



Resource Overview Spring 2023

Date w/c	Assembly	Daily Prayers
Christmastide		
2 January Luke 2:16-21	Mary, Mother of God At the start of this new year, we can follow Mary, the Mother of God's example and call upon her intercession.	God's Treasure (Matthew 2:1-12) Inspired by the Wise Men who brought treasures to Jesus, these prayers celebrate the Epiphany and encourage children to recognise God's blessings in their lives.
Ordinary Time		
9 January Matthew 3:13-17	A Riverside Revelation The Baptism of Jesus reveals Him as the Beloved Son of God and marks the beginning of His mission. We too are invited to accept our place in God's family and, like Jesus' Mother Mary, say 'yes' to joining His mission.	Come, Holy Spirit! (Acts 10:38) Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit, 'went about doing good and curing all'. We are called to welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives so we can follow Jesus' example of doing good and sharing God's love.
16 January John 1:29-34	The Chosen One of God John the Baptist has a revelation that Jesus is the chosen one of God. We can celebrate the life-changing joy and freedom we find when we too recognise Jesus as God.	Through the Eyes of Jesus Through the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can learn to see things through the eyes of Jesus.
23 January Matthew 4:12-23	Messages from Matthew: Follow Jesus! This assembly is the first of a three part mini-series: 'Messages from Matthew'. We choose to follow instructions from people who love us and want what is best for us. God loves us and wants what is best for us. Like the disciples, we can follow Jesus.	People That Walked in Darkness Have Seen A Great Light (1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 31) These prayers use images and Scripture to reflect upon why, like the disciples, we should follow Jesus.
30 January Matthew 5:1-12a	Messages from Matthew: Turn the World Upside Down This assembly is the second in the three part mini-series: 'Messages from Matthew'. Matthew presents the Beatitudes - the upside-down rules of life – which show us how to follow Jesus, how to be blessed and happy and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.	Boast in the Lord We are members of the Body of Christ and can learn from the faithful followers who have boasted in the Lord before us. Each day the prayers focus on a different saint, thank God for their example and invite pupils to ask for more of God's wisdom, virtue, holiness and freedom.
6/13 February Matthew 5:13-16	Messages from Matthew: Let Your Light Shine This is the final assembly in the 'Messages from Matthew' three part mini-series. We each have unique gifts and talents that we can use to do good and reflect God's light into the world.	Shine Like the Dawn (Isaiah 8:23-9:3) We are one with Christ who enlightens us. This week's prayers are an invitation to the Holy Spirit to help us be active witnesses.





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Lent		
20 February Matthew 6:1-6,16-18 (Ash Wednesday Gospel)	Jesus, Be the Centre This is the first in our Lenten series of assemblies. During Lent we practise learning to pray to God, giving up things we love and giving to others - simply because we love God! All our efforts are for His eyes only, because He knows us inside and out!	A Pure Heart (Psalm 51:3-6,12-14,17) This Lent our desire is that God will give us a new heart - a heart that is loving, generous and longs for Him.
27 February Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus, Be My Path Jesus was tempted, but held fast to the truth that only God is to be worshipped and served - this message is for us today as we continue on our Lenten journey.	Into the Wilderness As God's children we can invite the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. This week our prayers will practise finding peace in our day or wilderness.
6 March Matthew 17:1-9	Jesus, Be My Light While on the mountain top, Jesus' friends saw Him truly as He is, the Beloved Son of God. Our Lenten journey will have its ups and downs, but we can hold on to the hope that we will see Jesus in this way too.	Transforming Love We can allow ourselves to be transformed by God's love working through us. Lent is a good time to 'listen to Him' and allow His love to transform us.
13 March John 4:5-16,19-26, 39-42	Jesus, Be My Source The living water that Jesus offers isn't physical water but the promise of new and eternal life.	Thirst for God God offers us a wonderful gift - Jesus! We can share His life now and forever. No matter what is going on for us, we all need more of God!
20 March John 9:1,6-9,13-17, 34-38	Jesus, Be My Vision Jesus saw the blind man, and healed him; then He found him and saved him. This Laetare Sunday we rejoice that Jesus, the light of the world, waits to do the same for us.	We Believe! Jesus seeks and saves us from our spiritual blindness. As Lent continues, let's reaffirm the spiritual truths we believe in as we travel towards the celebration of Easter.
27 March John 11:1,6-9,13-17, 20-27,33-45	Jesus, Be the Reason that I Live This is the final assembly in our Lenten series. Jesus makes an amazing statement about His divinity; He makes clear that death is not the end, but the start of life with Him.	Jesus, Be My Centre Inspired by the preface for Sunday's Mass which says, 'As a man like us, Jesus wept for Lazarus, His friend. As the eternal God, He raised Lazarus from the dead', this week's prayers encourage us to keep praying like Jesus who continually trusts in His Father.