



# Autumn 2022 – Week 13

## Morning Prayers



### Dates of Interest this week – 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December

- 11<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – St Lucy
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – International Universal Health Coverage Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – St John of the Cross
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 18<sup>th</sup> December – International Migrants Day

### 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](http://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 – 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> December

### Theme for the week – Advent & Christmas

God our Father,  
we thank you  
for the promise made to your people  
to send us a saviour.  
Inspire us to prepare our hearts and wait in joyful hope  
for his coming anew into our lives.  
Bless us as we gather in the name of Jesus, your son,  
the light of the world. Amen

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

Our heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer, so that we may dwell on the true meaning of this season. Let us appreciate fully what you have done for us in giving the world your son, Jesus Christ. Amen

(Frank Colquhoun)

It's Christmas time. The holly is abundant.  
The presents and the food have been bought.  
The grandparents are in the spare room.  
But what of the meaning of Christmas? "Jesus who?"  
Father let us not get carried away with the trappings of Christmas.  
Let us remember the birth of your son, our Saviour.  
The traditions of Christmas may be fun,  
but let us not forget the true meaning.  
In Jesus' name, Amen

(Unknown Source)

While people watched their sets one night, all seated round the screen,  
The angel of the Lord appeared where evening news had been.  
'Fear not' said he (for flashing lights had altered the transmission;  
This strange celestial visitor had interfered with vision).  
'I bring good news of peace on earth for all mankind,' he said;  
But crackling sparks zigzagged the screen and every set went dead.  
So angry viewers growled and cursed and electricians fumed,  
Until as soon as possible normal service was resumed.

(Peter Dainty)

Dear God,  
As we begin our preparations for Christmas, help us to remember what Christmas is really about.  
As we light our advent candles, help us to think about Jesus as the light of the world. Without him  
there would be no Christmas. Make us strong as we go through Advent and help us to concentrate  
on Jesus, the son of God at his birth. Amen

(Unknown Author)



## 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

