

Date w/c	Assembly	Daily Prayers
Ordinary Time		
<p>4 September Matthew 16:21-27</p>	<p>Follow the Leader This assembly starts the new school year with an opportunity for children to reflect on their relationship with Jesus during the summer holidays and, through an imaginative reflection, consider how they want to follow Jesus during the year ahead.</p>	<p>We Will Walk With You This week's prayers are designed to offer children the opportunity to reflect on what it means to follow Jesus and how He will lead them through every circumstance they might face during the school year.</p>
<p>11 September Matthew 18:15-20</p>	<p>Education Sunday 2023: "Where two or three meet in my name" To celebrate the 175th Education Sunday, students will be quizzed on their knowledge about schools, and reflect on how Catholic schools contribute to the mission of the Church. In a concluding time of prayer for pupils, families and school staff, Bishop Marcus Stock, chair of the Catholic Education Service, will offer some words of encouragement.</p>	<p>Education Sunday 2023: Be With Us Lord To mark the 175th celebration of Education Sunday, these daily prayers invite students to invite the Lord to be with them as they work, learn, pray, grow and live out their Christian mission in school.</p>
<p>18 September Matthew 18:21-35</p>	<p>Forgive and Forgive and Forgive In this week's Gospel reading, Peter asks Jesus how many times we should forgive someone who sins against us. Jesus says not seven times but seventy-seven times - in other words, no matter how many times somebody hurts us, we need to forgive them! Peter's question helps us to understand that daily choices to forgive others are needed.</p>	<p>Ready to Forgive Each day the Prayer Leader will lead the children in a body scan 'forgiveness check,' to help children reflect and use their body awareness to help them to pray.</p>
<p>25 September Matthew 20:1-16</p>	<p>Deeper, Wider, Higher (Isaiah 55:9) God's thoughts are bigger and wider than we can begin to imagine and this is awesome.</p>	<p>God's Love Is ... This week, we are praying creatively, through prayerful audio reflections, art and drawing. Each day, children will be taken on a journey to encounter different aspects of God's love: God's love is generous, unconditional, it can be seen everywhere, it is the greatest love of all, and it is a love that lasts forever.</p>
<p>2 October Matthew 21:28-32</p>	<p>Say and Do Through a modern-day parable about two brothers whose words do not match their actions, children will learn that what we do is more important than what we say we will do. Children will have the opportunity to prayerfully reflect on their own words and actions and commit to change.</p>	<p>All Day, Every Day Each morning this week there is a short prayer asking Jesus to help children act lovingly throughout the day. At the end of each day, there is a short prayer to help children reflect on how they have experienced Jesus with them throughout the day.</p>

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9 October Matthew 21:33-43	Reject or Respect The Son of God, Jesus, wasn't always respected. Instead, like the stone which the builders rejected, He was rejected and put to death. How can we accept Jesus and others this week?	Prayer Perspective (Philippians 4:6-9) Sunday's second reading makes clear; don't worry, pray, ask and thank God. The peace of Jesus will guard our hearts and thoughts.
16 October Matthew 22:1-10	I Accept! In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us about Heaven using a parable about invited guests who choose not to accept the invitation. Through a short animation, 'The Invitation', children are invited to respond to God's invitation by finding ordinary ways to live a loving life.	I Say Yes! Jesus tells us about the good things God has prepared for us in Heaven. He invites us to accept the invitation to live a loving life. Each day this week, children will be encouraged to look into their hearts to find opportunities to accept that invitation.
23 October Matthew 22:15-21	Giving Everything God the Father gives us everything - He even gives us His Son, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life! No matter what distractions might come, we should hold nothing back in giving everything to God.	Sing A New Song (Psalm 96:1,3-5,7-10) This week's prayers give thanks and praise to God by inviting children to sing a new song to the Lord.
30 October Matthew 22:34-40	The Greatest Commandment The Gospel this week shows that God wants us to experience love, both in the giving and receiving of it. This assembly helps children to recognise love through actions and helps them to think of ways that they can be loving too.	Choose Love The Gospel for these prayers is Jesus' simple teaching on the Greatest Commandment: to show love to God and to our neighbour. Through stories, the daily prayers focus on five different ways in which we can show love to our neighbour.
6 November Matthew 23:1-12	Place of Honour Jesus instructed His disciples (He guides them) repeating the word welcome – In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells us that humility is very important. He tells us that to be great is to be a servant; putting God first, serving and loving Him and our neighbours through our words and deeds.	A Peaceful Soul (Psalm 130) How can we approach God? In humility we seek God and find Him in peace and silence in the simple actions of the day.
13 November Matthew 25:1-13	Be Ready Through a modern day retelling of the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids, this assembly helps children learn that Jesus teaches us not to literally 'stay awake', but to be prepared for the unknown time of His return by loving God and loving others.	Choosing God's Way Through the examen-style prayers this week, children will prayerfully reflect on what it means to choose God's way of living and loving.
20 November Matthew 25:14-30	Gifts From God Through an interactive version of the Parable of the Talents, children will learn that God wants them to experience being loved and choose to love Him in return.	Prayer Work Out Just as our bodies get fitter when we exercise, the more that we practise being a loving person the better we get at it. This week's prayers help children to use their bodies to act out their prayer intentions – training to love!

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27 November Matthew 25:31-46	Throne of Glory This week's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the great King of the universe. This assembly reflects on how through His Kingship, He unifies nations, heals His people, defeats the enemy and leads His people to join Him in glory.	"I Am Here!" In this week where we celebrate Christ as King who loves us and guides us, the daily prayers introduce children to the concept of freedom and how we make different choices in life.
Advent		
4 December Mark 13:33-37	Witness to the Light: Ready to Respond Every year we know that we celebrate Jesus' birthday on 25th December, but we don't know when He will come again so, like Mary, we must always have ready hearts for Jesus!	Meet the Family: Mary (Luke 1:48) In our first Meet the Family week of daily prayers, we will pray with Mary, through recalling some of the beautiful titles she has been given over the centuries.
11 December Mark 1:1-8	Witness to the Light: Ready to Share John prepares the way for Jesus and announces that Jesus is more powerful. Advent is a time for getting ready for us to prepare the way for Jesus. Will we be ready to announce His arrival like the angels on Christmas Day?	Meet the Family: Joseph (Matthew 1:20-21) In the second of our Meet the Family series, our daily prayers will focus on St Joseph, through recalling some of the names he is known by.
18 December John 1:6-8,19-28	Witness to the Light: Ready to Worship John the Baptist is an important witness who helps others to believe that Jesus is the long awaited Christ. Will you be ready to worship Jesus this Christmas like the shepherds and the kings?	Meet the Family: Jesus (Matthew 1:21) As we approach Christmas, this final week of daily prayers in our Meet the Family series, will focus on Jesus, through recalling and praying with some of the amazing titles He has been given.