



## TREASURE HUNTERS (MATTHEW 13:44-52)

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to think about what we value most. He uses two parables to get his message across. In the first, a farm labourer discovers a treasure hidden in a field. He realises that it is a valuable find, that it will make him a wealthy man. He buries it again, and sells everything he owns in order to buy the field.

In the second, another man discovers a great treasure. But unlike the farm labourer, this man does not discover the treasure by accident. He has been searching for it. He is a merchant who deals in fine pearls. He knows exactly what he is looking for, and when he finds the most valuable pearl he has ever set eyes on, he is in no doubt what to do – he sells everything he owns so he can have that pearl. Pearls in the time of Jesus were the most valuable of all goods. Now that the merchant has that pearl of great value, he doesn't need to search any more.

Both the farm labourer and the merchant appreciate the value of what they have discovered. They are prepared to risk everything, to spend every penny they possess, in order to have it. Both know it's worth the risk, that it would be foolish to let the opportunity pass them by.

In these parables Jesus is asking if we perceive the kingdom of heaven in the same way. Do we see it as a treasure that is worth more than everything else we value in life? Are we prepared to give up everything, to risk everything, in order to have it? Jesus did. He gave up everything he valued – his family, his home – to do his Father's will and to preach the Good News. For Jesus, there was no treasure greater than doing his Father's will. He was even prepared to give up his life to hold onto it. As Christians, God and God's kingdom must be our greatest treasure. It must mean more to us than anyone or anything else. ■

### SAY

**"Lord, give me the grace to recognise the treasure in my life and the strength not to sacrifice it for things that are worthless. Amen."**

### PRAY

We live in a materialistic world, which defines happiness in terms of the size of one's bank account and the extent of one's possessions. Pray for yourself and others that you will have the wisdom to know what is truly important.

### REFLECT

People have always taken risks in order to find treasure. Think of the 200,000 who took part in the great California Gold Rush of 1849. Or those who spend all they have on "get rich quick" schemes or other ventures in the hope of striking it lucky. Think of an investor who gambles early on the success of a new company and who makes millions when the company is floated on the stock exchange.

Both the farm labourer and the merchant in today's Gospel know the value of what they've discovered. They are prepared to risk everything to have it because they know it's worth the risk.

Today's Gospel isn't about keeping a sharp eye out for hidden treasure or taking up a career as a venture capitalist. It is about values, priorities, knowing what's important, what our real treasure is. And for Christians the answer is clear: our treasure is the kingdom of God. Our treasure is Jesus. If we follow him, imitate him, live his way, then we will find what we are looking for, the most valuable treasure of all. The gift of salvation is a treasure far more valuable than all the pearls in the sea. ■

### DO

Think of the most valuable thing you own, possibly your house. Now think of the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. Even your house, even everything you own lumped together, counts for nothing compared to God and God's kingdom.



### LEARN

For Christians the only treasure that matters is the kingdom of God.

Wisdom is a gift of God.

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**26th July 2020 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time –A**

Saturday	25	6.30pm	Mass St James	Intentions of Brian St Pourcain John Wilson RIP Recently Deceased Susan Washington RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	26	9.30am	Mass 17th Sunday in Ordinary time	Daphne Howard RIP Recently Deceased Gerard Kitson RIP Recently Deceased
Monday	27			
Tuesday	28	10.00am	Mass	Helen Griggs RIP Recently Deceased Intentions of Agnes Monaghan
Wednesday	29		St Martha	
Thursday	30	10.00am	Mass St Peter Chrysologus	Key Workers supporting us during the pandemic
Friday	31		St Ignatius Loyola	
Saturday	1	6.30pm	Mass St Alphonsus Liguori	Susan Washington RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	2	9.30am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Parishioners of St Anne's

**IN NEED OF A PRIEST** Please contact Fr Grace at St Gabriel's 01270 877736

Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at [stannesnantwich@btinternet.com](mailto:stannesnantwich@btinternet.com)

**The wearing of a face covering is compulsory inside church as we are now socially-distancing at 1 metre + in seating areas. Please provide your own face covering where possible but these are also available in church.**

**Funeral** for Susan Washington RIP will take place on Friday 31st July 12.15 at Crewe Crematorium. Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep Susan's family in your prayers.

**Feast of St James** Fr Denis McBride CSsR celebrates Mass for the Feast of St James <https://rpbooks.us15.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6b341178fc20f6586567e68cd&id=4db28ffa5b&e=dae0386626>

**Mrs Hazel Brown** retirement. Headteacher of St Anne's Primary School, Mrs Brown retired on Wednesday 22 July. To mark her retirement and celebrate her time with St Anne's, Hazel had a great send off with a presentation of flowers and gifts with the staff and governors and an assembly for Yr 6. We are grateful for her outstanding service, dedication & commitment during her time at the school & we wish her every happiness in her retirement. We hope Mrs Brown enjoys the summer holidays and we wish all of the staff, children and their families a happy break too and good luck to Yr 6 pupils moving on to senior school in the Autumn.

**Pope's Prayer Intentions for July – Our families** [Prayer Resource for July](#)



## OFFERTORY

Last week's collection

£387.02

Thank you

We have now sent out all of the boxes of envelopes to the parishioners who have had them in the past and for whom we hold an address. If you have not received yours, or you would like a box then please contact Teri by email. Online donations <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/page/stannesdioceseofshrewsbury2168>

**OUR DIOCESAN VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** It was with great sadness that back in March we realised that in these extraordinary times it would be impossible to go ahead with our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. We are very anxious, however, to reach out to our regular pilgrims and to all people around the Diocese to invite them to join us in a spiritual pilgrimage online during the time that we would have been in Lourdes. With this in mind we have created a Virtual Pilgrimage which includes a daily Mass led by the Bishop or different priest associated with the Pilgrimage As well as many regular devotions and activities that form our Pilgrimage. The programme can be downloaded from the Pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) The Diocesan Website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Or the virtual Pilgrimage website <https://shrewsburylourdes.com>



## ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Prompted by the impending retirement of the existing post-holder, Churches Together in Cheshire (Registered Charity No: 1115015), seeks to make an interim appointment to the above position. This position for 15 hours a week, is to facilitate and support the churches of Cheshire in their relationships with one another and their wider mission in the world, by encouraging and developing the principles and practicalities of Christian unity throughout the county.

It is hoped for an early appointment. The salary is £8,025 p.a. The post is for a period of up to two years, whilst a process of review and re-visioning is conducted.

Completed applications are required for 31st July. It is hoped to interview by the end of August. For full details of this post and an application form, either printed or electronic, please contact Andrew Taylor on 01270 780529 or by e-mail at: [ceo.ctic@gmail.com](mailto:ceo.ctic@gmail.com)

**Journeying Together** CYMFed, the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation of E and W, is hosting a series of online talks for the youth ministry community featuring expert speakers from across the globe. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>

**Shrewsbury Youth Mission.** Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team are now fully online and are producing daily resources, prayers, and activities for young people. Over the coming weeks we will be building on our Holy Week success and doing a regular live stream. Their resources are on the website <https://www.symt.org.uk/>

**The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham** now has a 24/7 live streaming service with talks, Morning/evening Prayer, Rosary, the Angelus, Adoration and Benediction, as well as Holy Mass. For the latest schedule visit [www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream](http://www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream)

**Laudato Tree** Planting seven million trees across 8,000 km land, through the 11 countries of the arid Sahel region in Africa is the aim at the heart of an initiative to combat desertification and ward off drought, famine, conflict and migration. That's the goal of the "Laudato Tree" initiative Pope Francis. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html>

**Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses** Some churches stream masses so a couple of links have been added to our Website on the Mass Times and Prayer Resources page. Or via following links- Shrewsbury Diocese: <http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> or Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

Prayer resources can be found at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>. You may wish to try either <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> or daily reflections at <http://ln54.blogspot.com> or <http://prayasyougo.org/>

**Catholic Bishops Conference** for England and Wales. Latest information regarding services affected by Covid-19 can be found on their website. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> and latest news <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

Prayer for times of Flu or Illness <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/prayer-flu-viruses.pdf>

**Stream Father Denis McBride's Mass for the Dead** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY1bOyrcDbw>

**Life.** Helplines and Information can be found at <http://www.dayforlife.org/article/helplines-and-information-2020/>

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Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers overseas and all missionaries who share God's love - they tell us the love and strength they receive from us keeps them going.

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At Missio, we are committed to supporting our sisters and brothers around the world, through any challenges, struggles and hardships. We will continue to work as best we can during this coronavirus pandemic.

<https://missio.org.uk>

**New** We recently held 'Mission Under the Shadow of Covid-19' online sessions and have put together a brief summary of the sessions, together with edited videos of the contributions of our guest speakers, which can be viewed on this page of Missio's website: <https://missio.org.uk/ls/shadow/>

Missio Home schooling activities  
<https://missiontogether.org.uk/school-closures-home-activities/>

Mary, the mother of God, was a loving mother and a model for missionaries. That's why we've created this series of Marian resources. Each resource helps children to deepen their appreciation of Mary and learn how she can help us to become missionaries of God's love too.

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/marian-and-mission-rosary/>

Our UK Executive Director, Daniel Adams, explains: “Every year, churches across the UK invite our wonderful volunteers to join



with them in sharing the Mary's Meals story. These talks are incredibly important to raising awareness of our work, and we look forward to offering them again as soon as it is safe to do so.

“Until we can meet again, I hope church leaders will share this special message from our founder and ask their parishioners to pray for the children who rely on our life-changing meals.”

With schools closing around the world, we are working hard to find safe ways to reach hungry children at this extremely difficult time. You can read more about this [here](#).

**Cheshire East Mental Health Helpline - 0300 303 3972**

Local NHS Trust, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership (CWP), has launched a new mental health helpline for residents of Cheshire West, Cheshire East and Wirral.

Open 24 hours a day, seven-days a week, it is open to people of all ages including children and young people who need urgent Support

**Explaining the Coronavirus**

**What to do if you need urgent mental health help:**

- Please call 0300 303 3972 and our dedicated local NHS staff will support you to access the help you need;
- The helpline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is open to people of all ages – including children and young people;
- The helpline is now the first port of call for mental health help – it is operated by people in your local area

The message is available on our [YouTube channel](#) . If you would like to receive it in another form, please [get in touch](#).



**Model Universal Prayer Set 2**

*for use during the Public Health Crisis 2020 – Ordinary Time*

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**For the sick:**

For those who are sick or recovering from the corona virus; (pause) may they know the loving, healing presence of the Lord Jesus. Lord, in your mercy

Or

For those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit; (pause) may they know the Lord Jesus is close to them, bringing hope and strength. Lord, in your mercy

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**For key workers:**

For the NHS and all those key workers; (pause) may the Lord Jesus grant them the strength and health they need as they serve their brothers and sisters. Lord, in your mercy

Or

For all those giving of their time and energy during this public health crisis; (pause) may they know the Lord's blessing, and our deep appreciation. Lord, in your mercy

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**For the dead:**

For those who have run the race and fought the good fight; (pause) may they see the Lord face to face. Lord, in your mercy

Or

For those who have died during this public health crisis; (pause) may they rest in peace, and may those who mourn know the comforting presence of Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy





James, the brother of John the Evangelist, was the first Apostle to be martyred. He was beheaded by order of Herod of Agrippa. The Gospels tell us that the two brothers left their father, Zebedee, and followed Jesus as soon as He called out to them.

James was one of the three Apostles who were particularly close to the Lord. He was there with the Lord and his brother, John, and Peter at the Transfiguration and in the Garden of Gethsemane.

He is known as James "the Greater" to distinguish him from the other Apostle by the same name. The title has little to do with his function or the people's regard for him. Rather, it was a

term indicating that he was the elder of the two.

He is the patron saint of Spain and of pilgrims. In northwestern Spain, he is venerated at Santiago de Compostela, a mediaeval pilgrimage site that is still very popular today.



"Jesus loved Martha, and her sister Mary, and Lazarus" (John 11:5).

Saint Martha is mentioned in three Gospel passages: Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9, and the type of friendship between her and her siblings, Mary and Lazarus, with the Lord Jesus is evident in these passages.

In the gospel of Luke, Martha receives Jesus into her home and worries herself with serving Him, a worry that her sister Mary, who sat beside the Lord's feet "listening to Him speak,"

doesn't share. Her complaint that her sister is not helping her serve draws a reply from the Lord who says to her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

The over anxiousness she displays in serving is put into the right context by Jesus who emphasizes the importance of contemplating Him before all things. Yet she is seen next in John, outside the tomb of her brother Lazarus who had died four days earlier, as the one who receives the Revelation from the Lord that "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

When asked by the Lord if she believed this she said to Him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world," displaying her great faith which is confirmed by Jesus' subsequent raising of her brother Lazarus from the grave.



On July 31, the Universal Church marks the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The Spanish saint is known for founding the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits, as well as for creating the "Spiritual Exercises" often used today for retreats and individual discernment.

St. Ignatius was born into a noble family in 1491 in Guipuzcoa, Spain. He served as a page in the Spanish court of Ferdinand and Isabella. He then became a soldier in the Spanish army and wounded his leg during the siege of Pamplona in 1521. During his recuperation, he read "Lives of the Saints." The experience led him to undergo a profound conversion, and he dedicated himself to the Catholic faith.

After making a general confession in a monastery in Montserrat, St. Ignatius proceeded to spend almost a year in solitude. He wrote his famous "Spiritual Exercises" and then made a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land, where he worked to convert Muslims.

St. Ignatius returned to complete his studies in Spain and then France, where he received his theology degree. While many held him in contempt because of his holy lifestyle, his wisdom and virtue attracted some followers, and the Society of Jesus was born. The Society was approved by Pope Paul III in 1540, and it grew rapidly. St. Ignatius remained in Rome, where he governed the Society and became friends with St. Philip Neri.

St. Ignatius died peacefully on July 31, 1556. He was canonized by Pope Gregory XV in 1622.

The Jesuits remain numerous today, particularly in several hundred universities and colleges worldwide.

On April 22, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI presided over a Eucharistic concelebration for the Society of Jesus. He addressed the fathers and brothers of the Society present at the Vatican Basilica, calling to mind the dedication and fidelity of their founder.

"St. Ignatius of Loyola was first and foremost a man of God who in his life put God, his greatest glory and his greatest service, first," the Pope said. "He was a profoundly prayerful man for whom the daily celebration of the Eucharist was the heart and crowning point of his day."

"Precisely because he was a man of God, St Ignatius was a faithful servant of the Church," Benedict continued, recalling the saint's "special vow of obedience to the Pope, which he himself describes as 'our first and principal foundation.'"

Highlighting the need for "an intense spiritual and cultural training," Pope Benedict called upon the Society of Jesus to follow in the footsteps of St. Ignatius and continue his work of service to the Church and obedience to the Pope, so that its members "may faithfully meet the urgent needs of the Church *Laudato Tree: A gift of 1000 trees from Cardinal Turkson on behalf of Pope Francis*

## **New Guidelines for attending Mass at St Anne's during Covid 19 Restrictions**

The celebration of Mass recommenced on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Masses will be celebrated at the following times:

**Saturday 6.30 pm**  
**Sunday 9.30 am**  
**Tuesday 10.00 am**  
**Thursday 10.00 am**

Numbers inside the church will be limited to approximately 52 people or maybe a few more depending on "household" attendees who can sit together. We urge you to please come to a weekday Mass, if you can, so that those who are working during the week can attend on Saturday or Sunday. Once the capacity of the church has been reached, people will be invited to stand outside or sit outside on chairs which they have brought with them. The doors and windows will be open. Please maintain 2 m apart wherever possible.

- **The wearing of a face covering is compulsory inside church as we are now socially-distancing at 1 metre plus in seating areas. Please provide your own face covering where possible but these are also available in church.**
- **Please sanitise your hands on entry - bring your own if you can but hand sanitiser is available in church..**
- **The church doors will not open until 15 minutes before Mass is due to start. Mass may start a little late if entry to church takes longer than we anticipate. Please do not enter the sacristy for any reason.**
- **Toilets are closed**
- **There is a one-way system inside church and not all benches and chairs are in use so please follow the signs and instructions from the stewards.**
- **Signed Mass cards are available near the entrance. Votive candles will not be in use at weekend Masses. Please do not bring food or drink to church. If necessary, a non-twist top bottle of water may be used. All Newsletters and other items collected in church must be taken away and not left behind.**
- **Please make your weekly offering as you enter church, collection points will be signposted. There will also be collection points at the exits.**
- **Holy Communion will be distributed by one minister: either the celebrant or an extraordinary minister of Communion from a single point. This will be after the Dismissal. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be given and the stewards will direct you. Although the celebration of Mass will be slightly shorter than usual, it will take longer to exit the church so please be patient. Those who have been outside will be invited to receive Holy Communion after those in church. Anybody with mobility difficulties should remain in their seats and Holy Communion will be brought to them once the church is empty. Please also sanitise your hands as you leave.**

Experience will enable us to make appropriate changes.

At the conclusion of the Eucharist Prayer the priest recites the doxology, Per Ipsum, "Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever" words we can look forward to inspiring us once more before joining in responding the great Amen. *Deo gratias*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**COLLECT**

O God, protector of those who hope in you,  
without whom nothing has firm foundation,  
nothing is holy,  
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us  
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may use the good things that pass  
in such a way as to hold fast even now  
to those that ever endure.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING**

1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings.  
The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask what you would like me to give you." Solomon replied, "Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. "Since you have asked for this" the Lord said, "and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you."

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**PSALM**

Psalm 118

Response:

Lord, how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live  
for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. (R.)

**SECOND READING**

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:44-52

(For shorter form Mt 13:44-46, read between > <).

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

>Jesus said to the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. <

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They said, "Yes." And he said to them, "Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the

kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old."

&gt;The Gospel of the Lord.&lt;

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with  
the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings  
which we bring from the abundance of your  
gifts,  
that through the powerful working of your  
grace  
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify  
our present way of life  
and lead us to eternal gladness.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine  
Sacrament,  
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of  
your Son;  
grant, we pray, that this gift,  
which he himself gave us with love beyond  
all telling,  
may profit us for salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.