

ST. NINIAN'S HIGH
SCHOOL

GIFFNOCK



MAY - MONTH OF OUR LADY

MORNING PRAYERS

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TUESDAY 4 MAY



Mother Teresa was one of the most inspirational people of the 20th century. Her life was dedicated to helping those in the margins of society, seeing Christ in all of them. On the wall of her children's home in Calcutta, she had the following prayer.

Do It Anyway

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred – love them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives – do good anyway. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies – succeed anyway. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow – do good anyway. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable – be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight – build anyway. People really need help but may attack you if you help them – help them anyway. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth – give the world the best you have anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them any way!

Let us pray that we always have the strength of character to do what is right, regardless of what other people may think.

Hail Mary.....

WEDNESDAY 5

There are times in life when we can feel alone, sometimes even when we are surrounded by other people. Elderly people sometimes feel time weighing heavily if they spend a lot of time on their own. As Christians, we know that God's presence is constant in our lives. As the exams approach and we feel the pressure building within us, let us acknowledge the calming presence of Jesus – we are not alone.



A Blessing of Solitude

May you recognise in your life the presence, power and light of your soul. May you recognise that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe. May you have respect for your own individuality and difference. May you recognise that the shape of your soul is unique, that you have a special destiny here, that behind the façade of your life there is something beautiful good and eternal happening. May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride and expectations with which God sees you in every moment.



Hail Mary.....

THURSDAY 6

Today is a very significant day for our country as the weeks of electioneering come to an end and the General Election takes place. All day long there will be news bulletins informing us of how the country has voted.

A Prayer for Election Day

Lord God of all creation, You rule and judge all nations, You scatter the arrogant of mind and heart, You cast down rulers from their thrones and raise up the lowly. Today we elect those who will serve in our government: the voices that call us to go this way or that way are confusing, the signs of these times that we must discern are tragic and unjust, the culture of death that afflicts all people is powerful. Open our eyes to see your reign in history, our hearts to share your love with all people, our ears to hear the cry of the widow, the orphan, and the stranger among us. Send your Holy Spirit upon the people of this land: Teach us to make wise and prudent decisions. Increase our faith and hope. Help us to live the Gospel we profess. May all who are elected this day: do justice, love goodness, and walk humbly before You and all people.



We ask for these blessings, confident in your providence through all time, calling upon Mary our Mother and all the saints who have served the cause of justice, through your Son, Jesus Christ, Redeemer and Saviour. Amen.

Hail Mary.....

FRIDAY 7

For those pupils in the upper school the exams are now firmly on the horizon with study leave about to start. They leave knowing that the whole school community is rooting for them and praying that they will be successful. Let us offer this simple prayer of humility, placing all our trust in God.

A Prayer of St. Ignatius

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding
And my entire will,
All I have and call my own.

You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.

Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace.
That is enough for me.



Our Father.....

