



It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. This life that I live now, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me.



# WE PRAY WITH OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024



For people living on the margins  
We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.





# Week Commencing: Monday 25th September 2023

## The Twenty Fifth Week of Ordinary Time- Year A



THEME FOR THE WEEK:  
Humility

# We Gather to Pray...



### WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES 26TH SEPTEMBER  
JUDAISM 24th September  
YOM KIPPUR  
WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS: 29th Sept- 6th OCTOBER  
JEWISH FESTIVAL OF SUKKOT

### FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

26th Sts. Cosmas and Damian, 27th St Vincent de Paul, 29th TRUST PATRONAL FEAST DAY STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL (ARCHANGELS), 30th ST JEROME, TRUST PATRONAL FEAST DAY ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS 1ST OCTOBER  
(Launch SVP/ Mini Vinnies this week and have Service of Enrolment. Rosary to be prayed throughout the month of October)  
(Harvest Assemblies to take place next week)  
Prepare Rosary Groups in school ready for next week  
LITTLE WAY WEEK [www.mission.com.hk/en/uk](http://www.mission.com.hk/en/uk) See resources for Little Way week from Missio

**'The first will be last and the last will be first'**

LAST SHALL BE FIRST

*"But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first." (Matthew 19: 30).*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death.  
Amen

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, On earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen

Matthew 20:1-16  
'The last will be first and the first will be last.'





# Monday 25th September 2023 – Feria

## The 24<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time- Year A



Compassion



### Sign of the Cross and Gather

As we begin a new week, we light our candle and welcome the Lord to spend this time with us... We might play some [music](#) to create a prayerful atmosphere. In the Gospel yesterday, Jesus reminds us that to be a Christian is to put ourselves last; placing the most vulnerable person at the heart of all of our actions and decisions. We call this the 'preferential option for the poor' in Catholic Social Teaching.

### The Word

A short reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord



***Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ***

**'The first will be last and the last will be first'**

**LAST**  
SHALL BE  
**FIRST**

*"But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first." (Matthew 19: 30).*

### Living the Word of God

Put yourself last today!



### We Go Forth

We Pray silently for those who are ignored, abandoned and abused in our society.

*May we put others needs ahead of our own today*





# Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Feria

## Saints Cosmos and Damian



Compassion

### Sign of the Cross and Gather

In the Gospel today, Jesus teaches us that through our faith, we become brothers and sisters of one another. We are one family with a Heavenly Father. Today we give thanks for the gift of our family- recognising that family comes in many different shapes and sizes! We also pray to see all people as part of God's family.



### The Word

From the Gospel of Luke

The mother and the brothers of Jesus came looking for him, but they could not get to him because of the crowd. He was told, 'Your mother and brothers are standing outside and want to see you.' But he said in answer, 'My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and put it into practice.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ**



### Living the Word of God

Create a Mission based on today's scripture

### We Go Forth

Create a prayer about Family today





# Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## St Vincent de Paul



### Sign of the Cross and Gather

Today is the feast of St Vincent de Paul. He was a French priest who dedicated his life to serving the poor of society. He has a charity named after him called the St Vincent de Paul Society whose aim is to help the poorest in society nowadays.



### The Reflection

“Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another...”  
- St Vincent de Paul



### Living the Word of God

Think about what you can do to follow St Vincent's footsteps and be charitable.



### We Go Forth

**We pray especially for the Mini Vinnies, Youth SVP and Adult SVP Conferences working hard in our schools and parishes**

Saint Vincent de Paul,  
belov ed serv ant of the poor,  
may we follow your example and do good works  
in our own community.

Pray for us,

that we may commit ourselv es selflessly to doing  
the same charitable acts that you did all your  
life.

Amen





# Thoughtful Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Feria



Compassion

## The 25<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time- Year A

### We Gather

As we open our prayer journals this morning, we play some music...

How has Christ lived in us this week?

How have we been a people of peace, compassion, justice and hope?

As we fill in our journal, we discuss the highs and lows of this week



Christ has lived in us this week:

Christ has lived in us when we...

Showed kindness..



This week we are thankful for:

As a class, what are we thankful for?

What has been good about this week so far?

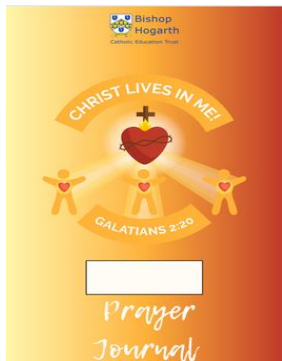
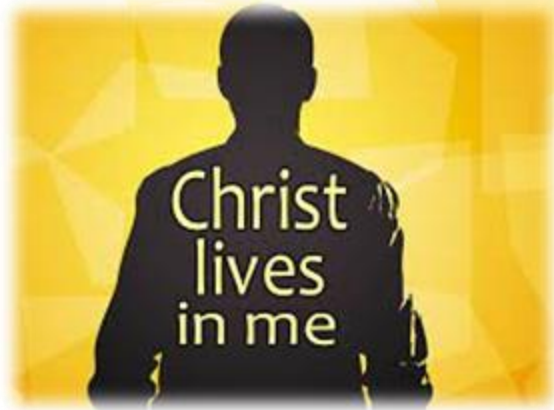


This week we are praying for:

Those who are sick, sad or lonely..

Those who have died..

Those experiencing difficulties...





# Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael



### The Common Good

# EXAMEN

- 1 Become aware of God's presence. Look at the day with Gratitude.
- 2 Ask for the Grace to see through God's eyes. Review the last 24 hours, noticing my thoughts, feelings and actions.
- 3 Ask the Holy Spirit to show me where the Common Good was at work and where it was absent.
- 4 Ask forgiveness for the moments when I have fallen short.
- 5 Look forward to tomorrow and ask where I need God in the day to come. Give thanks.

This prayer is based on the classic Ignatian Examen, a way to reflect prayerfully on the events of the day in order to discern God's direction for us. Learn more at: [www.ignatianspirituality.com](http://www.ignatianspirituality.com)  
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The Common Good Principles

Find out more at [www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk](http://www.togetherforthecommongood.co.uk)

### Sign of the Cross and Gather- Friday Examen

Click [here](#) for a video version of the Examen.

We come to the end of another busy week. We pause and offer to the Lord all we have achieved, all of our successes, we offer to Him the things we have found challenging. We rest in His loving Presence...

**Today is the Feasts of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. We pray especially for the staff and students of St Michael's Billingham on their Patronal Feast Day.**







# Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 – Feria

The 24<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time- Year A



## Achievements



## Challenges



## Connections



## Self-Care



## Learning

