

**Weekly Prayers**  
**(Psalter Week 4**  
**or use Easter Prayers p128)**

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**Remember: Rosary in the Chapel at 1:45 (A1) today!**

# Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Today is a busy day in the Church calendar. We have the choice to remember and celebrate:

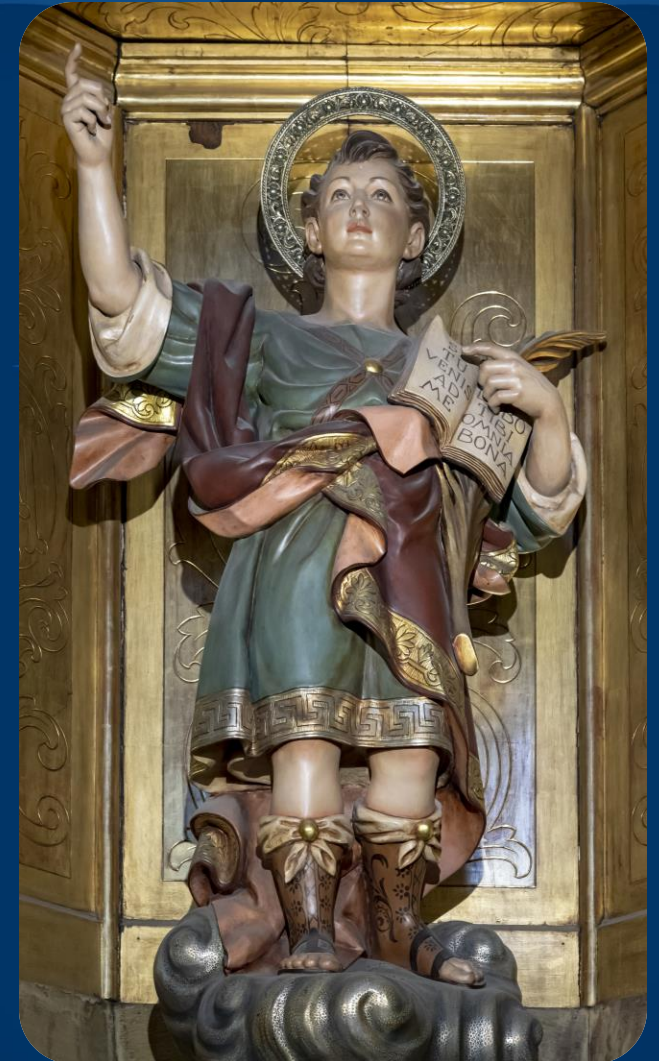
- 1: the [Carthusian Martyrs](#) (London Charterhouse martyrs);
- 2: [Ss Nereus and Achilleus](#), martyrs; or
- 3: [St Pancras](#), martyr.

In a world where people are still being killed for their faith, let us pray:

Lord, so great is our love for you  
That even though we walk in a world where speaking your name can mean certain death,  
Your faithful still speak it and speak it all the louder.

Help us work for a world where all may speak their creeds,  
And pray their prayers without fear of violence.

Hear the prayers of those who abide with you in dangerous times and in dark valleys,  
And who die with your name on their lips.  
Draw them quickly to your side where they might know eternal peace. Amen



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**Remember:** Holy Half Hour in the Chapel at 6pm today. Pop along for a few minutes of quiet prayer.

# Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

## Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Today we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, looking to the Blessed Mother for peace and comfort in times of uncertainty. According to tradition, on May 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children, Lúcia dos Santos, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, near Fatima, Portugal. The children saw her five more times in the months that followed, and she asked them to pray the Rosary daily and give devotion to her Immaculate Heart. During the last sighting, she told the children her name was *The Lady of the Rosary* and gave them a message of prayer, peace, and penance known as the "Secret." The "Secret" was given in three parts in the years that followed.

The message of Mary in apparitions throughout the centuries has always been consistent: she exhorts us to pray for peace and healing, and to turn to her Son, Jesus Christ.

In Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe and Caana, Mary has gently directed us to Jesus Christ, and gently encouraged us to "Do whatever he tells you."

Today we ask: "Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us."



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Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

## Today's Gospel

*"This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you."*

What does it mean to love? Truly love? Hollywood and Disney have, unfortunately, gotten it very wrong. For a real definition of love, we can turn to Thomas Aquinas who says that to love is to consistently will and choose the good of the other. To love your neighbour as yourself means desiring that they share in the good just as much as you do. To love God, is to love what He loves- your neighbour's good!

It all comes down to willing the good of the other; and if we will it, we must work towards it. Once again, we are being told to serve others! Christianity is about giving, never *taking*, never *using*.

Let us pray:

Jesus, help me today. Create in me a bigger heart to love. Help me remember how deeply You have loved me. Help me be willing to love the people around me in the same way. Help me love, not just with my words but with my actions.

Help me love as You have loved me. Amen

Love one  
♥ ANOTHER ♥  
as I have  
LOVED  
you  
-JOHN 15:12



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# Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

## Mater et Magistra (Mother and Teacher)

Consult not  
your fears but  
your hopes  
and your dreams.

Think not about  
your frustrations,  
but about your  
unfulfilled potential.

Concern yourself not  
with what you tried  
and failed in,  
but with what  
it is still possible  
for you to do.

Pope John XXIII



On the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1961, Pope John XXIII released the encyclical Mater et Magistra, exactly 40 years after Quadragesimo Anno, and 80 years after Rerum Novarum.

Mater Et Magistra explores the role of the Church in efforts to achieve social progress and justice in the world.

The Church's role has long been to teach while guiding individuals and nations toward salvation. Her main concern is to care for souls and lead them to heaven, but the Church is also concerned with the livelihood, education, and wellbeing of humanity. Just as Jesus' primary mission was humankind's eternal salvation, He too fed the hungry and was concerned for worldly needs.

Human life is sacred, and all human activity reveals an innate hunger for truth. St. Augustine stated "*Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts can find no rest until they rest in you.*" No matter how far humanity progresses technologically and economically, it will still seek out the truth of God. There cannot be peace or justice on earth until all of humanity recognizes the dignity of humans as creations of God.

Let's take a moment of silence this morning to pray quietly for peace, justice, and dignity. Amen!

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

# CST FRIDAY: The Dignity of the Worker

