

We Gather

As we begin the new school year, let us pray that all school students may learn to seek God in all people and all events.

(pause)

God of new beginnings, may this year which we dedicate to you, bring us closer to you and to each other.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We Listen

A reading from the first letter of St John (3:11, 18)

From the beginning you were told that we must love each other. Children, you show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We Reflect

Jesus showed us how to love others by helping them. With the person next to you, think of some ways you could show your love this year by helping others in your school community and in your family. Share your ideas with the class.

We Go into the World

May we follow the way of Jesus, and help others in our homes and our school.

Amen.

May God bless us in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Monday

Week 3 Ordinary Time

27 January 2025

Tuesday

St Thomas Aquinas

28 January 2025

Let us Pray

Saint Thomas Aquinas was a great scholar who helped us understand what we believe.

Let us pray for all students.

(pause)

God of wisdom, in our learning, be our gentle guide and show us the right path.

Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Word of God

A reading from the first letter of St Peter (4:10-11)

Brothers and sisters:

Use your gifts well. If you have the gift of speaking, preach God's message.

If you have the gift of helping others, do it with the strength that God supplies.

Everything should be done in a way that will bring honour to God because of Jesus Christ, who is glorious and powerful forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We reflect

St Thomas Aquinas, who we remember today, is the patron saint of students. He was an intelligent and talented student who studied at university for many years and wrote some of the most important books in the Catholic tradition.

However, school isn't always easy... watch [this short film](#) on the value of working hard and trying your best.



Go forth

May God give us wisdom, perseverance, and courage in all we do.

Amen.

May God bless us in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.