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Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus - 29 July

On 26 January 2021, Pope Francis decreed the inscription of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus into the General Roman Calendar, to replace the existing celebration of Saint Martha alone. Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus are celebrated each year as an Obligatory Memorial on 29 July.

The proper liturgical texts were released by the Holy See in Latin (see www.cultodivino.va). Some existing texts have remained the same - the Entrance and Communion Antiphons at Mass, indications in the Lectionary, the final responsory in the Office of Readings, and the Magnificat Antiphon in Evening Prayer - while others have been adjusted slightly or included for the first time. English translations of the newer texts must be approved by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland before they can be implemented in Scotland.

Below are interim liturgical guidelines for the celebration of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Lectionary for Mass

The existing indications in the Lectionary for the Mass readings on this Memorial have been retained (see volume II, page 1117): the Gospel Acclamation and Gospel are mandatory, but the First Reading and Responsorial Psalm may be taken either from the Mass readings of the day or from the Proper of Saints.

Liturgy of the Hours

Office of Readings

Psalmody of the day. First and Second Readings with their Responsories of the day (see General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours, no. 235d), and Concluding Prayer from the Common of Men Saints, page 654* (for several saints).

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer

Psalmody of the day. Other elements from the Psalter of the day or the Common of Men Saints. Concluding Prayer from the Common of Common of Men Saints, page 654* (for several saints).

Roman Missal

An interim Mass formulary has been provided for use at this time on the next page.

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29 July
Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Memorial

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Lk 10:38

Jesus entered a village,
where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that the example of your Saints may spur us on to a better life,
so that we, who celebrate the memory of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus,
may also imitate without ceasing their deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Another Collect from the Common of Holy Men and Women may be used.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we proclaim your wonders in your Saints, O Lord,
we humbly implore your majesty,
that, as their homage of love was pleasing to you,
so, too, our dutiful service may find favour in your sight.
Through Christ our Lord.

Preface I or II of Saints (pages 632-635).

Communion Antiphon

Jn 11:27

Martha said to Jesus:
You are the Christ, the Son of God,
who is coming into this world.

Prayer after Communion

May the holy reception of the Body and Blood
of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
turn us away from the cares of this fallen world,
so that, following the example of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus,
we may grow in sincere love for you on earth
and rejoice to behold you for eternity in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.