

Spring 2023 – Week 11



# **Morning Prayers**

## Dates of Interest this week – 20th to 24th March

- 19<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)
- 19<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday
- 20<sup>th</sup> March St Joseph (Husband of Mary)
- 20<sup>th</sup> March French Language Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March Week of Solidarity with People struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination
- 21<sup>st</sup> March International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- 21<sup>st</sup> March World Poetry Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> March World Down Syndrome Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> March International Day of Forests
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March World Water Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March World Meteorological Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> March The Annunciation of the Lord
- 25<sup>th</sup> March International Day of Remembrance of Victims of the Slave Trade
- 26<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## **Chaplaincy on Social Media**

"From a School Chaplain" on Facebook	<u>"Prayerful Pause" on YouTube</u>
"RC Chaplaincy" on Twitter	"RCChaplaincy" on Instagram

Each morning an act of worship should be made. This can be led by yourself or a pupil and can be made up of prayers from this booklet, www.richardchalloner.com/chaplaincy, or both.

Guidance on best practice for Morning Prayer can be found here.

A selection of Catholic Prayers to use in Morning Prayer can be found here.

## Prayers for Morning Worship – 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March

### **Theme for the week – Preparation for Easter**

Lord, be the foundation on which I build my life. May I build no walls that keep anyone out but build your kingdom, together with all whom you give me as my brothers and sisters valuing all who are a part of my life. May I live in such a way that those who 'Trespass against me', who hurt me, may know my forgiveness and generosity, as I know yours. Surround me with your love and shield me from all harm. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

We read in the gospel that Jesus was criticised for eating and celebrating with sinners. He told the story of the prodigal son and we hear that the father rejoiced and put on a feast when his lost son returned to him. In the same way, Father, you look out for us and rejoice and celebrate when we return to the fullness of life that Jesus offered. It is in and through our common humanity which Jesus himself shared that we are called to wholeness and holiness. Show us father how to be fully alive, rejoicing with those who rejoice and bringing comfort to those who are in sorrow. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen

(The Roman Missal)

"If you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your father will not forgive your sins".

(Matthew 6: 14-15)

Father,

I ask you to help me to be generous when I think of the attitude and actions of others. Forgiving someone isn't an easy option, and I know that forgiveness isn't somehow pretending that something wrong hasn't happened. For what I have done wrong, forgive me father, to the extent that I am generous in forgiving those who have done wrong to me. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)



### **Bishop Richard Challoner**

During his lifetime and after his death, he was considered not only as a model of every virtue but as a saint. We are asked to pray that our Blessed Lord, through the Pope, may reward him further, by raising him to the altars of the Church as a Saint.

#### Prayer for the Beatification of Bishop Richard Challoner

O God who made your servant Richard, a true and faithful pastor of your little flock in England, raise him, we beseech you, to the altars of thy Church, that we, who have been taught by his word and example may invoke his name in heaven, for the return of our country to belief in the Gospel, and to the unity of all Christians in the one Church of Jesus Christ. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Richard Challoner Pray for us

