



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

Week Commencing: Monday 9th October 2023
27 Week of Ordinary Time- Year A

WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:

10th world homeless day,
10th WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY,
11TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

9th St John Henry Newman, ST PAULINUS, 11TH ST JOHN XXIII, 12TH, ST WILFRID TRUST PATRONAL FEAST DAY, ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, 15th ST THERESA OF AVILA
Week of Prayer for Prisoners 9TH 15th October (Activities surrounding those who are imprisoned- <https://prisonsweek.org>)

Monday

Blessed John Henry Newman
A prayer at the beginning of Black History Month
We thank you for the significance of this month.
We lift up and thank you for our Black brothers and sisters who have shaped history.
We thank you for the opportunity to learn and reflect particularly at this time, here and now.
We pray that the learning happening in schools, homes and workplaces will be meaningful and deep-rooted.
We pray for open hearts and minds, and spirits willing to learn and be transformed by you.
May this month be a time of curiosity and sharing, conversations and celebrations,
challenge and encouragement.
Heavenly Father, help us to dig deeper, look closer, and think bigger.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

TUESDAY

World Mental Health Day

"Lord, on this World Mental Health Day, we pray for peace of heart for those struggling with their inner battles. Grant them the compassion and understanding they need, and surround them with love and support. May they find solace in Your presence and strength in their journey towards healing.
Amen." 🙏🌿

wednesday

Memorial of St John XXIII

Pope John XXIII is remembered as 'Good Pope' for his compassion, humility and vision. We have Pope John XXIII to thank for many of the reforms of the 2nd Vatican Council, that saw many reforms to the Church we see today such as increased relations with those of other denominations and faiths and a more involved role of the laity in shaping Christ's body here on earth.

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do." Pope John XXIII

thursday

Trust Patronal Feast Day- St Wilfrid

Today is the Memorial of St Wilfrid, one of our own Northern Saints. Educated in the monastery in Lindisfarne and later in Rome. He was a leading figure at the Synod of Whitby in 664 and tried to encourage the Church to remain true to its roots. St Wilfrid was eventually made bishop of Hexham in 686.

We give thanks for his example and resilience as he steered the church in these parts towards unity amidst lots of opposition and division.
We pray especially for the children, staff and families of St Wilfrid's Bishop Auckland that they may grow in virtue and love for God and each other under the inspiration and prayers of St Wilfrid.
Amen
St Wilfrid, pray for us

Friday

Feria

This week is the Week of Prayer for Prisoners. Prisons Week aims to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prisons staff and all those who care, reflected in the Prisons Week Prayer offered throughout the week:

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.
We pray for those in prison.
Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.
Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends,
prison staff and all who care.
Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime.
Help us to forgive one another.
To act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly together with Christ
in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

THEME FOR THE WEEK:
'Faith.'



WEEK 27 YEAR A-
'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.'

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE
LINKED BHCET VIRTUE



Resilience

