



Autumn 2021 – Week 11

Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 22nd to 26th November

- 21st November – Feast of Christ the King
- 21st November – World Youth Sunday
- 22nd November – St Cecilia
- 24th November – St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
- 25th November – St Catherine of Alexandria
- 25th November – International Day of Elimination of Violence
against Women
- 28th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

Chaplaincy on Social Media

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

["Prayerful Pause" on YouTube](#)

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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 – 22nd to 26th November

Theme for the week – Faith

'Now Thomas, one of the twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them, so they told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it". A week later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!". Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me you believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed".

(Adapted from John 20:24 – 29)

Great God, Faith is the powerful bond which links all Christian people.
We praise you for faith and faithfulness in the ages of darkness,
In disappointments and disasters, in hostile societies where faith is called madness.
May this great tree of faith continue to grow, deeply rooted on your word,
And offering to all a living faith for the healing of nations

(Bernard Thorogood)

Thank you for the gift of faith. When I am alone or frightened faith is there.
When my friends shut their eyes or turn their backs, faith is there.
When my human world is in turmoil, faith is there. I cannot buy it. I cannot borrow it.
I need only to acknowledge you and faith is there. Remind me that regardless of what appears, I
can always depend on you because you, God, are faithful.

(Iyanla Vanzant)

A little kid ran across the street runny-nosed, a bit scruffy
tripping over almost. She ran towards a man whose
Arms were open wide to welcome her. 'Give us a swing Jesus,' she said,
and she felt herself lifted high and she saw the street and sky whirling
around her, ablaze with colour like a mixed up rainbow.
She was laughing then – excited, free gasping for breath 'enough' she said
and she felt herself slowing down relaxing, safe as Jesus held her in his arms and smiled...
Unless we become like little children, Unless we risk that joy and abandonment
Unless we run and ask ourselves to be lifted high
We are never going to enter the Kingdom of God.

(The Iona Community)

Make us Lord so that our faith is not in our words but in our lives.
Not in what we say but who we are,
Passing on your love like an infectious laugh:
Not worried, not threatening, just shining
like the sun, like a starry night,
like a lamp on a stand,
light for life - your light for our lives.

(The Iona Community)



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

