SAINT CECILIA

FEAST DAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Saint Cecilia was born into an extremely wealthy Roman family in the third century. She was a very happy child who liked to pray because she believed that Jesus loved her and watched over her always. Cecilia also loved music and she would often sing to God in her heart. Her favourite musical instruments were the organ, the harp and the viola.

As she grew older, Cecilia wanted to give her life to Christ as a nun. But her parents wanted her to get married, and so she did. After her marriage, Cecilia often talked to her husband and his brother about God. Soon they too became Christians. They both did all they could to help the poor, the sick and anyone in need. They dedicated themselves to burying the saints who were being murdered each day. Both brothers were arrested and killed for their faith.

Cecilia spent her time preaching and in her lifetime was able to convert over four hundred people, most of whom were baptised by Pope Urban. She was later arrested and tortured. She was hit three times on the neck and lived for three days. She asked the Pope to convert her home into a chapel.

She is often shown playing a musical instrument reminding musicians to use their talents for God. Saint Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians.

Saint Cecilia, pray for us.

