

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>.

God instructs the heart, not with ideas, but by pains and contradictions. **Jean Pierre de Caussade.**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>.

When He plans to plant a garden, He starts in the desert. **Patricia St. John.**

**This week's readings; Psalm19 v.1 / Proverbs 22 v.6 /Mark 11 v.24.**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>.

Teach me God, to breathe deeply in faith. **Soren Kierkegaard.**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Make sure you are doing what God wants you to do, then do it with all your strength.

**George Washington.**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>.

No man can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of good books.

**Elizabeth Barrett Browning**

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>. **Mothering Sunday.**

Lord, we bring before You all mothers and grandmothers, stepmothers, foster mothers and all who would love and care for Your children, that You would bless them for their unending love. Amen.

**ON REFLECTION.**

**Most of us have a fairly rough exterior although some hide it well. It's a shell we live in to protect our privacy and to prevent people prying into our lives. How hard our shell is depends on how life's tested us. For some it's become so hard it's difficult to penetrate, but inside we're all softer, more vulnerable. Don't be put off by the surface feel. Wait, you may find a very different person inside. Someone to treasure. Eddie Askew.**

**Lord, let me look below the surface of life and find the treasure hidden deep within. Amen.**

**Spirit of integrity, help us to be faithful and true in all that we do this month. May our lives, like those of the saints and people who inspire us, tell the story of Your love and be good news to those who need to hear it. Amen.**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>. **St. David's Day.**

Please help me Lord, to feel the fire of Your love, to see the bush burn bright and blaze into life.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>.

To love a person is to learn the song in their heart, and to sing it to them when they have forgotten. **Thomas Chandler.**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

God of community, through our diversity, You enable us to enrich one another. Give us wisdom to recognize and rejoice in what is good and true, and to walk in Your light all our days. Amen.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for being the strong ground in which I saw my life. **Eddie Askew.**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. **Shrove Tuesday.**

Nature's heart is generous, and even the briefest encounter can't help but make us feel better. **John Muir.**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>. **Ash Wednesday.**

So when I do have to share my feelings and criticisms with others, let it begin with love.

**This week's readings; Psalm143 v.8 / Genesis 8 v.1 / 2 Corinthians 9 v.7.**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>.

Lord of the journey, give me the joy of knowing You are with me every step I take. Amen.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>.

O God, to those who have hunger, give bread, and to those who have bread, give the hunger for justice. **Latin American Prayer.**

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>.**

God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at my end, and at my departing.  
The Sarum Primer.

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. First Sunday in Lent.**

Lord, who shares our grief and pain, give us grace today, to offer simple kindness and support to those in need, that we may glimpse the glory of God in the face of the crucified Saviour, for Your love's sake. Amen.

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.**

May happiness like trade winds, sustain you, may laughter, joyous like breakers, shake you, may strength like coco palms, storm-bent, sustain you, and may the ancient shark of discontent disdain you. Amen. **A Seaman's Prayer.**

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>.**

So what is friendship? Nothing big, but just a thousand tiny things. **Emma Canning.**

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>.**

"Prayer" he said. "It's great when you are talking to God and asking for help, but what about when you're the one He chooses to use to make someone else's prayer come true? And you don't want to." "So what do you do?" I asked. "I do it don't I, It's God that's asking, isn't it? But that doesn't mean I have to be happy about it." What say you?

**This week's readings; Psalm 133 v.1/Exodus 23 v.25/1 Corinthians 15 v.58.**

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>.**

You lead me out into the wide open spaces of Your freedom. **Eddie Askew.**

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Don't let yourself be a victim of your negative thoughts. They are just thoughts not reality. Don't let them destroy you. **Ritu Ghatourey.**

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Repentance is detesting sin enough to reject it completely. **Matthew 3 v2.**

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. Second Sunday in Lent. St. Patrick's Day.**

So free us, Lord, from all that would diminish and distort us; give us courage to open our hearts and minds, to admit our weaknesses and be prepared to change. Amen.

### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.**

God will not look you over for medals, degrees and diplomas, but for scars. Elbert Hubbard.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. Joseph of Nazareth. Matthew 1.v1 v.16. 18-25.**

Let me see Thee face to face, Thou dearest Jesus, whom my soul longest after.

**William Romaine.**

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Strong fences make good neighbours. **Anon.**

**This week's readings; Psalm 65 v.7 / Proverbs 2 v.6 / Romans 12 v.12.**

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>.**

You can feel like you do very little with faith. But, you can do nothing without it.

**Samuel Butler.**

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Human beings must be known to be loved, but Divine things must be loved to be known. **Blaise Pascal.**

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

"I've read the last page of the Bible, it's all going to turn out all right". **Billy Graham.**

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. Third Sunday in Lent.**

Lord, today, however tempted I may be to wash my hands of some troubling responsibility, help me to face it instead. Amen.

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

My spirit longs for Thee within my troubled breast. Though I unworthy, be of so divine a guest. **John Byrom.**