

## Friday 21 June | St Aloysius Gonzaga SJ

Today is Friday, the 21 June, the memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, in the Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time.

The Monks of Glenstal Abbey sing *Nos autem gloriari*: 'We should glory in nothing other than the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection; through him we are saved and set free. May God have mercy upon us and bless us, may he make his face shine upon us and be merciful to us.'

Today's reading is from the Second Letter to the Corinthians.

It becomes hard here to figure out what Paul is saying?he's against boasting in one way, but to make the point he tells us about all he has endured during his ministry. How do you react when people tell you to be 'humble'?

Today we celebrate the feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga, a young nobleman who gave up his position to become a Jesuit, and died from an infection he caught while tending victims of the plague. What do you think being humble means for a person like that?

Listen again to the reading?you might like just to let the power of Paul's experiences wash over you.

Now spend some time with Jesus?perhaps you might like to bring before him times when you were having to put up with a lot, and to think in his presence about what God was doing for you at those times.