



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

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**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**  
*'Respect and Reverence.'*

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE  
LINKED BHCT VIRTUE

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The Cleansing of the Temple:  
'Stop turning my Father's house into a market!'  
John 2:13-25

WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:  
8TH MARCH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS  
THIS WEEK:  
Sts Perpetua and Felicity 7th, St John of God 8th, St Francis of Rome 8th  
Lenten Almsgiving  
Stations of the cross  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or Penitential Services to be celebrated within Lent

### Monday- Feria

We are now in the third week of Lent, we journey towards the passion of Jesus and the light of His Resurrection.

We recall yesterday's Gospel, where Jesus showed righteous anger, cleansing the temple of those who dishonoured it. Inspire us, like Christ, to stand against what is wrong in our world.

In this Lenten season, strengthen our resolve to live truthfully, to be bold in our convictions, and gentle in our actions. May our work this week reflect the love and mercy Jesus taught us.

Bless our path, O God, and make our intentions pure as we strive to be authentic witnesses of Your grace.

Amen

### Tuesday- Feria

God, Father and Creator, during this holy season of Lent we gather together to remember all you have done for us. We thank you for your unending love for each of us. You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to us as the Saviour of the World. We give glory to your name through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Wednesday- Feria

The cross – we shall take it;  
The bread – we shall break it;  
The pain – we shall bear it;  
The joy – we shall share it;  
The Gospel – we shall live it;  
The love – we shall give it;  
The light – we shall cherish it;  
The darkness – God will perish it.  
We ask all this in Jesus name. Amen.

### Thursday- Feria

As we continue our journey through this Year of Prayer, we bring to the Lord all of our needs this day- we pray, with one united voice, in the words given to us by Jesus:

Our Father...

### Friday - International Women's Day

We pause to honor and celebrate all women living now and those of history. Those who have nurtured us, taught us, and paved the way for a world of greater equality and understanding. We are grateful for their strength, wisdom, and compassion.

We remember the words of Mother Teresa, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." With this in our hearts, may we too strive to act with great love in all our endeavours, acknowledging the impact of the many women who have influenced the world in both grand and quiet ways.

Bless the women who teach, lead, and guide us. May their light continue to inspire and their courage be a beacon as we forge paths of justice and peace. Help us to support and uplift each other, today and every day.

In unity and gratitude, we pray. Amen

ॐ 8 March (Friday) MAHASHIVRATRI [Great Shiva Night] Hindu

This is the night on which Shiva is said to perform the cosmic dance, leading from creation to destruction. Many Hindus fast at this time. All night prayers focus on Shiva and his shrines and statues. Milk is poured on his symbol, the *lingam*.