

Classroom Prayer Focus:

Prayer cloths should be green to indicate the second period of Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Year.

The School's Mission is at the heart of everything it does. Special emphasis can be placed upon the school mission at the start of a new academic year to focus on how, as a school community, people can live out the mission through their words and actions.

During the Season of Creation (Sep 1- Oct 4), items from the natural world could be included in praise and thanksgiving for the wonders of God's creation. The prayers and canticles, as well as images and icons of St Francis of Assisi, could be added to commemorate his Memorial (Oct 4).

Harvest Fast Day (Oct 3), is a time to give thanks to God for the harvest. Donated items for the collection and produce could be added to the prayer space as a reminder of this, as well as making links to the Catholic Social Teaching principles of 'Stewardship of Creation' and 'Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.'

October, the Month of the Holy Rosary

A statue, icon or image of Mary can be added to the prayer focus alongside Rosary beads and pictures of the Mysteries of the Rosary.

The Memorial of St Therese of Lisieux is Wednesday 1 October and Little Way Week is Monday 29 September-Friday 3 October. Invite children to write prayer intentions for people in need and write their pledges of commitment to small acts of kindness. Photos, statues and images of St.

Therese could be included within the prayer space. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/st-therese-of-lisieux/>

The Season of Creation

seasonofcreation.org/

The Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical celebration from September 1 to October 4, where Christians unite in prayer and action to protect our common home.

The 2025 theme, *Peace with Creation*, highlights the deep connection between human justice and the health of the Earth.

Inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18, the season reminds us that environmental destruction stems from broken relationships and injustice, but also offers hope for renewal and peace through restored justice.

The symbol for this year is a dove with an olive branch, echoing the story of Noah and symbolizing peace, new beginnings, and life for all creation.



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

Education Sunday

On Education Sunday, we celebrate and give thanks for all involved in Catholic Education and look forward to the year ahead. It takes place on the second Sunday of September, which this year is September 14.

For further information:

<https://catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/education-sunday>

Prayer taken from the Book of Blessings

God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge.

Let us ask him to bless those who seek to learn and their teachers.

For students, that the Spirit of God may grant them the gifts of wisdom of understanding.

For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students.

St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle

Pray for us

St. John Bosco

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(St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle is the patron saint of teachers, St. John Bosco is the patron saint of school children)

<https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Calendar/Cycle/AutumnCP.shtml>

Little Way Week

Little Way Week commences on Monday September 29 2025 and culminates on Friday October 3. The feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux is on Wednesday October 1.

St Thérèse lived in Lisieux, Normandy France and always wanted to follow Jesus and his loving example. When she was seven, she joined The Society of the Holy Childhood, which we now call Mission Together. Thérèse lived her life simply and is known as a 'missionary disciple'. This means in all her deeds and actions, she attempted to show the love of God to others. She said "Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love." This means no matter how old we are, we can make a difference to others. During this week, schools are invited to participate in Mission Together, the Pope's charity for World Mission, to learn about St Thérèse and to demonstrate little acts of kindness to others. For example, give each child another class member's name. Encourage them to carry out a small act of kindness without the other person knowing who it was. Further ideas, assemblies and resources can be found on:

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/st-therese-of-lisieux/>

Common Prayers to be Known

From 1 September 2025, the requirements prescribed in *To love You more dearly - The Prayer & Liturgy Directory for Catholic Schools, Academies and Colleges in England and Wales*, published by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, will become mandatory.

Visit <https://www.bdes.org.uk/prayer-and-liturgy.html> for the updated Common Prayers to be Known for your age phase.

Pope's Prayer Intentions

September: For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

October: For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions may work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Dates for the Diary*

September 2025

Mon 1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Wed 3	Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
Thurs 4	Optional Memorial of St. Cuthbert, Bishop
Sat 6	Optional Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday
Mon 8	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues 9	Memorial in Coventry for St. Osburg, Abbess
Wed 10	Memorial in Oxfordshire of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa
	Memorial in Worcestershire of St. Egwin, Bishop
Fri 12	Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary
Sat 13	Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Sun 14	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
	Education Sunday
Mon 15	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
Tues 16	Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Sat 20	Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
Sun 21	Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel) Day
Wed 24	Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham
Sat 27	Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest
Sun 28	Day of Thanksgiving for the Harvest
Mon 29	Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Tues 30	Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Mon 29- Fri 3 Oct	Little Way Week: (1 Oct- the Memorial of St Therese of Lisieux)
October 2024 – The Month of the Holy Rosary	
Wed 1	Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus
Thurs 2	Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels
Sat 4	Memorial of St Francis of Assisi
Tues 7	Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Thurs 9	Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest
Sat 11	Memorial in Staffordshire of Blessed William Howard
Wed 15	Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Doctor of the Church
Thurs 16	Memorial of St Margaret Mary Alacoque
Fri 17	Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch
Sat 18	Feast of St Luke, Evangelist
Sun 19	World Mission Day
Wed 22	Optional Memorial of St John Paul II, Pope

*For a complete list of dates, readings and colours please refer to the Archdiocese of Birmingham Ordo 2025

Further prayer resources can be found on <https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/>

CAFOD & Mission Together

CAFOD:

FREE School wall planner with liturgical colours: download here: [Dates for the academic and liturgical year](#) or order print copies from CAFOD shop here: [School wall planner 2025-26 – CAFOD Shop](#)

Mission Together:

Five Fact assemblies: Mission Together have a bank of Five Fact assemblies based on the lives of saints. Feasts this term include: St Francis Assisi, St John Henry Newman and St Thérèse of Lisieux. Download here:

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/five-fact-saints-assemblies/>

Little Way Week: In late September *Mission Together* encourages schools to learn more about one of the charity's earliest supporters, St Thérèse of Lisieux, patron of mission. *Little Way Week* is inspired by St Thérèse's philosophy that small acts of kindness make a big difference. Find resources here

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