

2016-2017 Prayer Themes

WEEK	SUNDAY BEFORE	THEME	BULLETIN PRAYER	HYMN	
Term 3					
1	3 rd – 6 th Jan	Solemnity – Mary the Mother of God: Luke 2:16-21	Our Lady – Mother of God	To day is the Solemnity of Our Lady Mother Of God. Mary said yes when God called her to bear his son so we can turn to her when we struggle to say yes to God an ask for her assistance to bring us to a closer relationship with God. Our lady Mother of God Pray for us.	As I kneel before you
2	9 th -13 th Jan	Epiphany of the Lord Matthew 2:1-12	Epiphany	Sunday marked the feast of the Epiphany where the 3 wise men brought their gifts to Jesus. Let us think this week about what gifts we can bring to our community. Lord help us always use the gifts you give us to do good. Amen	We Three Kings
3	16 th -20 th Jan	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: John 1:29-34	Chosen one of God	In the psalm this Sunday we heard the lovely Psalm 39 which reminded us that God calls us to do his work daily. Lord help us to have the courage to say - yes here I am lord let me do you will. Amen	'Here I am Lord'
4	23 rd -27 th Jan	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 4:12-23	Follow me	In our Gospel this sunday we heard the account of Jesus calling the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John. These men had the courage to leave all behind them and follow Jesus without question. Lord help us to find resolution when we doubt and allow us to have the courage to follow you like the apostles did.	Dear lord and Father of Mankind

5	30 th Jan-3 rd Feb	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes	In the beatitudes read in Sunday's gospel we hear the line 'Blessed are the Peacemakers, they shall be sons of God'. Lord let us be the peacemakers in our community, let us show love and mercy to all around us. Amen	' Make me a channel of your Peace
6	6 th – 10 th Feb	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 5:13-16	Light of the World	In the first reading from Sunday we hear from the book of Isaiah, he says 'Thus says the Lord share your bread with the hungry... then your light will shine'. Lord help us remember to see you in others and help where we can. Amen	'Let your living water Flow over my soul'
Term 4					
1	20 th -24 th Feb	7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 5:17-37	Turn the other cheek	In this Sunday's Gospel we see Jesus teaching the disciples about how to deal with anger. There are many times we may have lost our temper, but Jesus tells us to 'turn the other cheek' when someone does us an injustice, this can be very difficult to do, Lord help us to follow your teaching in all our words and actions. Amen	Our God Reign's
2	27 th Feb -3 rd March	8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 5:38-48	Ash Wednesday	This week we begin lent, the period of time in which we prepare for the coming of the lord at Easter. Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent and when I've given it up remind me to pray to you instead to thank you to love you to hear from you each and every day in Lent. Amen	Ashes

3	6 th -10 th Mar	1 st Sunday in Lent Time: Matthew 4:1-11	Lent	Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the human race Jesus Christ our savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving his life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to you by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in his resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen	Unless a grain of Wheat
4	13 th -17 th Mar	2 nd Sunday in Lent Matthew 17:1-9	Transfiguration	In Sunday's Gospel we see the story of the Transfiguration. The disciples heard a voice, saying "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him" They didn't really get it, how often do we not see what's under our nose. in the same way we sometimes forget God is always there right beside us when we need him let us ask God this week to help us remember that. Amen	Open the Eyes of my heart Lord
5	20 th -24 th Mar	3 rd Sunday in Lent John 4:5-42	Eternal Life	In Sunday's gospel we hear of Jesus asking a Samaritan woman for a drink from the well. The woman is surprised because normally Jews and Samaritans did not get along. Jesus Shows us here that no matter who we are we are loved by God. Let us give thanks this week for that Love. Amen	Come to the Water
6	27 th - 31 st Mar	4 th Sunday in Lent John 9:1-41	Faith	In this week's Gospel we hear how Jesus helped a blind man to see again. God has given us the gift	Into darkness

				<p>of sight to see all the wonderful things that he God has made in our world. But we also need to open our eyes to things that are wrong and try to do what we can to change them. Let's think some more about this this week and pray for the courage to follow this path.</p>	
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