

**Weekly Prayers**  
**(Psalter Week 2**  
**or use Lent Prayers p113)**

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Remember: Rosary in the Chapel at 1:45 (A1) today!

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

## Happy St Patrick's Day!!!

(watch this short video which explains who St Patrick was)

In a *completely unbiased* way, I think it's safe to say that- outside Easter and Christmas- St Patrick's Day is the most important day of the year as we celebrate the Patron Saint of Ireland (and Nigeria)!

Joking aside though- St Patrick's unshakeable faith, his simple way of being able to see God in His creation, and his close relationship with Jesus Christ, led a lot of people to become Christians; and his prayer, with which he would armour himself every day, is still famous around the world.

The longer version of the prayer is called the Lorica, which means Breastplate (a piece of armour); you can choose to pray the whole Lorica this morning, or just the last paragraph, 'Christ with me.'

Lá Fhéile Pádraig shona daoibh go leir!!



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**Remember:** Holy Half Hour in the Chapel at 6pm today. Pop along for a few minutes of quiet prayer.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

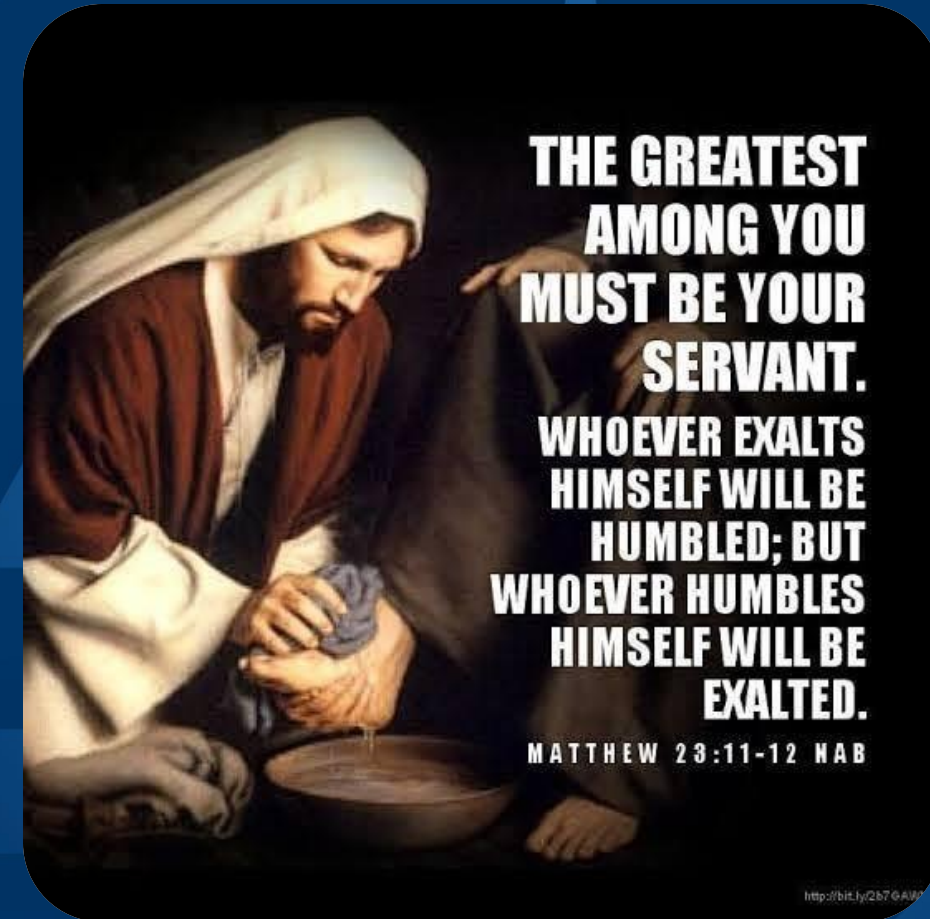
## Today's Gospel

*"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted."*

'What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips?  
You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you.' (Ps 50:16-17)

Today's Gospel warns us against hypocrisy, and against imposing impossible standards or conditions on other people- especially if we fail (or don't bother trying) to live up to those standards ourselves. One of the tell-tale signs of hypocrisy is thinking of ourselves as better or above others. Jesus, however, challenges us to be humble, and to be servants of one another. Not easy- but definitely worth it.

*Lord Jesus, thank you for your love and grace towards us. We acknowledge the gaps there often are within us between what we say we believe and how we live.  
We ask for your forgiveness and for your Holy Spirit to help us live more truthfully and following your example of humility and service. In Jesus name, Amen*





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**Remember:** Mustard Seed Bible Study Group continues today, A2, in the Chaplaincy!

# Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

## Today is the Feast of St Joseph

The Church views St Joseph as great. He wasn't immaculately conceived as our Blessed Mother was. He was not divine like Jesus. But his greatness came from the choices he made; from his quiet, unshakeable faith; from his obedience to the voice of God.

Joseph did not fear ridicule. He knew that doing the right thing is a matter of fact, not opinion. He also knew that God's ways are not our ways, and responded to unexpected changes with openness and love. Let us pray that we too can be quiet, unwavering disciples, filled with love for Jesus Christ:

St Joseph, to you God entrusted His only Son.  
In you, Mary placed her trust. With you, Christ became man.  
Through you, may we understand  
The wisdom gained from an open mind,  
The courage nurtured by an open heart,  
The strength found in silence,  
The hope born from faith,  
The value of patience, And the legacy of love.  
St Joseph, pray for us. Amen.



***Saint Joseph,  
pray for us.***

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**Remember:** Young Christian Women club today A2! (inc Hot chocolate & biscuits...)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

## Let's pray a psalm! Psalm 1:

**Response: Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.**

1: Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord, and who ponders his law day and night. **Response**

2: He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **Response**

3: Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. **Response**



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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

CST FRIDAY: Care for Creation- *Who is A Rocha?*



'A Rocha' is a global family of conservation organizations working together to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise. (What does 'a Rocha' mean?)

Watch this short video explaining their work [here](#), then spend some time [finding out](#) about some of the projects they have launched.

I particularly like the project where they are helping humans in India adapt to living alongside the indigenous elephant population- this is stewardship of creation in action!!! Which project is your favourite?

