

## SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

Our prayers today and this week focus on the theme of 'Pride Month'. The first pride march was held in 1972 and the movement has grown to celebrate diversity within the UK.

### WE LISTEN

"We are all children of God,  
and God loves us as we are  
and for the strength that  
each of us fights for our  
dignity"

**Pope Francis**  
**January 2023**



### RESPONSE

Father, you created each one of us  
in your own image. Yet yours is a  
world made glorious by its rich  
diversity. This we sometimes  
misunderstand, sometimes fear.  
Give us the patience to build on  
what unites us, to celebrate our  
differences and to learn from them.

**Amen**

### MISSION

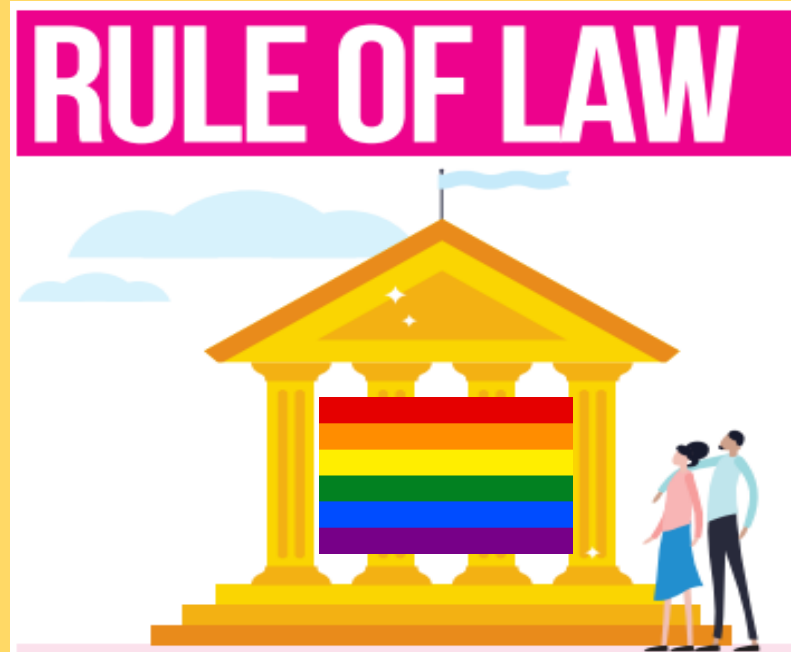
Throughout this week, month and the years to come at school, ensure that you challenge all forms of discrimination. Be proud of your school and our values of **respect** and **integrity**. If you witness or are the victim of discrimination then you must 'Step Up and Speak Up'

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Our prayers focus on the rule of law and how this has changed with regard to the LGBTQ+ community. Laws are there to ensure a safe and secure environment. Our rules allow teachers to teach, students to learn and all to feel safe.

### WE LISTEN

Homosexuality was illegal in the UK until 1967. Many positive changes have happened within the LGBTQ+ community over the past 50 years and due to the law, we now live in a far more tolerant society. As a Catholic community our faith demands that we demonstrate 'love of neighbour' each and every day.



### RESPONSE

Dear God,  
We thank you for the rules and laws that keep us safe and treated fairly. Help us to value and respect them and to treat others fairly. Help us see that you created us in your image. Neighbour or stranger, always our brother or sister.

**Amen**

### MISSION

Our school community is built upon the rule of law and a code of conduct that benefits all. As you go through today and the remainder of this week ensure that you follow our rules to ensure that you and everyone in our community can 'let their light shine'.

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Our prayers today focus on our patron saint, Robert of Newminster. All members of our community will be given a small treat to remember this feast and celebrate our school community.

### WE LISTEN

St Robert was described as a dedicated, prayerful, and gentle man. He is known for being merciful in his judgment of others and a warm and considerate companion. There are three schools named after St Robert, ours in Washington, one in South Wales and one in Michigan in the US.



### RESPONSE

Dear Lord, We gather today as a community of faith and ask the Lord to instil in us an eagerness to learn so we can strive for excellence. May St Robert's example be in our words and actions so that we treat others with dignity and respect. As your light shines through us, help us become who you call us to be. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### MISSION

Read and listen to the words of our school prayer. Ensure that you strive for excellence and treat others with dignity & respect so that you are able to let your light and the light of others shine.

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Our prayers today focus on your right to make free choices. However, you must understand that all choices have consequences so it is important we make the correct ones.

### WE LISTEN

You, my brothers and sisters,  
were called to be free. But do  
not use your freedom to be  
sinful; rather, serve one  
another humbly in love.

**Galatians 5:13**



### RESPONSE

Dear Lord,  
We pray for our school and the  
chances to make new discoveries  
every day. We ask that you help  
and support all our community in  
the choices we make to ensure our  
lives and the lives of others are  
enjoyed to the full.

**Amen**

### MISSION

Individual liberty is about being able to live the life you want to lead without discrimination of others. You all have the right to make choices; so as you go through today and this week focus on making the right choices and standing up for what is right. Be thankful that we live in a society where all people, irrespective of their sexuality, can enjoy individual freedom.

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Our prayers today focus on the British and school value of **respect**. We will focus on how we treat others, especially those who may belong to the LGBTQ+ community.

### WE LISTEN

God does not disown any of his children. The Church is a mother and calls together all her children. Take for example the parable of those invited to the feast: 'the just, the sinners, the rich and the poor'. A selective church is not Holy Mother Church.

**Pope Francis**

**MUTUAL RESPECT**  
FOR, AND TOLERANCE OF, PEOPLE  
WITH DIFFERENT BELIEFS AND VIEWS



### RESPONSE

Dear God, you created each one of us in your image and likeness, help us to recognise you in each person. Lead us this day to walk with one another, pray with one another and work together, so that we create a future based on mutual **respect** for all people. **Amen**

### MISSION

Our school community believes mutual respect and tolerance are very important. Ensure that today and throughout this week you show mutual **respect** and tolerance, even if you don't share the same belief. Likewise, call out intolerance and disrespect – demonstrate your **integrity**.