

Monday 20 January 2020.

The theme for our prayer this morning is Vocations especially the vocation to the priesthood. In areas where there is a shortage of priests, the people are not able to attend Mass and take part in the Eucharist – yet the Eucharist is the centre of our faith. Let us pray for Vocations and for those whom God is calling to the priesthood or religious life.

Almighty and eternal God,
in your unfailing love you provide
ministers for your Church.
We pray for those whom you call
to serve our Church as priests.
Inspire in them a generous response.
Grant them courage and vision to
serve your people
May their lives and service call your
people to respond to the presence
of your Spirit among us
that, faithful to the Gospel and
hope of Jesus the Christ, we may:
announce glad tidings to the poor
proclaim liberty to captives,
set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.

We have our Annual Holy Hour for Vocations at 7.00pm on Thursday 23 January and we hope that pupils, staff and families will come along.

Hail Mary.....

Tuesday 21 January 2020.

Today is the Feast of St Agnes who was martyred at the start of the Fourth Century and who sacrificed her life rather than submit to losing her chastity. On her Feast Day, the Pope blesses several lambs whose wool is then used to make the pallium which is a special cloak or scarf worn by certain archbishops and is a sign of their position.

Today, we pray for all those who are called by God. We remember those who will follow God as some cost or sacrifice. We pray for our priests and bishops that they will continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit as they lead us in faith.

Hail Mary...

Wednesday 22 January 2020.

Pope Francis' has a great devotion to Our Lady and it is a very traditional Catholic one but he is seen as having popularised a new type of devotion in his home country of Argentina. Before becoming Pope he saw. In a church in Germany, a picture of Our Lady known as 'Mary, Untier of Knots'. Francis took cards bearing this picture back to Argentina and distributed them.

This devotion to Our Lady sees her as someone to whom we have the humility to entrust our problems and worries – our 'Knots' and to rely on her to 'untie' these knots. The unravelling / untying of the knots will allow us to see God's plan for us and help us to act accordingly. We ask for the grace to trust in the intervention of Mary, the Untier of Knots, and for the ability to accept the plan God has for us.
Hail Mary.....

Thursday 23 January 2020.

Ahead of us this year lie many choices. These choices will affect our future. Sometimes it can cause a lot of heartache wondering what to do and if we have done the right thing. However, each day is a new beginning, each day offers new choices. Each day is a precious gift, to be appreciated, enjoyed and respected.

Prayer

Lord, thank you for the opportunities that are given to us each day and we pray for guidance in the decisions that we must make.

Our Father ...

Friday 24 January 2020.

This is a long and busy term and our Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Years are beginning the final months of preparation for their exams. We remember them in our prayers and pray that we too may be thankful for the Lord's intercession when we are in the classroom or studying. We also pray for all members of our School, that they will always value knowledge and skills they are learning.

Father of Light and Wisdom, thank you for giving me a mind that can understand and a heart that can love. Help me to keep learning every day of my life – no matter what the subject may be.

Let me be convinced that all knowledge leads to you and let me know how to find you and love you in all the things that you have made.

Encourage me when studies are difficult and when I am tempted to give up. Enlighten me when my brain is slow and help me to grasp the truth held out to me.

Grant me the grace to put my knowledge to use in the building the kingdom of God on earth so that I may enter the Kingdom of God in heaven. Amen.

Hail Mary.....