

**All Hallows Catholic School
Weekly Prayer Sheet 2020**



Week beginning 8th June

Yesterday, on Sunday, Christians celebrated the Most Holy Trinity, a feast day acknowledging our belief in the divine family; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These are three persons in one (Tri-unity). This belief is quite hard to understand but is an essential part of the Christian faith. God, the Father created everything and gave us a Son who saved us from sin and gave us the Holy Spirit who gives us courage, love, faith and hope in the world today. Our theme this week is 'Salvation', *'God sent His Son so that through Him the Word might be saved'*
John 3:16-18.

Monday Unity - together as one in our community

In our community here at All Hallows, staff, parents and students have been working hard together especially during lock down to maintain a caring, safe, respectful and successful place in which to learn and prosper. This happens because we all believe in the worth of each and every person in our community. On many occasions throughout the year and especially during this time, we focus on why we work together and what we can do to help those in and outside of our communities. We must always remember that when we need help, we have many people to turn to.

Prayer:

Lord, lead us to be peacemakers, building connections between individuals, focusing on what unites people. Help us to remember that it is easy to harm relationships. Give us the courage always to put the Gospel message into practice. Amen.

Tuesday Feast of St Columba

St. Columba was an Irish monk who lived from 521-597. He was a powerful preacher and leader. He founded monasteries in Ireland and Scotland, which were influential missionary centres. In his early twenties Columba was strongly influenced by one of his teachers and asked to be ordained a priest. When a prince cousin gave him some land at Derry, he decided to start a monastery. He travelled through Northern Ireland teaching about Christianity and inspiring many people by his personal holiness. He founded some 30 monasteries in 10 years. This is the lovely Prayer of Peace of St Columba.

Prayer:

Let me bless Almighty God, whose power extends over sea and land, whose Angels watch over all. Let me study sacred books to calm my soul, I pray for peace kneeling at heaven's gates. Let

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me do my daily work, gathering seaweed, catching fish; giving food to the poor. Let me say my daily prayers, sometimes chanting, sometimes quiet, always thanking God. Delightful it is to live on a peaceful isle, in a quiet cell, serving the King of kings. Amen

Wednesday

John 16: 12-15

Jesus said "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." **These are profound words that help us to reflect on the Creator of our beautiful world and how we can show our thanks for all that we have. Let us pray...**

Prayer:

Thank you God for another day, help me to spend it wisely and to spend it well. Grant that everything I do today, may be done as well as I can do it. Grant that everyone I meet may be happier for the meeting. Keep me throughout the day conscientious in my work, truthful in my speaking, loyal to all my friends and faithful to those who love me. Amen.

Thursday

Feast of St Barnabas

Barnabas was one of the very earliest followers of Jesus and a leader of the early church. His story is told in the Acts of the Apostles and he is also mentioned in some of Paul's letters. Originally called Joseph, he was given his new name of Barnabas by those who knew him well, it means 'son of encouragement'. His new name certainly fits what we know of his character and actions. We first hear of Barnabas in the New Testament due to his simple act of stewardship and sharing. He sold land that he owned and donated the proceeds to the Church to be used to support the poor. Born in Cyprus, Barnabas also died there in AD61 when he was martyred for his faith.

Prayer:

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas and gave him grace to encourage others; help us by his example to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Friday

Feast of St Antony of Padua

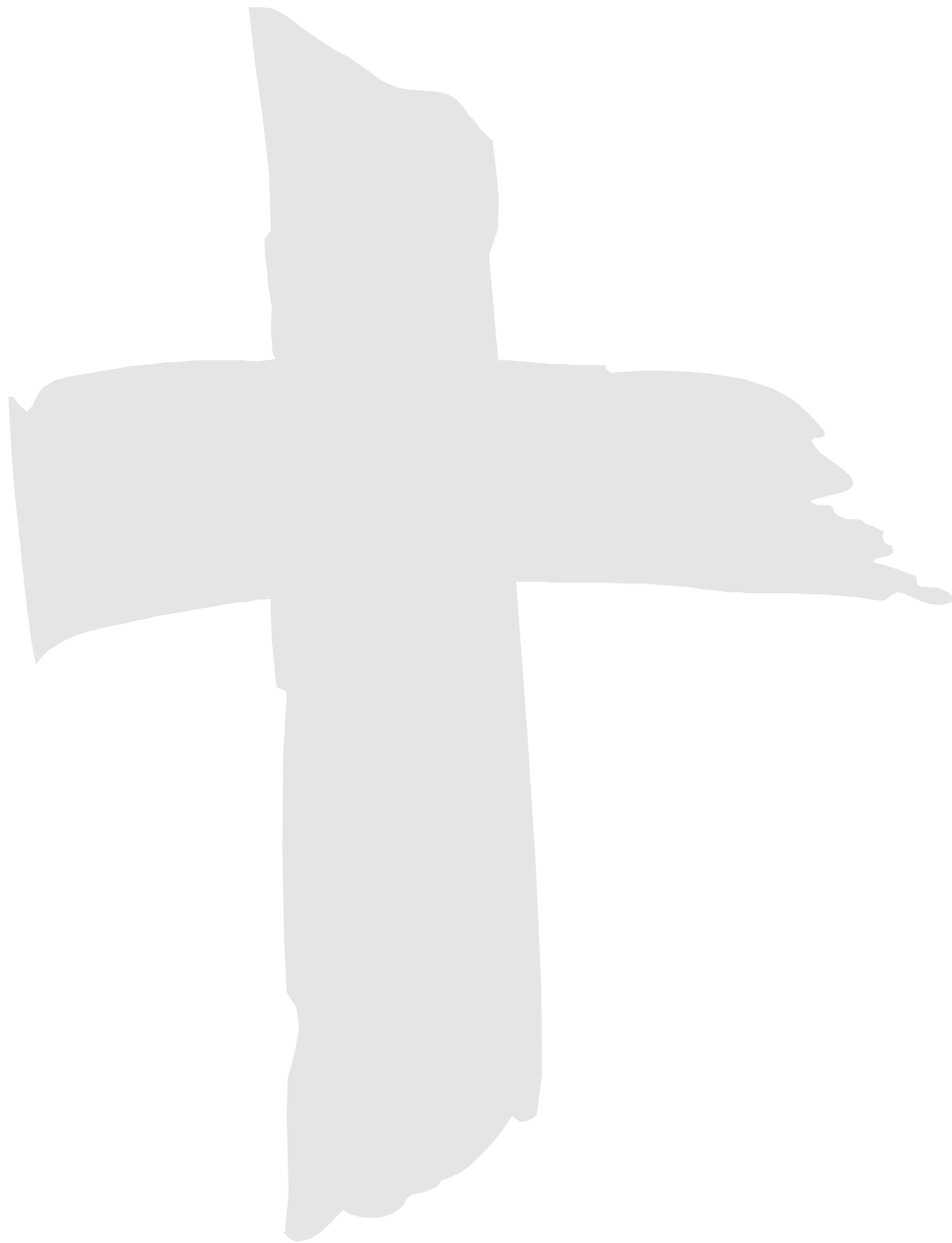
Tomorrow is the feast day of Saint Antony of Padua. He was born in 1195 and died June 13th 1231. Antony was a Portuguese Catholic priest and Franciscan friar who became a saint in 1232. Also known as Antony of Lisbon, he is the patron saint of Portugal as well as the patron saint of people who lose things! He is also the patron saint of children. He was born in Lisbon, Portugal to a wealthy family and ordained as a priest at the age of 17. He was inspired after meeting five Franciscan friars who were on their way to Morocco to preach the Gospel. Antony's life was changed when he was almost accidentally forced into giving a sermon. This uncovered his great gift for making speeches which led to Saint Francis asking him to travel around Italy preaching

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the Gospel which he did. He converted many people and became famed for his sermons. Many miracles are assigned to Saint Antony and he is often referred to as the 'The Saint of Miracles' or 'the Wonder Worker'. He was canonized less than a year after his death by Pope Gregory IX on May 30th 1232. This is the second fastest canonization ever. He was made a Doctor of the Church in 1946.

Prayer:

O God, good and merciful Father, you who chose Antony as a witness of the Gospel and messenger of peace in the midst of your people, hear the prayer we address to you through his intercession. Amen



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