

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’ Jeremiah 29:11

Amid the hustle and bustle of everyday life it is all too easy for us to lose sight of God’s plans for us. We pray that each of us will take the time to listen to His call and open our hearts to the vocation He has chosen for us.

Hail Mary...

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

This day in 1962 saw the end of the Cuban missile crisis – an incident which nearly led to nuclear war between the USA and Russia. The American President at the time was John F. Kennedy and he was widely praised for his diplomatic skills during this period which helped to keep millions safe.

Kennedy was a man of great faith and his beliefs formed the foundation of his presidency. Today we pray that like John F. Kennedy we will have the courage to bear witness to our faith and seek guidance from God in all that we do.

Our Father...

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

On this day in 1863 the International Committee of the Red Cross was founded. Today we pray for all those who dedicate their lives to helping and supporting people in crisis both in Scotland and across the world. At this time, we remember particularly those who are working hard to contain the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

We pray that God will guide and support them in their work and that each one of us will be given the strength to seize every opportunity we can to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Hail Mary...

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

In last Sunday’s Gospel Jesus answered the Pharisees’ question on which of the Ten Commandments was the most important:

‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... (and) you must love your neighbour as yourself.’

Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has been a role model for us all on how to fulfil this second commandment by welcoming groups of people who are often excluded from society to share in the good news of God’s word.

We pray that like Pope Francis we will also have the strength to be kind and welcoming to those around us and in doing so become Christian role models for others.

Our Father...

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Today is the last day of October, a month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Mary the mother of Jesus is an extremely important figure in our faith and the rosary has helped many Catholics to find the words to pray during the most difficult periods of their lives.

Today we place before Our Lady of the Rosary all of the needs and special intentions of school community and ask her to intercede for us with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...