



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 NOVEMBER 2023



For the Pope
We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



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The Thirty Third Week of Ordinary Time- Year A

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Confidence



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A Special service to celebrate musicians on Feast of St Cecilia

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YOUTH FRIDAY IN THE DIOCESE IN PREP FOR CHRIST THE KING- YOUTH SUNDAY 26TH

We Gather to Pray...



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





Monday 20th November 2023

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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 may play some [music](#) to create a prayerful atmosphere in the classroom. In the Gospel at Mass yesterday, we hear the parable of the Talents. The Servant given 5 coins used them wisely, invested and made five more. This parable teaches us that we must use the gifts and talents that God gives us for the building up of His Kingdom. We pray that we might open our eyes to the gifts we have been given and use them wisely for the good of our community, Church and world.



The Word

A video reflection for yesterday's Gospel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDmkGcENusY>

We Go Forth



Lord help me to see my gifts and talents. Grant me the courage and confidence to use them today!

Living the Word of God

Use your talents and gifts to build up the Kingdom of God!





Tuesday 21st November 2023



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The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

When Mary was just a little girl, her parents took her to the temple to present her to God.

They wanted to show their love and dedication to God by giving Mary back to Him. This is a bit like when you give a special gift to someone you love.

The Reflection

We spend a few moments thinking about your own family and friends. They love you very much. Mary's family loved her too! They wanted to share their love for God with her, just like your family shares their love for God with you.

In God's loving hands, we stand,
A gift, unique, in His grand plan.
With open hearts, we offer, we give,
Our lives, our love, for as long as we live.
Presenting ourselves, in His embrace, we thrive.

In honour of Our Lady, we join our prayers with hers
as we say:

**Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
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now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

**"Mary, give me
your Heart: so
beautiful, so pure,
so immaculate;
your Heart so full
of love and
humility that I
may be able to
receive Jesus in
the Bread of Life
and love Him as
you love Him and
serve Him through
the poor"**
**St Therese of
Lisieux**





Wednesday 22nd November 2023

St Cecilia



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SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

Today is the Feast of St Cecilia. Little is known about St Cecilia and what is known is legend. It is believed that she dedicated herself totally to God and when she got married she 'sang to the Lord in her heart. Today we give thanks for the gift of music in our lives.



MUSIC

GIVES A SOUL TO THE UNIVERSE,

WINGS TO THE MIND,

FLIGHT TO THE IMAGINATION, &

LIFE TO EVERYTHING

- PLATO

LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Listen to some music today that you love!

The WORD

From St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord!



A Prayer for Musicians

O Lord, let all musicians be instruments in tune with your perfect will; May they play your melody, yet know when to be still.

May all who listen to music feel your presence, Lord, and recognise You in every note and chord.

Amen

St Cecilia, Pray for us!



Bishop Hogarth
Catholic Education Trust





Thoughtful Thursday 23rd November 2023

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SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

We open our prayer journals today, light our candle and play some music. Yesterday was the Feast of St Cecilia, the Patron Saint of Music.

As we gather today, we give thanks for the gift of music, (even Taylor Swift! 😊)

Open your Prayer Journals and complete the task!

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This week we celebrate the Feast of St Cecilia, Patron Saint of Musicians. Reflect on your favourite music- especially the lyrics of your favourite songs. Do they help you to be more compassionate and kind? You might want to include some of these lyrics here:



This week we are thankful for:



This week we are praying for:





Friday 24th November 2023 – St Hilda of Whitby



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SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

At the end of this busy week, we give thanks for Christ living in us.

Today is Youth Friday- A day set aside by the Church in England and Wales to celebrate Catholic Youth!

...gathering young Catholics throughout our nation... More resources here: <https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023#main-menu>



1. Become aware of the presence of God

'We are called as we are!'

Close your eyes. Be aware of your breathing...

How are you feeling today? Let's take a moment together to connect with God and feel His unconditional love for us.



2. Review the day with gratitude

'There is room for everyone'

Cross your arms over your shoulders... give yourself a big hug!

What are you grateful for today?



3. Pay attention to your emotions

'Jesus never closes the door but asks you to enter'

Take a moment to reflect on the things you wish you had done differently and find a way to make it right with God.



4. Look towards tomorrow

'A unique and original masterpiece...'

Put your best foot forwards...

What are your hopes for today, tomorrow, this week?

How are you going to be the best version of yourself?



5. Ask for help...

'God loves us as we are!'

Place your hands out in front of you, palms up, as though someone is placing a gift in the palms of your hands...

Today, we invite you to take a moment to connect with God and ask for what you need.

Whether it's patience, energy, confidence, or peace, know that you are loved and supported by the God who made you!

Let us pray,

Father God, we open our hearts to welcome everyone we meet, supporting each other as we journey together and live out our shared mission as one Church family.

May our hearts be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit, who gives us wisdom and strengthens our faith to recognise Jesus in every moment of our lives.

May we have the courage to accept his invitation to "come and see", and be blessed with an abundant life in His love.

We ask for your grace and presence in our lives, now and always.

Amen.

