



'Let's begin with a prayer...' 2023/24

Week Commencing: Monday 2nd October 2023  
26 Week of Ordinary Time- Year A

### Monday

**Feast of the Guardian Angels**  
A prayer at the beginning of Black History Month  
Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ  
to deliver us from all manner of injustices and  
inequalities,  
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,  
to see the image of God in every person  
irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.  
May we be generous in our love of others  
as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism  
and injustice; creating communities of human  
flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### TUESDAY

**Tomorrow is World Habitat Day-**  
We reflect on the words of Pope Francis from the  
encyclical 'Laudato Si':  
"If we approach nature and the environment without  
this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer  
speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our  
relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of  
masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set  
limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel  
intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and  
care will well up spontaneously." May we work  
together to protect our common home. Amen

### Wednesday

#### Memorial of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your  
peace: where there is hatred, let me sow  
love; where there is injury, pardon; where  
there is doubt, faith; where there is  
despair, hope; where there is darkness,  
light; where there is sadness, joy. As  
educators, we pray that we may be  
instruments of knowledge and compassion  
to all who walk through our doors.  
Amen

### Thursday

Today is World Teachers Day. When we acknowledge the work of teachers,  
we don't just think of the person stood in the classroom, trying their hardest  
to teach the students in front of them. We also think of the support staff;  
the LSAs, the mentors, the office staff, the kitchen staff, the cleaners, the  
site staff, the governors, the parish priests and the parents. All of which  
play a huge role in helping our students become the best version of  
themselves. This prayer is for all those who work in education:

I want to teach my students how to live this life on earth, to  
face its struggles and its strife and to improve their worth.  
Not just the lesson in a book, or how the rivers flow,  
but to choose the proper path, wherever they may go. To  
understand eternal truth, and know right from wrong, and  
gather all the beauty of a flower and a song. For if I help  
the world to grow in wisdom and grace, then I feel that I  
have won and I have filled my place. And so I ask your  
guidance, God that I may do my part, for character and  
confidence and happiness of heart. Amen

### Friday

#### Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary & CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

TODAY WE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN, STAFF, FAMILIES AND  
PARISHIONERS OF OLMHR BILLINGHAM  
Today we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We  
pray to Our Lady now, for the same strength and courage she  
was given when she was asked to be the Mother of Jesus.  
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 our death. Amen

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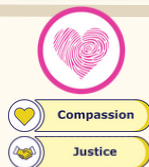
#### WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL  
EVENTS: HINDU CELEBRATION OF  
GANDHI JAYANTI  
4th October- world habitat day  
October is school library month Word  
Teachers Day 5th October, 6TH World  
Smile Day, 7th World Day for Decent  
work

#### FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

2'2nd, Guardian Angels, 4TH, ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI,  
CAFOD FAST DAY 6th OCTOBER HARVEST ASSEMBLIES  
THIS WEEK 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels, 7TH  
OCTOBER- PATRONAL FEAST DAY OUR LADY OF THE  
ROSARY  
(Laudato Si Care for Creation focus on Feast of St  
Francis. (Rosary for Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary)

THEME FOR THE WEEK:  
'Be united in your love'



WEEK 26 YEAR A-  
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Philippians 2:1-11

