



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





## For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



















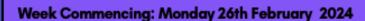




## Week Commencing: Monday 26th February 207 The 2nd Week of Lent Year B



**Compassion** 



## THEME FOR THE WEEK: The Transfiguration.'



2nd Week of Lent Year B. (The Transfiguration) 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!' Mark 9:2-10

#### WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:

2ND WORLD TEEN MENTAL WELLNESS DAY, 3RD MARCH WORLD WILDLIFE DAY





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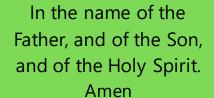




#### FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:

Feast of St David-Friday 1st March 2ND TRUST PATRONAL FEAST DAY ST CHAD

## We Gather to Pray...



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

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

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 26th February 2024



Self Belief



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#### Sign of the Cross and Reflection

We are now in the second week of Lent... Yesterday we heard in the Gospel the story of the Transfiguration of the Lord- the moment when Peter, James and John were able to see the Glory of the God made known to us in the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was transfigured before them with Elijah and Moses. The disciples will have understood the significance of Elijah being present as it was known that this great Prophet would return when the longed-for Messiah would arrive on earth.

Moses was there to show that Jesus, their friend, brother and redeemer, was the fulfilment of the law.

The disciples were so ecstatic to be in the presence at this moment of revelation that Peter exclaims 'Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here.' They could have stayed up that holy mountain in peace forever, however, the mission of Christ and in turn the mission of His followers was back down the mountain and eventually to Golgotha.

We have all experienced 'Transfiguration' moments in our own lives. Moments that have taken our breath away and we have wished for them to last forever, however, the Christian life compels us to travel 'down' the mountain and to face our own personal 'Golgotha' moments.

Jesus neversaid that following Him would be easy, yet we are promised that our suffering is never in vain.

Watch a video reflection for today <u>here</u>.



#### **WE GO FORTH**

Lord,

Open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to see You, especially in the faces of those who are suffering. Even in moments of difficulty, grant us the knowledge that You are with us, particularly through the closeness of those who you have placed into my life this day.

Amen.











## Tuesday 27th February 2024

Self Belief



Resilience

## Feria

#### SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

In today's reading, Isaiah sums up hope we should live our Christian life; others, especially those who are oppressed, poor or in pain...

#### THE WORD

From the Prophet Isaiah
Cease to do evil.
Learn to do good,
search for justice,
help the oppressed,
be just to the orphan,
plead for the widow.
'Come now, let us talk this over,
says the Lord.

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

#### **WE GO FORTH**

PRAY IN THE SILENCE OF YOUR HEART FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF EVIL TODAY.



#### LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Cease to do evil.
Learn to do good,
search for justice,
help the oppressed,
be just to the orphan,
plead for the widow.







## Wednesday 28th February 2024



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### Sign of the Cross and Gather

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that to be truly great, we must become a servant to others.

As we listen to the words of Jesus today, we think about how we serve others.

In Islam, today is LAILAT ALBARA'A. Muslims seek forgiveness for their sins. Many Muslims believe that it is on this night that a person's destiny is fixed by Allah for the coming year, and the night is often spent in prayer, asking for forgiveness and God's guidance. Some Muslims fast during the daytime in preparation for the night. In certain parts of the world Muslims visit the graves of relatives, and the giving of charity is also traditional. In a number of places the night is marked with firework displays.

#### THE WORD

From the Gospel of Matthew

'Jesus said: 'Anyone who wants to be great must be your serv ant and anyone who wants to be first among you must be your serv ant.'

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You. Lord Jesus Christ** 

#### **WE GO FORTH**

We pray the Family Prayer of all Disciples
Our Father...

#### LIVING THE WORD OF GOD

Live the words of the Gospel today





















## Thoughtful Thursday 29th February 2024

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## **WE GATHER TO PRAY:**

We light our candle and perhaps play some reflective

music...

Our theme this week has been The Transfiguration. We pray that we might open our eyes to see the Glory of God in the every day and ordinary moments.















## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 St David



Self Belief



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## Sign of the Cross and Gather

St Davidis believed to be the son of King Sant of South Wales and St Non.

He was ordained as a priest, lived as a monk and later became the Archbishop of Wales.

During his life, St David founded a number of monasteries. The monks were known for eating and drinking very little – water and bread with salt, while ploughing the fields without oxen and looking after the beehives during the day, and praying and studying in the evenings.

There are many legends about St David. One of the best known is that as he was preaching to a crowd of people, a hill rose up where he was standing so all the people could see him, and a dove landed on his shoulder.

In his sermon the Sunday before he died, St David said: "Be joyful and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things that you have heard about and seen me do. I will walk the path that our fathers trod before us."



#### **WE GO FORTH**

Saint David,
You chose to live a simple life, and helped others
whose lives were
simple not through choice but circumstances.
Pray that I may consider
my choices and live more simply in order to make
a big difference to
others.
Amen.