

### *Memorial*

#### **Saint Bonaventure**

*Roman Missal 883/1085; Lectionary 391*

Saint Bonaventure's writings on Saint Francis, as well as on history, spirituality and medieval mystical doctrine, continue to inspire readers today. See p. 164.

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

*(Cf. Dan 12)* **Those who are wise will shine brightly like the splendour of the firmament and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars for ever.**

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*(Cf. Sirach 44)* **Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the Saints, and let the Church proclaim their praise. Their names will live on and on.**

#### **Collect**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, just as we celebrate the heavenly birthday of the Bishop Saint Bonaventure, we may benefit from his great learning and constantly imitate the

ardour of his charity. 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.**

#### **Reading** ————— *(Isaiah 10.5-7, 13-16)*

Thus says the Lord: Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger — the club in their hands is my fury! Against a godless nation I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him, to take spoil and seize plunder, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. But this is not what he intends, nor does he have this in mind; but it is in his heart to

destroy, and to cut off nations not a few.

For the Lord says: “By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom, for I have understanding; I have removed the boundaries of peoples, and have plundered their treasures; like a bull I have brought down those who sat on thrones. My hand has found, like a nest, the wealth of the peoples; and as one gathers eggs that have been forsaken, so I have gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved a wing, or opened its mouth, or chirped.”

Shall the axe vaunt itself over the one who wields it, or the saw magnify itself against the one who handles it? As if a rod should raise the one who lifts it up, or as if a staff should lift the one who is not wood! Therefore the Sovereign, the Lord of hosts, will send wasting sickness among his stout warriors, and under his glory a burning will be kindled, like the burning of fire.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Responsorial Psalm*** ———  
***(Psalm 94)***

**R. The Lord will not abandon his people.**

The proud crush your people, O Lord, and afflict your heritage. They kill the widow and the stranger, they murder the orphan. R.

They say, “The Lord does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive.” Understand, O dumbest of the people; fools, when will you be wise? R.

He who planted the ear, does he not hear? He who formed the eye, does he not see? He who disciplines the nations, he who teaches knowledge to human beings, does he not chastise? R.

For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage; for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it. R.

**Acclamation** (*Matthew 11*)

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel** —————

(*Matthew 11.25-27*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

“All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Prayer over the Offerings**

As we celebrate the divine mysteries, O Lord, we pray, may the Holy Spirit fill us with that light of faith by which he constantly enlightened blessed Bonaventure for the spreading of your glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Preface** (*Common, p. 14 or Pastors, p. 13*)

**Communion Antiphon**

(*Cf. 1 Cor 1*) **We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

**Prayer after Communion**

Refreshed by heavenly food, we humbly implore you, O Lord, that, attentive to the teaching of blessed Bonaventure, we may abide at all times in thanksgiving for the gifts we have received. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The best perfection of a person is to do common things in a perfect manner. A constant fidelity in small things is a great and heroic virtue. —St. Bonaventure*

## THURSDAY JULY 16

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### *Ferial*

*Roman Missal 458; Lectionary 392*

**or Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

The Carmelites have celebrated their patronal feast on this day since the 14th century. See p. 166.

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*(Cf. Ps 85)* **Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

### **Collect**

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that,

by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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.**