

## **Monday 16 March**

Yesterday, we celebrated Mother's Day remembering the love that our mothers have for us. Our prayer today is for our families. In particular, we pray that our families will be places where we experience the love of God and are inspired to respond to his call in a positive way.

Loving God, each member of our family is a special gift from You. You have given each of us gifts and talents so that we may enjoy life but also so we can share with others. Generous and loving people are needed for service and leadership in our Church.

Help us to know how to encourage and support each other so that we can respond generously to this need. We know that You will be with us, invite us to become the kind of people You desire us to be. Help us to trust in You and in each other.

Hail Mary.....

## **Tuesday 17 March**

Today we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick who brought the Christian Faith to Ireland. However, we should not forget that from Ireland, the Faith also came to many in Scotland.

St. Patrick faced many dangers on a daily basis and it is clear that he found courage from his faith. Listen to this poem which may have been written by St. Patrick.

'I arise today through God's strength to pilot me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me.  
I thank God through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

With Mary, Our Mother, let us place our day in God's care.

**Hail Mary.....**

### **Wednesday 18 March**

At some times in our lives, we can become caught up in the struggle of deciding our next path to choose. It is at these times that we put our trust in the Lord to guide us in the path that he sees as right. We pray that those who have a calling into the Priesthood take up the call to serve as the Lord desires. At this time we pray especially for our new Pope Francis.

*Lord, grant me the light I need to see the next step in that plan; grant me the generosity I need to set aside my own plans in favour of yours; and grant me the strength I need to put my hands to your plough and never turn back.*

Amen.

Our Father....

### **Thursday 19 March**

Today is the Feast day of St. Joseph, patron of families. From its beginning St. Joseph's relationship had many challenges, some beyond what we might have experienced, but tradition tells us that St. Joseph, on a day to day basis was a model father and husband.

Today, the importance of family life seems even greater than ever before. Let us pray that our homes and families will be places of love and care. We pray that parents will be given wisdom in their vital role of caring for children. We pray that children will always appreciate the love of their parents even when things are difficult.

Let us finish with a 'Hail Mary'.

**Hail Mary.....**

### **Friday 20 March**

Today is the feast of St. Cuthbert  
Cuthbert was thought by some to be Irish and by others, a Scot. Orphaned when a young child, he was a shepherd for a time and became a monk at Melrose Abbey. Cuthbert engaged in missionary work and was appointed Prior of Lindisfarne and became Bishop in 685. He spent the last two years of his life working as a bishop, caring for the sick of the plague that decimated his diocese, working numerous miracles of healing, and gifted with the ability to prophesy. He died at Lindisfarne in 687.

My Father, thou hast taught me through the gifts of life,  
that there is no labour or price too dear to pay for love. I  
pray to love thee more that I may have more love to  
bestow on others. Amen.

Our Father.....