



Autumn 2023 – Week 2

Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 11th to 15th September

- 1st Sept to 4th Oct – Season of Creation ([info](#))
- 1st Sept to 30th Sept – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month ([info](#))
- 11th to 17th Sept – Sexual Health Week
- 10th September – 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
- 10th September – Education Sunday ([info](#))
- 10th September – World Suicide Prevention Day ([info](#))
- 11th September – World First Aid Day ([info](#))
- 13th September – St John Chrysostom
- 14th September – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16th September – St Cornelius and St Cyprian
- 17th September – 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
- 17th September – Evangelii Gaudium Day ([info](#))

Chaplaincy on Social Media

["From a School Chaplain" on Facebook](#)

["Prayerful Pause" on YouTube](#)

["RC Chaplaincy" on Twitter](#)

["RCChaplaincy" on Instagram](#)

An act of worship should be made every morning. This should include:

1. a pause for reflection on the question for the day
2. joint reading of the quote from the Bible
3. an individual (a student or teacher) reading a prayer for the day

The prayers/reflections can be taken from this resource or from:

- [The Spirituality Blog](#)
- [This selection of common Catholic prayers](#)

Prayers for Morning Worship – 11th to 15th September

Theme for the week – New School Year

Question for Day 1:

What things are you enthusiastic to learn or experience this year?

Bible Quote:

“Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord” Colossians 3: 23

Prayer for Day 1:

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen (Author Unknown)

Question for Day 2:

In what ways can you be a leader or a supportive and encouraging friend this year?

Bible Quote for Day 2:

“And let us consider how to encourage one another to love and good deeds” Hebrews 10: 24

Prayer for Day 2:

God we ask that you give them peace and courage as they begin a new year of classes.
Surround them with supportive and encouraging friends.
Bless their hard work over the coming months.
Surprise them with unexpected moments of joy.
Raise up this next generation of leaders
and may they reflect Your love to those around them.
Amen.

Question for Day 3:

In what ways have our school staff helped you as an individual?

Bible Quote for Day 3:

“Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.” Proverbs 19: 20

Prayer for Day 3:

Holy Spirit,
We ask that you equip our teachers and school staff this year with everything they need—and that list is long! Working in a school has always been a high-stress, incredibly important and often under-valued job, and in recent years, even more so. So, we ask this school year that you bless our staff in special ways. Let them feel supported and held. Let them feel encouraged and equipped. Give them confidence. Give them wisdom. Help them as they navigate not only the educational needs of their many students, but their spiritual and emotional needs as well. Give them a listening ear, a long fuse, and energy for the tasks before them. Our staff make such a

difference in the lives of students every day, so Lord, please help them to feel appreciated, loved, and motivated to continue through the mundane tasks they face in their daily schedules. Put a burden on the hearts of our students and parents to pray for them regularly throughout the year so they never feel alone.

Bless them, Lord, for Your glory.

Amen.

Question for Day 4:

How are you going to welcome and support the new members of our community this year?

Bible Quote for Day 4:

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” Romans 12: 13

Prayer for Day 4:

Loving God,

Our creator, our saviour, our companion,

bless this journey of a new school year that we undertake.

We welcome those who are new to this community and

ask that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them.

Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the return of students to this school,

and may you guide them to return with open hearts and minds eager to learn.

We ask this in Your name,

Amen

Question for Day 5:

How can you show gratitude and support for you parents this year?

Bible Quote for Day 5:

“Honour your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you” Deuteronomy 5:16

Prayer for Day 5:

Father,

We ask right now that this school year,

you’ll give parents everything they need to be the best support they can be for their children.

We ask that you equip them to encourage, support, and come alongside the teachers in a way that benefits everyone.

We ask that you strengthen parent/child relationships this school year, and that the stress of homework and busy schedules won’t create a divide of short tempers and irritation, but rather that you’ll overcome with the fruits of the Spirit.

Fill each home and family with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. We ask that you bless them.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.



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

