Mass Texts for the Feast of St Ignatius

These texts and readings are taken from the Sacramentary and Lectionary proper to the Society of Jesus with collect, offertory prayer and postcommunion prayer from the new translation of the Missal (2010).

Opening Prayer (Collect)

O God,

who raised up St Ignatius of Loyola in your Church

to further the greater glory of your name,

grant that, by his help,

we may imitate him in fighting the good fight on earth

and merit to receive with him a crown in heaven.

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.**

Readings

*For school Masses it may be better to choose one reading (either old or new testament) and the gospel.*

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (or shorter form 30:11-14) (“Today I set before you life and death”)

*or*

1 Kings 19:9-15 (God reveals himself to Elias)

*or*

Jeremiah 20:7-11a, 13 (“There seemed to be a fire burning in my heart”)

Psalm 1:1-6 (R/. Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord)

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1 (“Do everything for the glory of God”)

*or*

Ephesians 1:3-10 (“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ”)

*or*

Phillipains 3:8-14 (“For the ake of Christ I have sufferd the loss of everything”)

*or*

Galatians 5:16-25 (“If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the pirit”)

*or*

Ephesians 3:14-17 (“To know the love of Christ which surpasses all knowledge”)

Alleluia, alleluia.

May God grant us an interior knowledge of our Lord,

who became human for me,

that we may love him more intensely

and follow him more closely.

Alleluia.

(from the *Spiritual Exercises* n.104)

Luke 9:18-25 (“Who do people say that I am?”)

*or*

Mtthew 8:18-27 (“Foxes have holes and the birds of the sky have nests but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head”)

*or*

John 1:35-39 (“Behold the Lamb of God”)

Offertory Prayer

May these offerings we make to you as we celebrate Saint Ignatius

be pleasing, Lord God,

and grant that the sacred mysteries,

which you have made the fount of all holiness,

may sanctify us, too, in the truth.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Preface

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

it is indeed right and the way to salvation,

to thak you at all times and in every place.

You called St Igantius into the company of your Son,

so that his love for Jesus might inspire the hearts of many to seek your greater glory.

You chose him out to spread through the whole world a greater dedication to your service,

to provide your Church with a society of apostles on fire with your love, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ the choirs of heaven sing the praise of your glory.

The heavenlypowers join in the cry of seraphs and angels.

May our voices be one with theirs as they bow before you in adoration.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts . . .**

Prayer after Communion

May the sacrifice of praise that we have offered with thanksgiving

in honour of St Ignatius, O Lord,

bring us to exalt your majesty without end.

Through Christ our Lord.  **Amen.**