



Summer 2023 – Week 3

Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 1st to 5th May

- 30th April – 4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)
- 30th April – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 1st May – St Joseph the Worker
- 1st May – International Workers Day ([info](#))
- 2nd to 8th Screen Free Week ([info](#))
- 2nd May – St Athanasius
- 3rd May – St Philip & St James
- 3rd May – World Press Freedom Day ([info](#))
- 4th May – The English Martyrs
- 4th National Bike to School Day ([info](#))
- 4th World Asthma Day ([info](#))
- 5th May – St Aspaph
- 7th May – 5th Sunday of Easter
- 7th World Fair Trade Day ([info](#))

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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 – 1st to 5th May

Theme for the week – For Vocations

Grant Lord, that those who you call to enter the priesthood and religious life may have the generosity to answer your call, so that those who need your help may always find it.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

(St Benedict's Prayer book)

"May you be filled with the knowledge of God's will, in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing him, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God".

(From Colossians 1: 9-10)

God our father,
We pray for those whom you have called to serve your people as priests.
Every day, may they live in your presence
and deepen their friendship with Jesus, your Son.
Fill them with your Spirit, inspire them to be faithful in prayer
and always place their trust in you.
May they grow in faith and compassion
as they celebrate the sacraments of your love,
bring good news to the poor and heal the broken hearted.
Inspire them to live in such a way that they are credible witnesses
of the transforming power of your love,
as they share the hopes and the joys
the sorrows and the frustrations
of those entrusted to their care.
Give them the gifts they need
to accompany your people along the path of holiness. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

Heavenly Father,
We pray for those who have gone to other countries with the good news of Jesus:
When their work is difficult and tiring, make them strong;
When they are lonely and homesick
Remind them that you are with them;
When they are uncertain what to do, guide them.
Keep them at all times loving you, for Jesus' sake. Amen

(Michael Botting)

Save us Jesus from hurrying away, because we do not wish to help,
because we do not know how to help,
because we dare not.
Inspire us to use our lives serving one another.

(A New Zealand Prayer book)



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

