



Prayers for Registration Ordinary Time

Week beginning February 13th, 2023

This month: **Ordinary Time; LGBT+ History Month**

We are currently in the church's Ordinary Time... the period of time when we hear the stories of Jesus as an adult... the miracles... the parables... the calling of the twelve disciples... the stories of some of the major events in the Gospel between Jesus's birth and his crucifixion.

This period of Ordinary Time lasts until the beginning of the next major season in the Church's calendar – Lent – which begins next week on Ash Wednesday! (February 22nd)

This week: **Sixth Week of Ordinary Time;**

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY – World Radio Day

TUESDAY 14th – Feast Day of St Valentine (patron saint of love); Feast Day of St Cyril & St Methodius (patron saints of Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Serbia)

FRIDAY 17th – Random Acts of Kindness Day; Last day of our Half Term

Monday February 13th

A prayer for our clergy

Alex, Paddy, John, Callum & Riley in 110

We pray for the parish priests of our Partnership – for Fr Chris, Fr Andrew, Fr David and Fr Martin.

Our God, we give you thanks to all of our priests, especially Fr Chris who is one of our school governors. We hope God shines light onto all of our clergy for guiding us through these tough times such as Covid-19 and for being there throughout our Confirmation. We are forever thankful.

moment of silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

THOUGHT: Have you ever thought what life might be like as a priest?

ACTION: If you attend a church, or other faith service, on a weekend make sure you say thank you to those that lead it.

Tuesday February 14th

A prayer for diversity

Ivy, Carolin, Eloise, Niamh & Hannah in 9T

We should all be accepted as everyone is unique and special. Every day we hear stories of racism, sexism, ageism, homophobia and ableism. This must stop.

We pray one day that everyone will be accepted, and not discriminated against for who they are. Everyone is equal and deserves respect. Everyone should feel seen and acknowledged in society. No one should have to hide who they are because they are scared of backlash. We pray that everyone feels seen and is included.

moment of silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

THOUGHT: Take some time to think how it might feel to be on the receiving end of abuse just because of your gender, skin colour or sexuality.

ACTION: Look out for your friends and challenge any form of discrimination!

Wednesday February 15th

A prayer for the people of Ukraine, Turkey & Syria

Students in 13T

Dear God, we pray for those suffering in the war in Ukraine and those who have died, are missing and injured in Turkey and Syria following last week's earthquake. We pray they find safety and shelter and are able to rebuild their lives after these terrible disasters. We pray for the families who have lost someone or have been affected in this time of hardship.

moment of silence

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THOUGHT: Can we ever achieve world peace?

ACTION: Take some time to read and watch the news about both situations. Look at the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) website to find out how you can help.

Thursday February 16th

A prayer for ambition

Maddy & Macy in 11H

Ambition is a strong desire to do or achieve something. It is the determination to succeed and reach your full potential in whatever you aspire to be. This is an incredibly important asset in a student's life as it gives you the motivation to try your hardest in school.

Dear God, help students all throughout the school to work hard and reach their final goals. Inspire everyone with the ambition to try their best during this school year, especially Year 11 and 13 as we near towards exams.

moment of silence

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THOUGHT: What are your ambitions?

ACTION: What action can you take to get you one step closer to your ambition?

Friday February 17th

A prayer for the last day of half-term

Jakob & Kaidin in 10H

Today we break up for a week's holiday after a long half term filled with busy lessons and busy times. We pray this morning for a restful break.

Dear God, we pray for half term. Please protect us, keep us safe and allow us to make the most of the time away from school.

moment of silence

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THOUGHT: How can you best look after yourself to recharge and rest properly?

ACTION: Make sure you practice these self-care tips over the holiday! Do what makes you happy.