

Monday 9 March

Every Monday we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

GOD our FATHER,
who wills that all men be saved
And come to the knowledge of your truth:
We ask you to send labourers into your harvest,
And grant them grace to speak your Word
With all boldness; so that your Word
May spread and be glorified, and all nations may know you,
The only GOD, and Him who you have sent,
JESUS CHRIST YOUR SON, Our LORD. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of God
Pray for us
Hail Mary.....

Tuesday 10 March

St John Ogilvie's Feast Day is celebrated today, 10th March. He was born into a noble Scottish family in 1579 and as a youth was sent to be educated abroad. At this time he felt called by God first to become a Catholic and then a Jesuit Priest and was ordained in 1610.

He persistently asked to be sent to Scotland to minister to the few remaining Catholics who had maintained their faith at the time of The Reformation. After a relatively short time in Scotland bringing Mass and the Sacraments, John Ogilvie was betrayed and hanged as a traitor because he would not denounce the authority of the Church in spiritual matters.

Today is the five hundredth anniversary of the martyrdom of St John Ogilvie. We pray today for our country Scotland, that it will be a place of tolerance of different beliefs, free of discrimination.

We pray for those who are martyred for their faith today especially those Christians who are killed by religious extremists.

Hail Mary....

Wednesday 11 March

Lent is a time of sacrifice, prayer and almsgiving. We do these to cast-off things which distract us from our relationship with God.

Lord, help me to keep to my Lenten Promises
even when the sacrifices and the effort can seem overwhelming.
I know that with your help, anything can be done.
Thank-you for your love and may your Holy Spirit strengthen me to resist temptation and to always do your will.

Our Father.....

Thursday 12 March

In this fourth week of lent, as we draw closer to your Son's passion and death on the cross, we remember all those who are suffering from any form of pain in their lives-physical, emotional or spiritual.

We pray that their suffering may not be in vain, but may inspire others to greater acts of compassion, love and service.

Like the Samaritan woman who gave Jesus a drink of water when he was thirsty, may we look out for small opportunities in our own lives to bring comfort and relief to anyone who is suffering. We make this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen

We ask Mary our Mother to join with our prayers.

Hail Mary.....

Friday 13 March

O Lord,
Grant me your strength, so I will have courage in every situation;
Grant me your love, so I will never give up on anybody;
Grant me your wisdom, so I will show others the path to success;
Grant me your mercy, so I will forgive those who have hurt me;
Grant me your peace, so I will find the best in everybody;
Grant me your hope, so I will never give up;
Grant me your joy, so I will be thankful for all my blessings;
And Grant me your grace, so you will always be at my side.

Amen

Our Father...