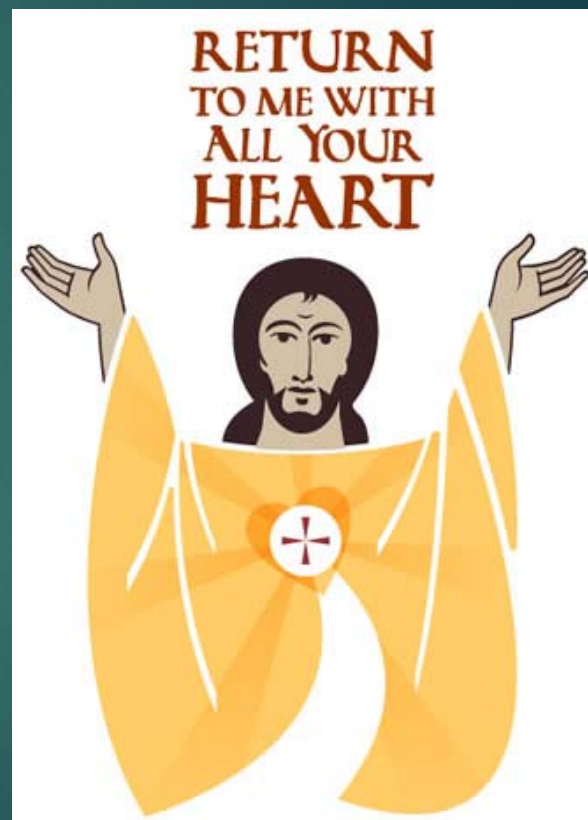




DAILY PRAYERS for FCJ Schools

PRAYER THEME FOR THIS WEEK
RE-COMMITMENT

Week beginning Monday March 22nd 2021



Prayers prepared by Gumley FCJ and Upton Hall FCJ



Monday 22th March

Sunday Gospel: John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.'

Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Spend a moment to think of nature: how seeds are planted in the earth and bring forth new life!

Monday 22th March

Christ Jesus

When we open our eyes, may You be there;

When we open our ears, may You be there;

When we open our mouths, may You be there;

When we open our diaries, may You be there.

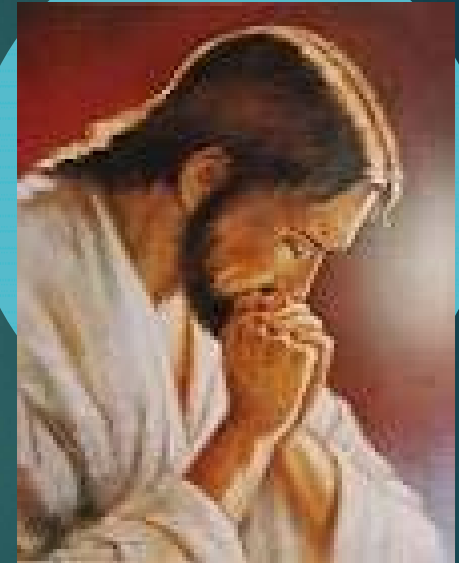
Help us to see with Your eyes;

Help us to hear with Your ears;

Help us to speak Your truth in love;

Help us to make time for You ... for You, for others,
for ourselves.

Amen.



Tuesday 23rd March: Day of Reflection: Anniversary UK lockdown

We reflect in sorrow on all those who have died, during this year, those known to us and those unknown to us personally.

We pray for them, asking our Father to welcome them into their heavenly home, the destiny for which God first gave us the gift of life.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY - HEAR OUR PRAYER

We reflect with thanksgiving for the generosity, inventiveness, self-sacrifice and determination shown by so many in this most difficult of times.

We pray for them, thanking God for their gifts and dedication, whether they are scientists, politicians, health workers, public servants of every kind, community leaders, teachers, or steadfast family members and friends who continue to show such love and compassion.

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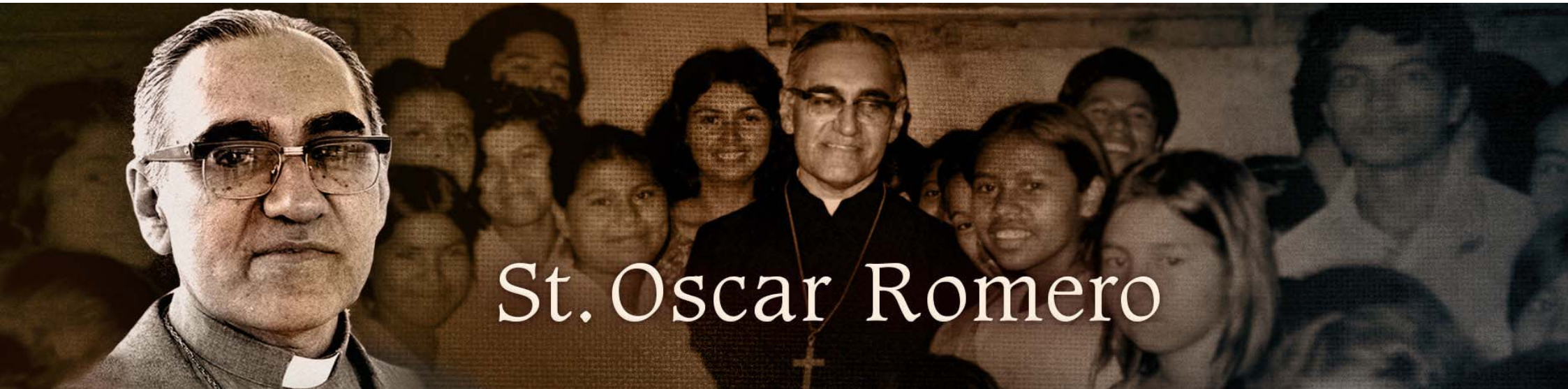
We reflect in hope that, as the pandemic is controlled and we open up our lives again, we will reflect on the lessons we have learned and build our society into a better shape, more compassionate, less marked by inequalities, more responsive to needs and deprivation.

We ask the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in this endeavour, whatever difficulties we are dealing with and trying to overcome.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY - HEAR OUR PRAYER

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When This Is Over
a reflection by Laura Fannucci



St. Oscar Romero

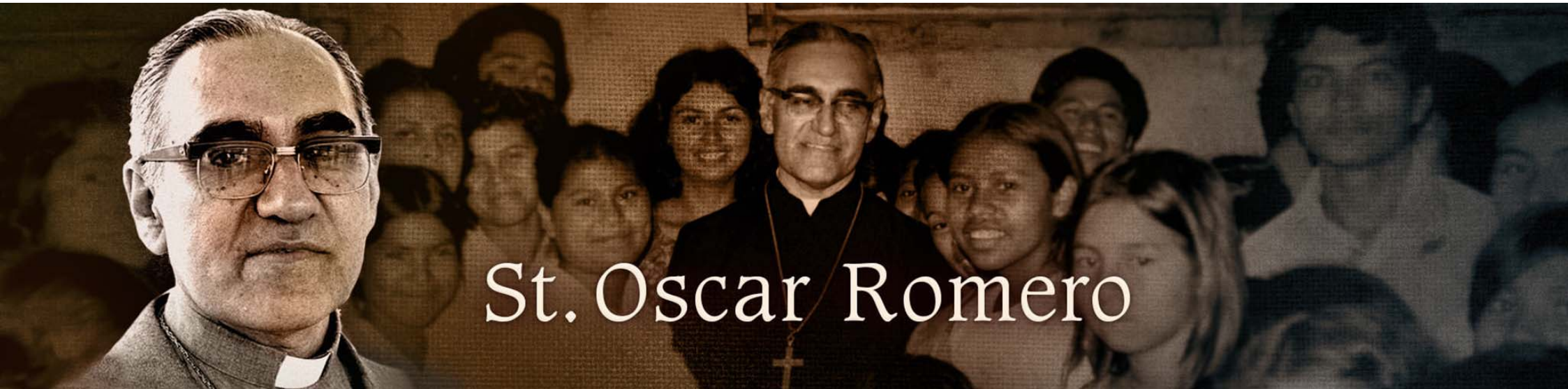
Wednesday 24th March Feast of St. Oscar Romero

Oscar is a modern saint, **who is of our time**. He is remembered for his solidarity with the people of El Salvador. His compassion, love and bravery in standing up against violence, evil, poverty and oppression made him a target for those he spoke up against. On March 24th 1980 he was assassinated while saying mass.

St. Oscar is most remembered for his care for the poorest and the most marginalized of his people.

The link is to a reflection on the life of **St. Oscar Romero** who was canonized October 14, 2018

<https://saltandlighttv.org/romero/>



St. Oscar Romero

Wednesday 24th March: Feast of St Oscar Romero

Lord Jesus,
We give thanks for the life of Saint Oscar Romero who spread your message and struggled against injustice in El Salvador.

Like you, he was a shepherd, a pastor, a brother; Like you, he was taken from us; Like you, he remains in our hearts.

Spirit of hope, work within us, just as you worked in Saint Oscar Romero, so that we too may work for justice and spread the Good News, by living out the Gospel, in solidarity with those living in poverty. Amen.

Jack Tunnecliffe/CAFOD

Thursday
25th

Gumley House School Feast Day

Today is the also the **Feast of The Annunciation** which celebrates Mary saying “YES” to God’s request that she become the mother of Jesus.

Lord, today we acknowledge and give thanks for the amazing contribution that the FCJ Sisters and their teaching colleagues have made at Gumley House for 180 years.

We ask you to continue to bless the FCJ community here in Gumley and all who work here. We remember all Gumley students and teachers past and present in a special way today. We pray in thanks for the FCJ Society and CIM’s worldwide, asking your continued blessing and inspiration on their on-going work among us and ask that you continue to nourish them as they walk in companionship with you.



The reflection in the next slide is inspired by Mary’s ‘Yes’ to God.

Marie Madeleine was also saying ‘YES’ to God’s call when she founded Gumley House School FCJ in 1841.



Tuesday 25th March

Travel with us, Lord our God, into the places where we live and work. Into the conversations and the choices, the pressures, expectations and routines of our every day.



As we move towards Easter, may the holiness of your presence dwell with us and in us, shining forth through all the efforts we make ...however weary or last minute they may seem.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Friday 25th March

EXAMEN Be silent and place yourself in **God's loving presence**.

Take a moment to look back over your week.

Think about the good things that have happened and **give thanks**.

What have the challenges been?

In the quiet of your heart, **tell God about your experiences this week. Your triumphs and struggles.**

Ask the Lord to guide you in all you do.

Is there something for which you would like to ask God – perhaps to help you grow close to Him during LENT?

Place all your cares into God's hands. AMEN.

Wishing you all a prayerful Holy Week and a Joy-filled Easter
Have a good and relaxing holiday!



Thought for the Weekend:

*We should always believe that our
small efforts will make a difference to
someone.*

