



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

Week Commencing: Monday 22nd January 2024
The Third Week of Ordinary Time- Year B

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THEME FOR THE WEEK:
'I will make you fishers of men.'

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE: Honesty
LINKED BHCT VIRTUE: Self Belief

3RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD Mark 1:14-20 'I will make you fishers of men.'

WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:
24TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION
27TH HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:
24TH St Francis de Sales, The Conversion of St Paul, Aposhtl 25th, St Timothy and Titus 26th January, St Angelo Martir: 27th, St Thomas Aquinas 22nd, 17th St Anthony Abbot, St Vincent.
(Events to mark Holocaust Memorial Day this week: www.hmd.org.uk - Lectio Divina and perhaps reflection on the Word of God this week)
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - <https://www.abcwpc.org/resources> Theme: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself" (Luke 10:27), Thursday 18th- Thursday 25th January

Monday

Feria

Yesterday the Global Church celebrated 'Sunday of the Word of God' Blessed are You, Lord God of wisdom, Who reveals Your love through Your living word. Bless our teachers as they impart Your teachings, Nourishing them with Your Word to inspire and guide. In their sacred task, may they be a beacon of Your truth To the young hearts and minds in their care. We thank You, Father, through Jesus Your Son, In the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

TUESDAY-

Feria

The spirit of the Lord is on me, for he has anointed me to bring the good news to the afflicted. He has sent me... to let the oppressed go free.
Luke 4:18
Loving God,
We believe that when we serve the poor we serve you.
Help us to take special care of those people who are poor materially, emotionally and spiritually.
Amen

Thursday-

The Conversion of St Paul

May we be inspired by St Paul, who changed the direction of his life following his encounter with the Risen Lord. Help us to have a conversion of heart each day, encountering Christ in all those we meet.
Amen

Friday-

Sts Timothy and Titus.

Holocaust Memorial Day is marked tomorrow

God of love, on this day we pray for the victims of the Holocaust and of genocides in other parts of the world. We pray that you send your light on all who lost loved ones. We pray that you help us hear the words of survivors. We pray that the names of all victims will never be forgotten, but will be remembered by us and by those who come after us.
We pray that our world will resist evil and intolerance, so that we can all live together in peace and prosperity. And we pray that you will help us be the light in the darkness. Amen

Wednesday

St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St Francis de Sales was born in 1567 into a family of nobility in France. St Francis gave up his life of privilege to be a priest. He taught that everyone can grow in holiness. As we reflect on his words today- we pray that we might have the Self belief and honesty to truly be ourselves- a child of God.
'Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.'
St Francis de Sales