

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

6th October 2024



As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. 1 John 4

This coming week, sees three important memorials in the liturgical calendar, those of St Francis of Assisi, Our Lady of the Rosary and St John Henry Newman.

The first of these falls on Friday 4th October - a day dedicated to St Francis and his commitment to helping those who are in need. It is fitting that he is the inspiration for Pope Francis's Papal name as he, too, has made a commitment to looking after the poor across the world. In addition, St Francis is the patron saint of ecology and as we think even more closely about the need for us to protect the Earth, his feast day is a great opportunity for us to ask for his prayers to support our actions.

Every October, we think about the Rosary and the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary falls annually on the 7th October to commemorate the origins of this prayer by St Dominic. The memorial continues to provide us with an opportunity to ask Our Mother, Mary to offer her prayers for us.

The recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, the namesake of our Academy Trust, has his feast day on Wednesday 9th October. We should heed his example and try and follow him as he wrote: "[I am] a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do His work."

Let us be inspired by these three feast days and look upon our relationship with others and the Lord this week.

Friday 4th October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

A Prayer by St John Henry Newman

Dear Lord, help me to spread your
fragrance wherever I go.
Flood my soul with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so
utterly
that all my life may only be a radiance of
yours.
Shine through me, and be so in me that
every soul I come in contact with
may feel your presence in my soul.

This week let us pray for:

- ◆ the fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land ;
- ◆ those affected by the recent earthquakes, storms and uprisings across the world;
- ◆ all those connected to our community who are unwell, upset or mourning.



"I have a part in this great work; I am a link in a chain." —

Saint John Henry Newman