

Monday 11 May

May is traditionally the month of Mary. We are encouraged to honour Mary our Mother at this time. One way we can do this is to pray the rosary - each lunch-time during exam time we can come together in the oratory to pray for our young people. Today some of our pupils have their Business Management exam, we pray that they do the best they can, that their hard work and study will be rewarded.

Hail Mary.....

Tuesday 12 May

On this day in 1994 President Clinton passed a bill making it a crime to deny anyone in America the right to an abortion. Millions of unborn children worldwide are killed every year because they are unwanted. Lord we pray that all life is respected.

Heavenly Father, in Your love for us, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood.

Help them to see that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that a mother can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Wednesday May 13

This is the Feast Day of our Lady of Fatima and on this day in 1981 Pope John Paul II was shot in St. Peter's Square in Rome in front of 20,000 worshippers. The Pope later visited Mehmet Ali Agca in his prison cell and forgave him. Let us pray Lord that we too can be like Pope John Paul and forgive those who offend or hurt us, may we show Your mercy and compassion always.

Our Father

Thursday May 14

The Feast of St Matthias - according to the Acts of the Apostles was chosen by the remaining eleven apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following Judas' betrayal. Like all the other apostles, he was not chosen for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy but because he would become worthy. Jesus chooses all of us in the same way. What does Jesus want you to become?

Prayer: Saint Matthias, pray that we may become worthy witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus in the way we live the eternal life we have right now.

Friday May 15

Today is the Feast Day of St Dymphna, Patron Saint of those suffering from nervous and mental afflictions. Many young people are suffering from a variety of mental illnesses due to the pressure to conform in today's society

Prayer: Hear us, O God, Our Saviour, as we honor St. Dymphna, patron of those afflicted with mental and emotional illness. Help us to be inspired by her example and comforted by her merciful help.

Amen