

St Bede's RC Comprehensive

Daily Reflections and Prayers

Theme - Harvest

26th September - 30th September 2022

The liturgical
colour is **GREEN**.
We are in
ORDINARY time.

Mission Statement

With the Lord's help, we are united in faith, we strive for success and excellence, we are determined to be the best that we can be.

Faith ~ Excellence ~ Determination



St. Bede's Catholic School &
Byron Sixth Form College

Monday 26th September 2022

Creator God,
who provide Earth's harvest for all your children,
teach us to share your bounty justly and generously.
Keep us and all our sisters and brothers around the world,
in your loving care.
Help us to build a brighter world together,
So that everyone may live life to the full.
Amen

When is harvest in the UK?

In the UK the harvest festival, also known as the harvest home, is traditionally celebrated on the Sunday nearest the harvest moon. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox, which is often between 21-23 September.

The word 'harvest' comes from the Old English word *hærfest* meaning 'autumn', aptly the season for gathering the food of the land. This was a vital time of year, when success was a genuine matter of life or death. A prosperous harvest ensured that a community would be fed throughout the potentially barren winter months. It's therefore no surprise that it was also a time steeped in superstition and, if successful, much celebration. Many of these traditions even pre-date Christianity.

Normally falling towards the end of September, or early October, the harvest festival is the closest thing we have to a day of thanksgiving. Although today we can plan a fixed day for this celebration, in the past the harvest festival differed, based on when all the crops had been brought in. The whole community, including children, needed to help right up until the end, as lives depended on the success of the harvest.

Many people in our local community do not have enough food every day. This Friday can you help others in your local community by donating a food item to the Harvest collection. This could be tinned food, pasta, bread, rice, sandwich spreads or any other suitable item.

Tuesday 27th September 2022

Morning Prayer - Gloria

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to men of good will. We praise You. We bless You. We adore you. We glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father: you Who take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

You Who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You Who sit at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are holy. You alone are the Lord. You alone, O Jesus Christ, are most high. Together with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Reading/Assembly Day

End of Day Prayer

Good Jesus,
by your loving kindness,
enable me to come to you,
the fountain of wisdom,
and to stand forever before your
face,
Amen

St Bede: Pray for us

wednesday 28th september 2022

Morning Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Who art in Heaven

Hallowed be Thy name;

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil

Amen

Reading/Assembly Day

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Thursday 29th September 2022

Morning Prayer – Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with thee;

Blessed art thou amongst women

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners, now

and at the hour of our death

Amen

Reading/Assembly Day

End of Day Prayer

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Friday 30th September 2022

In East Africa, with all these challenges, as well as swarms of locusts and a long drought, families can no longer cope.

20 million people are struggling to survive.

This harvest, there is a world food crisis.

Millions of people are wondering where their next meal will come from. Food prices have soared, even in the UK.

This crisis was not inevitable.

Its causes include a global food system that is not working, climate change caused by humans, the Covid pandemic, war in Ukraine, and political leaders not taking action.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources>

Last term in the pupil voice survey, you asked to support an international charity. In this year we will be hosting fundraising events to offer our support to such charities.

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