

ME – A SAINT??

(MATTHEW 5:1-12)



Jesus goes up the mountain (which our text, unfortunately, translates as “the hill”): he sits down, which is the position of a rabbi when teaching; it is Jesus who gives the teaching, which is the basic meaning of “Torah”, he does not receive it from elsewhere.

Jesus, then, is interpreting the Law as it could be applied by his disciples in their own time and situation: this was the purpose of the Pharisees, and later the rabbis, to adapt the Torah in such a way that its values could be lived out by those who followed their teaching. When Jesus declares that “my yoke is easy and my burden light”, he is saying that his interpretation of the Law is less strict than that of other teachers. Matthew is thus presenting Jesus’ teaching as the authoritative understanding of what the Law of God implies. ■

REFLECT

Today we celebrate the feast of All Saints. We are not thinking primarily of those Christians who have been canonised, that is, officially recognised by the Church as having lived a holy life and who are held up as examples to inspire us to try our best to live out our baptismal commitment. We are celebrating all those ordinary folk, members of our own families and others who lived out their faith quietly in the rough and tumble of everyday life. Very few of the canonised saints were married people with families.

There used to be a feeling that a holy life was one which could be lived only by people who consecrated their lives to God as priests, nuns, monks or other religious persons. However, the Second Vatican Council did away with this manner of thinking when it taught that everyone is called to holiness. The notion that lay people had to settle for a second-class way of life in the Church was seen to be false. No way of life is higher, better or holier than any other. The manner in which individual people live out their Christian commitment is the way in which they find holiness, which is essentially being close to God and practising the values of the Gospel in the situation in which they find themselves: for many people, this is marriage and family life; other states, such as the single life, are as valid in this regard. No one is excluded from being holy, and that includes you. In the Beatitudes, which form our Gospel reading today, the reward of the kingdom is not promised to those who work miracles, but to the kind of person who is described there. Jesus gives eight Beatitudes rather than Ten Commandments: but in a real sense, they are more demanding. ■

SAY

How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(Matthew 5:3)

LEARN

In Matthew’s version of the Gospel, mountains are places of revelation.

The Sermon on the Mount presents Jesus in the same light as Moses, who received the Torah on Mount Sinai.

No state of life is better or holier than any other: everyone is called to holiness.

DO

Make the sign of the cross with holy water. Think of your baptismal promises: they are your way to being holy.



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1st November 2020 All Saints

Saturday	31	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Teresa Kerr RIP Barry Scruton RIP Recently Deceased
Sunday	1	9.30am	All Saints	Alexander Joseph Wilson RIP Recently Deceased William Potter RIP Bernard Dockery RIP Teresa Monaghan RIP Anniversary
Monday	2		Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	
Tuesday	3	10.00am	Mass St Winefride	Martin John Barwick RIP Anniversary Joyce D (Sick) Pat Monaghan RIP Anniversary
Wednesday	4	11.00am	Funeral Service Alexander Joseph Wilson RIP St Charles Borromeo	
Thursday	5	10.00am	Mass	Veronica Ann Beamish RIP
Friday	6			
Saturday	7	6.30pm	Vigil Mass St Willibrord	Domenica Sweeney RIP Gerard Coburn RIP
Sunday	8	9.30am	Mass Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Catherine Bevan RIP Thomas Hugh Ecob RIP Tom Lennon RIP & Peggy Lennon RIP Anniversary

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

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Church Doors Opening Times

To keep everyone safe, church doors are not opened until 15 minutes before Mass. This is to limit the time spent indoors and to allow stewards time for safety preparations. This is part of our risk assessment and has been approved by the diocese. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. **NHS track and Trace App** If you have downloaded the NHS Track and Trace app to your phone, you can now scan the QR code which is on the doors in the entrance hall, instead of giving your name to the steward.

Funeral Service for Alexander Joseph Wilson RIP on 4 November at 11am followed by cremation at Crewe Crematorium at 12.15pm. Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep Alexander's family in your prayers.

Funeral Service for Christine Diane Walters RIP on 10 November at 1.45pm followed by burial at Audlem Cemetery Please pray for the repose of her soul and keep Christine Diane's family in your prayers.

Funeral Service for David Henderson at Crewe Crematorium at 3.30pm Please pray for the repose of his soul and keep David's family in your prayers.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION. Next weekend, the annual Collection for the Shrewsbury Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish website. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

Sunday 25 October 2020 – Thank you

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Our collection raised £500 plus a very generous donation from one of our parishioners. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call **020 7821 9755** (office hours). Leaflet : https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf



OFFERTORY

Last week's collection

£337.15

Thank you. Online donations <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/page/stannesdioceseofshrewsbury2168>

November Prayers for the Deceased Envelopes in which you can place the names of your deceased relatives and those for whom you wish to pray are now available at various points in the church. There will be a basket at the altar for these November Intentions. Unfortunately, we won't be holding our usual Mass for the recently deceased as this does not fall within our COVID 19 guidelines, however we will have Mass intentions for the recently deceased of the Parish throughout November.

Christmas support for Nantwich Foodbank are promoting a reverse advent calendar idea. It gives suggestions of what is needed in the parcels (they don't expect people to donate all the items unless they wish to!) Donations can be dropped at Brine Leas school on 28/11/20 between 11-13.00. The organisers for the Food festival are arranging this collection. Copies of the calendar are available at the exits to St Anne's and on our website.

Despite Covid-19, **the Christmas Shoebox Appeal** is going forward in faith. Nantwich Churches and community have for years sent 'boxes of love' to children on the margins of society usually in Eastern Europe and Africa. Teams4U charity, based in Wrexham, still aim to send a lorry and St Mary's Church Nantwich have offered to be the collection venue for the boxes. Collecting starts from Sunday Nov 1 and ends Thursday Nov 19. The Church aims to open weekdays and Saturday from 10am to 3p.m. and of course after the Sunday Services which are 9.30am and 10.45 am. Advice on how to fill a box can be found on their website www.teams4u.com.

Charity Christmas Cards from Cards for Good Causes Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to operate our annual Christmas Card shop in the Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church. However you can still support Cards for Good Causes by visiting our Chester shop which this year will be in the Grosvenor Shopping Centre, at 15 St Michael's Row. Alternatively cards can be bought on line at www.cardsforcharity.co.uk Charities have had a very difficult time raising much needed funds during this pandemic. Over 70% of our sales goes directly to the charities and so do please support us by buying your cards from either the Chester shop or on line. Stay safe. All enquiries Mary Thompson 01829 733642.

SVP would like to extend their thanks for a further generous anonymous donation recently received.

Bible Timeline Course - If you have struggled to read the Bible, and maybe given up several books in, this course is designed to help you understand the history of salvation. There are seven sessions from 7pm - 8.30pm starting Wednesday 4th. November. It is free and looks at the Bible story in a clear and simple way. You will need access to a Catholic Bible to read a section prior to each session. A description of the course is available in the link below as well as details of how to register. 'comeandsee.org' The course is held live on 'Zoom' but you do not need a zoom account, the course leader will send you a link enabling you to join in.

Fratelli tutti is the title Pope Francis has chosen for his encyclical letter dedicated to "human fraternity" and "social friendship". In English, it can be read as 'All Brothers', 'Brethren all' or 'Brothers and sisters all'. The first words of the new 'circular letter', or encyclical as we know it, come from St Francis of Assisi. <https://catholicnews.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8bfb372c271fbad8a971552fb&id=d1814557fa&e=d5cb67f88d>

Community Hub Understandably things have been quiet whilst we have been under Covid lockdown however we still need to reach our target before we can take the next step to approach the council for planning. Please do help by making donations via this link

<https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/17726/st-annes-church-nantwich/st-annes-community-hub> or to the presbytery. **Thank you to the family and friends of John and Sheila Wilson RIP who have recently made donations to the good exchange in their memory.**

Diocese of Shrewsbury Liturgy Reflection Sheet For October: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Prayer-Resource-for-October.pdf>

Pope Francis' prayer for October: The promotion of greater integration of the lay faithful, especially women, in areas of responsibility in the Church. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/pope-francis-prayer-intention-october-women-leaders-church.html>

Subject: Autumn talks on Spirituality A series of eight, fortnightly talks about Spiritual Masters, given by distinguished speakers. They are free to view live-streamed, although there will be a fee to view recordings. Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters. A series of online talks on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm, starting on 3 September organised by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. For details and to register: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/>.

While you're planning your autumn viewing, you might also be interested in choosing selectively from a new Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality series of lectures. This features the five great Teresa's of the Carmelite tradition - Teresa of Avila, Teresa Margaret Redi, Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of the Andes and Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein). For Teresa of Avila and Therese of Lisieux the paid-for talks in this series overlap with the free talks in the Christian Heritage centre series (given by the same or an equally distinguished lecturer), but it would be a chance to learn about the other Carmelite spiritual masters. The talks in this series will be given on selected Sundays at 8.00 pm between 20 September and 15 November. The cost is £20 for each lecture. For details and to register: <https://mailchi.mp/oxcacs.org/new-spirituality-series-of-lectures-from-cacs?e=1f35f1f3f8>

Feast and Memorial Days

All Saints Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church

All Souls Day 2 November commemorates the faithful departed. The Roman Catholic celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful who at death have not been cleansed from the temporal punishment due to venial sins, and from attachment to mortal sins cannot immediately attain the beatific vision in Heaven. They may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the Mass. In other words, when they died, they had not yet attained full sanctification and moral perfection, a requirement for entrance into Heaven. This sanctification is carried out posthumously in Purgatory.

St Winefride is honoured as secondary patron of the Diocese of Shrewsbury after Our Lady Help of Christians. Very little is known for certain about the life of Winefride, except that she lived in the 6th or 7th century near Holywell in Wales. According to one version of her life, she was beheaded by a prince whose advances she refused, and springs of water sprang up at the place of her martyrdom. She was, however, restored to life by her uncle St Beuno and lived the rest of her days as a nun. Her cult has been widespread since the middle ages, centred at Shrewsbury where her remains were enshrined in 1138 and her well at Holywell, which has remained a place of healing and pilgrimage through penal times to the present day.

Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast. <https://catholicssentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431>
Journeying Together <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>
Shrewsbury Youth Mission. <https://www.svmt.org.uk/>
The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream
Laudato Tree <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 Shrewsbury Diocese: <http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player>
Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

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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/1s/shadow/>

Faith in Action Reflection <https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Faith-in-Action-Reflection-Session-Solidarity.pdf>

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/>

Missio World Mission Sunday 18th October
https://missio.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/WMS20_Leaflet.pdf
<https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday/world-mission-sunday-2020/>

Prayer resources at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>, <https://www.sacredspace.ie/>, <http://ln54.blogspot.com>, <http://prayasyougo.org/>

Catholic Bishops Conference <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/>

Solemnity of All Saints Reflection Resource

Stillness: As we approach the Lord in the Tabernacle we make the Sign of the Cross.

Preparation: we open our hearts to the Lord and make a prayer of preparation.
O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invocation: Make an Act of Spiritual Communion.
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Read: Meditate on the Gospel of Matthew 5:1-12a
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be

satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Intercession: We place before the Lord the desires of our hearts. Pray for the Holy Father, for Bishop Mark and the clergy of our diocese, for vocations to the priesthood, for those who are sick, for your own personal needs, and for those who have died.

Thanksgiving: In thanksgiving we pray the Divine Praises.
Blessed be God
Blessed be his holy name
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man
Blessed be the name of Jesus
Blessed by his most Sacred Heart
Blessed be his most Precious Blood
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy
Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception
Blessed be her glorious assumption
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints

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

The 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.**
- If you have downloaded the NHS Track and Trace app to your phone, you can now scan the QR code which is on the doors in the entrance hall, instead of giving your name to the steward.
- **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. 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.**

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 gratia.*

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all
the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

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

Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long...
Amen.

FIRST READING *Apocalypse 7:2-4,5-14*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.
I, John, saw another angel rising where the
sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God;
he called in a powerful voice to the four
angels whose duty it was to devastate land
and sea, "Wait before you do any damage on
land or at sea or to the trees, until we have
put the seal on the foreheads of the servants
of our God." Then I heard how many were
sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand,
out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible
to count, of people from every nation, race,
tribe and language; they were standing in
front of the throne and in front of the lamb,
dressed in white robes and holding palms in
their hands. They shouted aloud, "Victory to
our God, who sits on the throne, and to the
Lamb!" And all the angels who were standing
in a circle around the throne, surrounding
the elders and the four animals, prostrated
themselves before the throne, and touched
the ground with their foreheads, worshipping
God with these words: "Amen. Praise and
glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and
honour and power and strength to our God
for ever and ever. Amen."

One of the elders then spoke, and asked
me, "Do you know who these people are,
dressed in white robes, and where they have
come from?" I answered him, "You can tell
me, my Lord." Then he said, "These are the
people who have been through the great
persecution, and they have washed their
robes white again in the blood of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23

Response:

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

- 1 The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
- 2 Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
- 3 He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John.
Think of the love that the Father has lavished
on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge
him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children
of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet
been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure
as Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you who labour and are
overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
There he sat down and was joined by his
disciples. Then he began to speak. This is
what he taught them:

"How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what
is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the
cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Happy are you when people abuse you
and persecute you and speak all kinds of

calumny against you on my account. Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward will be great in
heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

May these offerings we bring in honour of all
the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints
to be already assured of immortality,
so we may experience their concern for our
salvation...
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall
see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the
sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace,
so that, coming to perfect holiness in the
fullness of your love,
we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland...
Amen.