



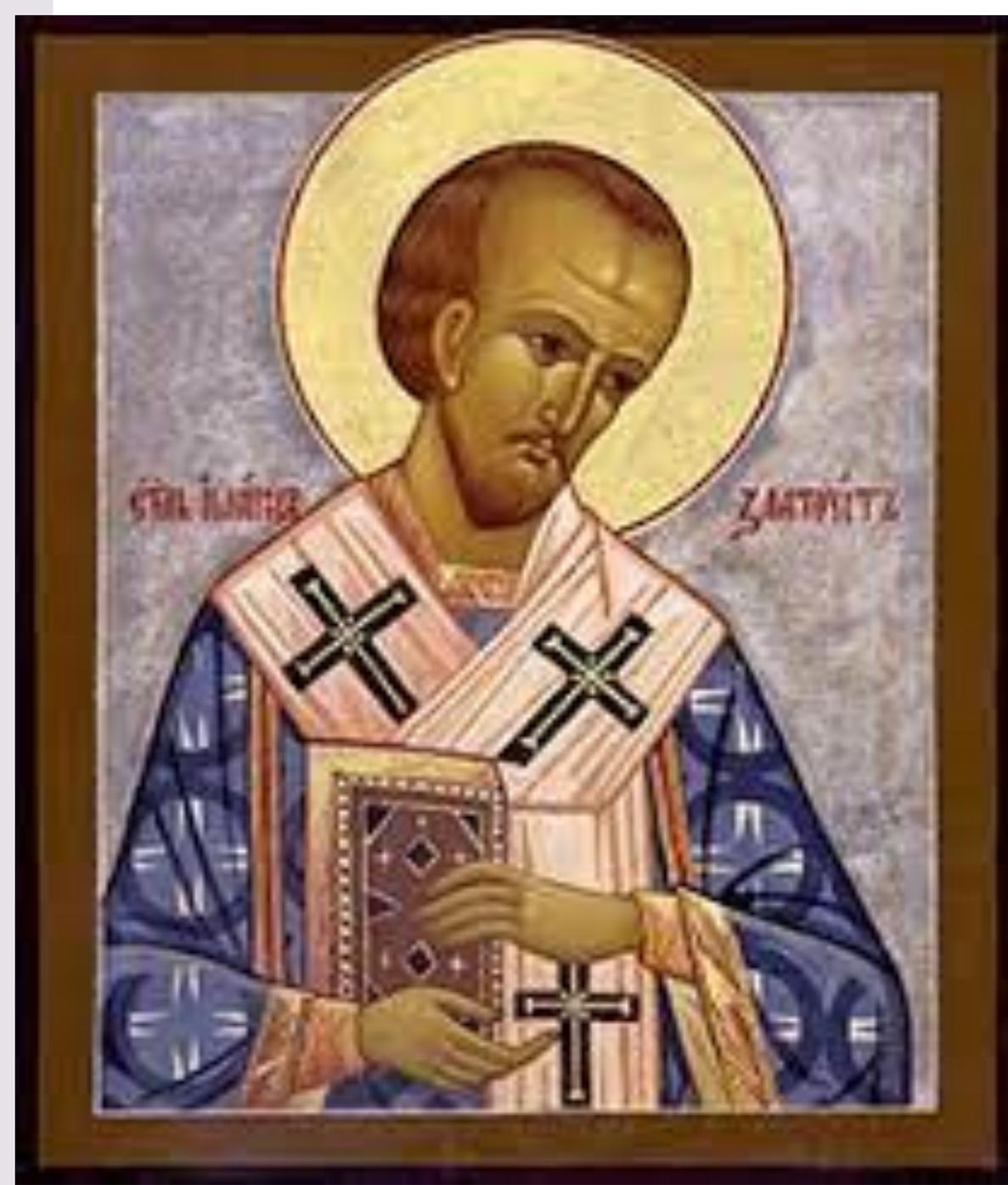
Prayers for week ahead

WEEK BEGINNING 13TH SEPTEMBER

Monday 13th September

St John Chrysotom

- Today, let us pray that the Holy Spirit inspires people in coming to know their vocation.
- O God, you sent your Son, Jesus, to bring eternal life to those who believe. I join him in praying for labourers for your harvest. May your Holy Spirit inspire men and women to continue his mission through your priesthood, diaconate, religious life and lay ministry. May this same Spirit make known your will for my life. Amen.



Tuesday 14th August

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- Today, let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- O loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfilment in his life when he said to you, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.



Wednesday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows

Today, let us pray for the vocations of the young people of Trinity High School.

Gracious and loving God you have blessed us with the privilege of becoming educators. We ask that you provide us with all that we need in accepting this awesome responsibility. We pray that we will be open to your spirit who is our source of strength as we witness to our pupils your love for each of them and your desire for them to be happy and to live a full life.

We ask your help so we may guide and encourage our pupils to believe that they each have a special calling and to use their gifts and talents for others. We pray, Heavenly Father, that our pupils will discover and respond enthusiastically to your desire for them whether it be to the vocation of single, married, ordained or consecrated life. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.





Thursday 16th September Saint Ninian

- Little is known for certain about the life and ministry of St Ninian. Tradition suggests to us that he was a Briton, born during the 4th century, perhaps in Northern England. He may have travelled to Rome to learn more about the faith, and been welcomed by Pope St Damasus and after lengthy studies, ordained priest and bishop by Pope St Siricius. It is said that St Ninian knew St Martin of Tours. He returned home and settled in southern Scotland, in Galloway, at Whithorn, where he founded his mission. There he built his church, called “Candida Casa” or White House – perhaps a whitewashed stone building. He worked among his own people, the Britons of the border regions and also among the Picts, in the modern Lothian region and in Fife, and so is called the apostle to these groups. As the first known bishop working in Scotland, he occupies a very special place in Scottish religious history.
- Saint Ninian, first to preach the Good News of Christ in our land, hear our prayers and present them to the Lord, whom you served so faithfully. Gain for us a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, abundant vocations to the priesthood and religious life, deeper faith in God’s merciful love, stronger love for God and for our neighbour, a renewal of Christian life in our nation. May we imitate your fidelity to the call of Christ and your passion to share the truth He brought us, and also be found worthy to share the heavenly reward.
Amen.

Friday 17th September Saint Robert Bellarmine



- St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, was born in Tuscany in 1542. He became a Jesuit and was ordained priest. He was a vigorous defender of the faith at the time of the Reformation. St Robert was made a Cardinal in 1599, but after a disagreement with the Pope was sent as bishop to Capua in 1602. He was a very pastoral bishop, visiting, preaching and teaching, and giving the example of a truly Christian life. He returned to Rome in 1605, and died in 1621.
- God our Father, you gave Robert Bellarmine wisdom and goodness to defend the faith of your Church. By his prayers may we always rejoice in the profession of our faith. Help us to find ways to profess our faith as we come to the end of vocations week.
Amen.