

# Ask and you shall receive.

## **Why does God wish us to ask of Him?**

That we may now and confess that all good comes from Him; that we may acknowledge our poverty and weakness which in all things need the help of God; that we may thus glorify Him and render ourselves less unworthy of the gifts which He has promised us.

## **What is meant by asking in the name of Jesus?**

By this is meant praying with confidence in the merits of Jesus, 'who', as St. Cyril says, 'being God with the Father, gives us all good, and as mediator carries our petitions to His Father.'. The Church, therefore concludes all her prayers with the words: "Through Our Lord, Jesus Christ." It means also that we should ask that which is in accordance with the will of Christ, namely, all things necessary for the salvation of our soul; to pray for temporal things merely in order to live happily in this world, is not pleasing to Christ and avails us nothing. 'He who prays for what hinders salvation,' says St. Augustine, 'does not pray in the name of Jesus.' Thus Jesus said to His disciples: Hitherto you have asked nothing in my name, 'because, as St. Gregory says, 'they did not ask for that which conduces to eternal salvation.'

## **Why is it that God sometimes does not grant our petitions?**

Because we often pray for things that are injurious, and like a good father, God denies them to us, in order to give us something better; because He wishes to prove our patience and perseverance in prayer; because we generally do not pray as we ought; to be pleasing to God, prayer should be made when in a state of grace and with confidence in Christ's merits, for the prayer of a just man availeth much (Jas. 5:16); we must pray with humility and submission to the will of God, with attention, fervour, sincerity, and with perseverance.

## **At what special times should we pray?**

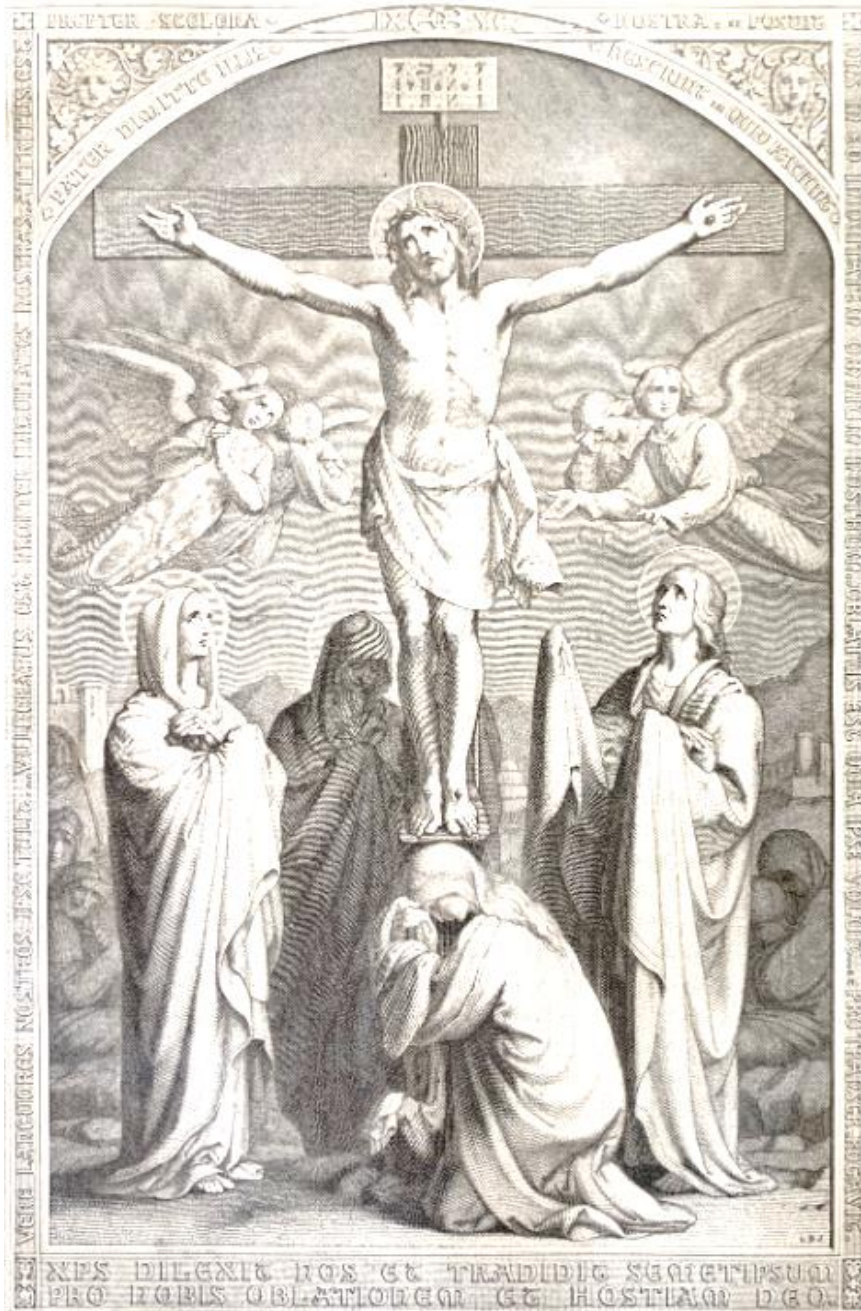
We should pray every morning and evening, before and after meals, in time of temptation, when commencing any important undertaking, and particularly in the hour of death. God is mindful of us every moment, and gives us His grace. It is, therefore, but just that we think often of Him during the day, and thank Him for His blessings.

## **How can we, in accordance with Christ's teachings, pray always?**

By making the good intention when commencing our work, to do all for the love of God, and according to His most Holy Will; by raising our hearts to God at different times of the day; frequently making acts of faith, hope and charity and offering spontaneous short prayers during the day.

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## Fifth Sunday after Easter

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# This Week's Schedule

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Fifth Sunday after Easter. (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)**

8:00 am Low Mass

10:00 am Sung Mass

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Ferial. (4<sup>th</sup> cl.)**

7:15 am Low Mass.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. St. Stanislaus. (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

7:15 am Low Mass

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Vigil of the Ascension. (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)**

7:15 am Low Mass

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Ascension of Our Lord. (1<sup>st</sup> cl.)**

7:15 am Low Mass

11:30 am Low Mass

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. St. Anthony. *Comm. Ss. Gordian & Epimachus.* (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)**

7:15 am Low Mass

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Ss. Phillip & James. (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)**

8:00 am Low Mass

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Sunday after the Ascension. (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)**

8:00 am Low Mass

10:00 am Low Mass

<b>Rosters</b>			
Sunday	Cleaning (Sat)	Flowers (Sat)	Tea Stall (Sun)
5 <sup>th</sup> May	HCP	Liz Barling	Simone Pook
12 <sup>th</sup> May	George & Izabella	Susan Maloney	Liz Barling
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Liz Barling	Ella & Paul	HCP
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Stephen and Karen	HCP	HCP
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HCP	Liz	Simone Pook
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Liz Barling	Ella & Paul	Liz

<b>Altar Serving</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Mc: Kevin Murphy Ac1: Xavier O'Neill	Th: Francois O'Neill; BB (J. Murphy) Ac2: Br. Joseph
12 <sup>th</sup> May	Ac1: Kevin Murphy	Ac2: Joseph Murphy
19 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Pentecost</i>	Mc: Francios O'Neill Ac1: Bernie Gaynor	Th: Xavier O'Neill Ac2: Kevin Murphy
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Ac1: Riley Ignacio	Ac2: Joseph Murphy
2 <sup>nd</sup> June <i>Corpus Christ</i>	Mc: Kevin Murphy Ac1: Xavier O'Neill	Th: Francios O'Neill (BB: R. Gulapa) Ac2: Matthew Humphry
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Ac1 & MC: Caleb Joakimi	Ac2 & Th: Matthew Humphry

# Announcements

## **Holy Souls**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Marianne Barling, Jean Carlile, Betty McNamara, Ivy Woulfe, Sydnam Dunderdale, Mary Jessop, Leo Moore, Philomena Richards, Bishop Vitus Huonder, Frank Lowry, Patrick Horan Bernard David and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## **Catechism**

There will not be Catechism today. The next Catechism will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May.

## **Easter Duty**

The faithful are reminded of their obligation to receive communion from Ash Wednesday till Trinity Sunday. There is also the obligation of Confession once a year, if one is conscious of grave sin.

## **Archconfraternity of St. Stephen**

Training for Altar boys will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May after the 10:00am mass. See the notice board for further details.

## **MI enrolments**

Anyone wishing to join the MI or renew their enrolment can do so on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May after the 10:00am mass. More information can be found in the MI corner.

## **Prayer for vocations**

On the first Sunday of the month, mothers are encouraged to pray for vocations after the 10:00am mass. Extra prayer cards are in the bookstore.

## **Ascension Thursday**

There will be an extra mass at 11:30am on Ascension Thursday.