

TRINITY NEWS

WEEK 13
March 27, 2022

*P*rayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confirmed to fixed times or periods but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God, not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it.

Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating be-

tween God and humanity. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives outweighing the whole world of nature.

Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift given to us only by God's grace. The apostle Paul says: "We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings."

When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to us, he gives us riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: such a person's spirit burns as in a fire of the utmost intensity.

-John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople

SAINTS:

John Donne, Priest & Poet. 31 March. John Donne was born in about the year 1571 and brought up as a Roman Catholic. He was a great-great nephew of Thomas More, although this seems to have had little influence on him, as he led a somewhat debauched youth and was extremely sceptical about all religion. He went up to Oxford when he was fourteen, studied further at Cambridge and perhaps on the Continent, and eventually discovered his Christian faith in the Church of England. After much heart-searching, he accepted ordination and later the post of Dean of St Paul's Cathedral. Much of his cynicism dissolved and he became a strong advocate for the discerning of Christian vocation, and in particular affirming his own vocation as a priest, loving and loved by the crucified Christ. The people of London flocked to his sermons. He died on this day in the year 1631. His love-poetry and religious poems took on a renewed life in the twentieth century and his place both as a patristic scholar and as a moral theologian are confirmed by his prolific writings and the publication of his sermons.

Frederick Denison Maurice. 1 April. Born into a Unitarian family in 1805, Frederick Maurice became an Anglican in his twenties and was then ordained. He was one of the founders of the Christian Socialist Movement, in which his particular concern was providing education for working men. As a theologian, Maurice's ideas on Anglican comprehensiveness have remained influential. His best-remembered book, *The Kingdom of Christ*, demonstrated his philosophical approach to theology. His radicalism was revealed in his attack on traditional concepts of hell in *Theological Essays*, which cost him his Professorship at Kings College, London, in 1853. In 1866, however, he was given a chair in Cambridge, which he held until his death on this day in 1872.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:	April 16. Holy Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:00p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter
April 10. Palm Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:30a.m. & 9:30a.m. Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist	April 17. Easter Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:30a.m. JOINT Eucharist Rite 1.
April 14. Maundy Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7:00p.m. Holy Eucharist and Washing of the Feet	
April 15. Good Friday <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11:00a.m. Stations of the Cross• 12:00noon Liturgy of Good Friday	