers who do his will. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***John 1: 47-51***

COMMUNION VERSE: I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the Angels I will praise you.

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

SAINT JEROME

Born about 340 at Strido on the Adriatic coast. Died in Bethlehem on this day in 420. Baptised in Rome while studying the classics, became a hermit in Syria for a time and was ordained a priest. Later retained as papal secretary by Saint Damascus (11 December). Began work on a new Latin translation of the Bible, known as the Vulgate. Finally settling in Bethlehem where he founded monasteries, he devoted himself to studying the Scriptures, writing, and teaching. Often irascible and intolerant, he is remembered for his asceticism and scholarship and, above all, for his incomparable service to the word of God.

ENTRANCE VERSE: Blessed indeed is he who ponders the law of the Lord, day and night, he will yield his fruit in due season.

First Reading: ***Zechariah 8:20-23***

PSALM RESPONSE: God is with us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 9:51-56***

COMMUNION VERSE: Lord God, your words were found and I consumed them; your word became the joy and happiness of my heart.

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2025
SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

Born at Alençon (France) in 1873. Died of tuberculosis at Lisieux on 30th September 1897. From a devout family, she entered the Carmelite monastery at fifteen, where she embraced the suffering of her ill health with love and in service to the missionary spread of the gospel. Known through her popular autobiography and loved for her unaffected simplicity. Remembered for her humble obedience and her fidelity to ordinary duties as the path to sanctity.

ENTRANCE VERSE

The Lord led her and taught her and kept her as the apple of his eye. Like an eagle spreading its wings he took her up and bore her on his shoulders. The Lord alone was her guide.

First Reading: ***Nehemiah 2:1-8***

PSALM RESPONSE:

Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I count all things worthless but this:
to gain Jesus Christ and to be found in him
Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 9:57-62.***

COMMUNION VERSE:

Thus says the Lord: Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven.

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2025
THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

This feast originated in Portugal early in the 16th century and has figured in the general calendar since the late 17th century. It is based on the belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard body and soul, an expression of God's pastoral care for each individual. A similar belief is also found in Jewish and other religious thought. This feast associates the human race with the eternal song of praise in heaven (Matthew 18:10)

ENTRANCE VERSE Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever.

First Reading: ***Exodus 23:20-23***

PSALM RESPONSE:

He has put his angels in charge of you, to guard you in all your ways.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Bless the Lord, all you angels,
his ministers who do his will.

Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Matthew 18: 1-5, 10***

COMMUNION VERSE: In the presence of the Angels I will praise you, my God.

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025
FRIDAY OF THE 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE VERSE: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading: ***Baruch 1:15-22***

PSALM RESPONSE: For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Alleluia!

The Gospel: ***Luke 10:13-16***

COMMUNION VERSE: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 2025
SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181 or 1182. Died nearby on October 3, 1226. The carefree son of a wealthy merchant who gave up his inheritance to embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars Minor were authorised to be mendicant preachers. His “Canticle of the Sun” captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An outstanding example of the beatitude “blessed are the poor in Spirit” At the end of his life he bore in his flesh the marks of Christ’s suffering. Remembered for preaching the poor and crucified Christ in both word and humble action

ENTRANCE VERSE Francis the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.

First Reading: ***Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29***

PSALM RESPONSE: The Lord listens to the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to the little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

The Gospel:

COMMUNION VERSE: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.