



## Share Your Faith in Christ

### All Hallows Catholic School Weekly Prayer Sheet 2020

**Week beginning 22nd June**

This week's theme is 'Sharing our Faith'. In yesterday's, Sunday Gospel of Matthew 10:26-33, Jesus reminds us that we do not have to answer everything or convince everyone of our faith: in God's time all will be known. The coronavirus pandemic has affected every aspect of our lives, including the way we practice our faith but it has not stopped us from carrying out Christ's mission. Churches all around the world are live streaming Masses; our school has RE lessons, daily reflections and prayers for all our students to access. People are sharing their love and their faith in so many ways and we see this with so many people in our community helping the vulnerable and the marginalised.

**Prayer:**

*Lord, we pray to look back on this time and to remember how people shared their love of God and for their neighbour. Give us the courage and kindness to show self-less acts of love to help the needy and to encourage everyone to share their faith. Amen*

**Monday Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More**

These two men were Catholic martyrs who were willing to die for what they believed in, for proclaiming their faith. They refused to change their beliefs even for their king, King Henry VIII and both were sentenced to death in 1535. They remind us of the importance of sacrifice and the power of faith in God and Jesus Christ.

**Prayer:**

*Father, you confirm the true faith with the crown of martyrdom. May the prayers of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More give us the courage to proclaim our faith by the witness of our lives. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



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**Tuesday Saint Etheldreda**

Etheldreda was a woman from the seventh century who was dedicated to her faith. Despite two marriages, she chose to become a nun and founded a monastery on the Isle of Ely, which became the second richest abbey in England after Glastonbury.

Prayer:

*Eternal God, who bestowed such grace upon your servant Etheldreda that she gave herself wholly to the life of prayer and to the service of your true religion: grant that we, like her, may so live our lives on earth seeking your kingdom that by your guiding we may be joined to the glorious fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Wednesday Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

This feast day celebrates the birth of St John the Baptist, a prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah in the person of Jesus. His parents were faithful to God, his father Zechariah was told by the Angel Gabriel that they would have a son despite his wife's age. He remained faithful and followed the orders the angel set, that they must name their son John. John would go on to be an important martyr who baptised Jesus.

Prayer:

*Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



**Thursday**

Let us pray for all those in our school community who are faced with difficult decisions and to remind them that God will always be with them through these uncertain times. We say the Lord's prayer together...

Prayer:

*Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;*

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*And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen*

**Friday                      St Cyril of Alexandria**

Tomorrow, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June is the feast day of St Cyril, who was born in Alexandria, Egypt in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century AD. He was a great theological thinker; through his faith in Christ he became a Doctor of the Church and had a major role to play in the Council of Ephesus in 431 where church authorities established Christian doctrine.

**Prayer:**

*O God, who made the Bishop Saint Cyril of Alexandria, an invincible champion of the divine motherhood of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, grant, we pray, that we, who believe she is truly the Mother of God, may be saved through the Incarnation of Christ your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**UK Armed Forces Day**

Tomorrow, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June is also UK Armed Forces Day. This is an annual event celebrated to commemorate the service of men and women in the British Armed Forces. Hundreds of community events take place across the country including church services, fetes, parades, tea parties and family fun activities.

Sadly, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the events for the UK Armed Forces Day have had to be cancelled this year.

**Prayer:**

*Spirit of Peace*

*On this Armed Forces Day*

*Bless the men and women of the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force*

*As they wrestle with the duties and questions we find difficult*

*And as they try to keep safe your lovely created world. Amen*



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