



## SAINT PATRICK

20th March 2021 St Alphonse

### Opening hymn: St Patrick's Breastplate

1. Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart;  
Christ be within me, Christ below me,  
Christ be above me never to part.
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.
3. Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be in all tongues telling of me,  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

### Response to the reading: Be thou my vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight  
Be thou my armour and be thou my true might  
thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

### Our Father

*Recited in Irish; each may pray in their own language*

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh, go naofar t'ainm  
Go dtaga do ríocht  
Go ndéantar do thoil  
ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.  
ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu  
Agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha  
Mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúnaithe féin  
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú ach saor sinn ó olc.

### Recessional hymn: Hail glorious Saint Patrick

1. Hail glorious Saint Patrick, dear saint of our isle,  
On us thy poor children bestow a sweet smile;  
And now thou art high in the mansions above,  
On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love. *(Repeat)*
2. Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth  
Where the shamrock still blooms as when thou wert on earth,  
And our hearts shall yet burn wheresoever we roam,  
For God and Saint Patrick, and our native home. *(Repeat)*.  
*On Erin's green valleys look down in thy love*