

May is the month of Mary



*Throughout the month of May, we honour Mary in a special way.
Perhaps a school may decide to pray a decade of the Rosary
each day during May.*

An accompanying sheet gives guidelines on how to pray the Rosary.

1 May: St. Joseph the Worker

In 2020/2021, the Archbishop gave all schools a lovely, framed picture of St. Joseph to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph. Hopefully, this picture is on display in a public space in each Catholic school.

This feast highlights the dignity of labour through St. Joseph. He stands as a silent guardian of families and workers reminding us that holiness can be lived in ordinary daily work.

3 May: 5th Sunday of Easter

4 May: Saint Conleth

5 May: Blessed Edmund Rice

10 May: 6th Sunday of Easter

13 May: Our Lady of Fatima

This feast commemorates the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. It is associated with prayer, repentance and global peace.

14 May: Saint Matthias, Apostle

St. Matthias the Apostle was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot. His calling reminds us that God's plans continue even after human failure.

16 May: Saint Brendan, Abbot

17 May: [The Ascension of the Lord](#)

This feast celebrates Jesus' return to heaven forty days after Easter.



18 May: Saint John 1, Pope, Martyr

20 May: [The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church](#)

20 May: [Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest](#)

St. Bernardine of Siena was a preacher who spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, bringing spiritual renewal to entire cities.

22 May: [Saint Rita of Cascia](#)

St. Rita of Cascia's life included hardship, loss and reconciliation – making her a symbol of hope when all seems lost.

24 May: [Pentecost](#)

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.



25 May: [Mary, Mother of the Church](#)

26 May: [Saint Philip Neri, Priest](#)

St. Philip Neri radiated humour, warmth, and deep holiness. He proves that sanctity and joy go hand in hand.

29 May: Saint Paul VI, Pope

31 May: The Most Holy Trinity