

Monday 8 September

The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the birth of our Holy Mother Mary, a feast that has been celebrated in the Church since the 8th Century.

Luke's gospel (1:26-38) tells us that when the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce that she would conceive a son that she was to call Jesus, she replied,

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

We pray that when God calls us we will answer in the same positive and unequivocal manner.

**Lord God,
the day of our salvation dawned
when the Blessed Virgin gave birth to your Son.
As we celebrate her nativity
grant us your grace and your peace.**

Through Christ our Lord, Amen

Hail Mary

Tuesday 9 September

Vocations

Next Monday evening St. Mirin's Cathedral will host the annual Mass of Vocations for the Diocese of Paisley. This Mass plays a prominent part in our liturgical calendar and is always well attended by St. Ninian's pupils and staff.

We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Almighty Father,

**You call each of us to serve you in our own way.
May the grace you offer open our hearts to your plan, and may we be obedient to your call. Following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary and with the help of her prayers, guide our lives according to your will as we follow the path you have laid out for us.**

We ask this Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hail Mary

Wednesday 10 September

Our S6 Pupils and Staff presently on pilgrimage in Rome

Today our senior pupils will be attending the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square. Pope Frances will welcome the pilgrims to Rome and offer prayers before imparting his Apostolic Blessing upon the crowd. This blessing also extends to loved ones that are sick and suffering and blesses any religious articles, such as rosary beads, that people have brought with them for the purpose of the blessing.

We pray that our pupils will be inspired by the example of our Holy Father to become more devout in their faith and willing to commit themselves to the service of others.

Lord,

source of eternal life and truth, bestow on your shepherd, the Pope, a spirit of courage, sound judgement, knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build your church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Our Father ...

Thursday 11 September

Remembering all those that lost their lives on 9/11 in 2001

On the anniversary of the tragic events which took place in New York on that fateful day 13 years ago, we remember, in particular, the 3 000 lives that were lost, and the families and friends that will forever mourn them.

In April 2008 Pope Benedict visited Ground Zero in New York and offered this prayer for those that suffered on that day, and for the countless others who have lost their lives in global conflict since.

**O God of love, compassion, and healing,
look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions,
who gather today at this site,
the scene of incredible violence and pain.**

**Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope,
and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world
where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hail Mary.....

Friday 12 September

Remembering Mother Teresa

On this day in 1997, a 9-year old Romanian boy received a letter from Mother Teresa, which she had posted just before her death. In that letter, Mother Teresa wrote:

“I pray for you, Patreascu, that you may become more and more like Jesus, and be the sunshine of his love to everyone.”

We should all aspire to become more like Jesus and to recognise the sacrifices he made for us. We have an opportunity at lunchtime today to attend our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the school oratory and to give thanks for all we have.

God our Father for each individual - it is as though his or her name is written on the palm of your hand.

Lead us to grow in the faith that your love for each person is without limit or condition.

Inspire us to live in such a way that the light of Christ may shine through us,

bringing love and warmth and happiness to those who share our lives.

Amen.

Our Father.....