



**March 2025 English
Calendar and Feasts**

FEASTS

1 March – St. David

2 March – Day of Prayer for Temperance

4 March – St. Casimir – Patron of Poland

5 March – St. Ciarán, Bishop – Ash Wednesday

7 March – St. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8 March – St. John of God- Religious

8 March- St. Senan – Irish Saint

9 March- First Sunday of Lent

11 March – St. Aengus – Irish Saint

16 March- Second Sunday of Lent

17 March – St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

19 March – St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

21 March – St. Enda – Irish Saint

23 March – Third Sunday of Lent

24 March – St. Macartan – Irish Saint

25 March – The Annunciation

30 March – The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday

Saints celebrated in March 2025

Saint Casimir (1458-1458) – 4 March



Saint Casimir was born in the Royal Palace in Cracow, Poland. As a young boy, he developed a deep friendship with God and devotion to Mary. He wanted to be poor in spirit like Jesus and so preferred simple food and clothing. He gave his wealth to care for the poor in Poland. The Polish people called him 'The Peacemaker'. He died of lung disease and is buried in Lithuania. He is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.

Let us pray,

'All-powerful God, through the prayers of Saint Casimir, help us to serve you in the cause of peace and justice.'

Saint Perpetua agus Saint Felicity – 7 March



These two saints are Martyrs. They chose to die rather than give up their faith. Perpetua was a young woman of twenty-two, the mother of a young child. Felicity was her servant, expecting a child born to her in her imprisonment. Both women were preparing to be baptised and were in prison.

Perpetua's father urged her to turn away from her faith and go free. Pointing to a vase, she said to her father, 'Do you see this vase father?' Can it be anything else? I cannot be anything else but a Christian.'

As she lay dying, Perpetua called out to some Christians watching, 'Stand firm in your faith and love one another. Do not let our suffering frighten you.'

Both women were killed by the swords of the gladiators.

We pray,

'Father, your love gave Perpetua and Felicity the courage to endure martyrdom.'

Saint John of God (1495-1550), religious – 8 March



Saint John of God was born in Portugal in 1495. He enlisted as a soldier in 1522. When the wars were over, he left the army and became a shepherd.

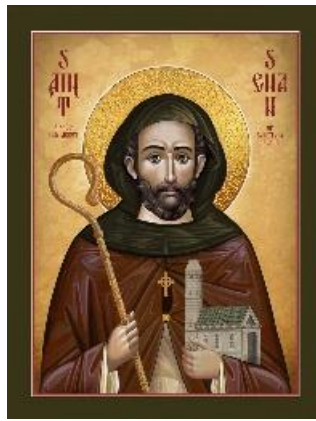
He turned to God and decided to devote his life to serving the sick and poor. He opened a hospital for the sick and poor in Granada. This was the beginning of the Order of St. John of God.

Through the years he became ill and worn out from his hard work and died. St. John of God is the patron saint of hospitals and nurses.

Let us pray, '

Father, give us love and compassion for others, like Saint John of God'.

Saint Senan – 8 March



Saint Senan was born near Kilrush, Co. Clare. His family were wealthy farmers. He was first educated at Kilnahanagh Abbey. His main monastic foundation was on Scattery Island, near Kilrush. He was a close friend of Ciarán of Clonmacnoise and Brendan. He died about the year 844.

Saint Frances of Rome -1384-1440- religious – 9 March



She was born in the Trastevere district of Rome during a period of misery in the city. She married Lorenzo. They had two sons and a daughter. Frances and her sister-in-law, in love with their own families, devoted themselves to a life of service to the poor and hungry, who were suffering from the plague.

The city of Rome was ravaged by plague and Frances sold her food and jewellery to feed the stricken. Frances's husband, daughter, and son died. Her other son married a beautiful girl named Mobilia.

When her husband died, Frances founded a community of women to care for the war-torn people.

We pray,

'Merciful Father, help us to serve you faithfully in all circumstances of life'.

Saint Aengus -11 March



Saint Aengus was a monk in County Laois, who came to the monastery in Tallaght in the late eighth century during the abbotship of Maelruain to spend a period under his guidance. He was renowned for his devotion to both foreign and native saints. He returned to County Laois where he became abbot and bishop. He died around 824.

Saint Patrick-17 March



See the teacher's handbook in the In God's Love series – Junior Infants, 1st, 3rd and 5th Class for stories, songs, poetry and prayers to Saint Patrick.

I arise today by the strength of heaven, the light of the sun, the splendour of fire, the speed of lightning, the swiftness of the wind, the depth of the sea, the stability of the earth, the firmness of the rock.

I arise today by the strength of God to pilot me; may God stand with me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to protect me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me far and near, alone or in multitude. Christ shield me today against wounding.

Let us pray,

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,

Christ in me, Christ under me, Christ above me,

Christ on my right, Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,

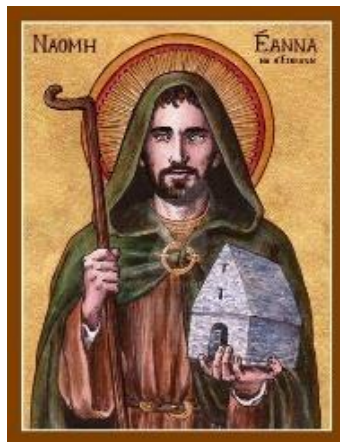
*Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

Saint Joseph– 19 March, husband of Mary



See the teacher's handbook in the In the Love of God series – Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st Class, 2nd Class, 3rd Class, 4th Class, 5th Class, 6th Class for stories, songs, poetry and prayers to Saint Joseph.

Naomh Éanna- 21 Márta



The School of Éanna is considered one of the three great late Irish vocations. His sister, Faenche, a nun, set his thoughts on a religious vocation. He made a small foundation in County Louth and after studying in Scotland under Ninian, he made several foundations in the Boyne Valley. On Faenche's urgings he went to Aran.

Saint Macartan – 24 March



Saint Macartan belongs to a very early generation of saints in Ireland and is recognised as the first Bishop of Clogher. He is known as the Strong Man of Patrick for his dedication and loyalty.

The Annunciation – 25 March



The feast of the Annunciation commemorates the arrival of the Angel Gabriel to Mary at Nazareth to announce that she would be the Mother of Jesus. Saint Luke records the historical event in the Gospel of Luke 1:28-38.

Each time God's people pray the Angelus, they recall the Annunciation.

Let us pray,

'God our Father, your word was made flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary.'

Tráth na gCeist don Charghas

- Cén lá a cheiliúrtar ‘An Súipéar Déanach?’
- Cearda tharla d’Íosa ar Aoine Chéasta?
- Cad a tharla do Íosa ar Domhnach Cásca?
- Cé mhéad lá a mhaireann an Charghas?
- Cathain a thosnaíonn an Charghas?
- Cen fáth gur tháinig Íosa isteach go Iarúsailéim ar an asal ar Dhomhnach na Pailme?
- Cad é an amhráin ar chan na daoine agus Íosa ag teacht ar an asal? Deirtear an paidir ag gach Aifreann.
- Ce bhí ag croitheadh craobhacha Pailme ós comhair Íosa a Dhomhnach na Pailme?
- Ceard a thug na saighdiúirí do Íosa le hiompar go Calvaire?
- Caitheann ar bhuail Máire Mhaigdiléana le hÍosa, agus é aiséirithe?
- Cathain a dúirt Íosa na focail ‘Déanaigí é seo I gcuimhne ormsa’?
- Conas a bhraith a chairde nuair a chonaic siad go raibh Íosa aiséirithe?
- Cad a tharlaíonn sa séipéal ar Chéadaoin an Luaithrigh?
- Cen fáth ar ghabh na saighdiúirí Íosa?
- Cén aspal a rinne feall ar Íosa?
- Cé mhéad uair ar shéan an aspal Peadar Íosa?
- Cár chuir cairde Íosa a chorp nuair a thóg siad síos é ón gcros?
- Ainmnigh na laethanta agus na himeachtaí a bhí ar siúl sa tSeachtain Mhór.
- Conas is féidir an tSeachtain Mhór a thabhairt chun gcuimhne agus a cheiliúradh?



Lenten Psalm of Awakening from *Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim*- Edward Hays

Come, O Life -Giving Creator,
And rattle the door latch
Of my slumbering heart.
Awaken me as you breathe upon a winter-wrapped earth,
Gently calling to life virgin Spring.
Awaken in these fortified days
Of Lenten prayer and discipline
My youthful dream of holiness.
Call me forth from the prison camp
Of my numerous past defeats
And my narrow patterns of being
To make my ordinary life extra-ordinarily alive,
Through the passion of my love.
Show to me during these Lenten days
How to take the daily things of life
And by submerging them in the sacred,
To infuse them with a great love
For you, O God and for others.
Guide me to form simple acts of love and prayer,
The real works of reform and renewal
Of this overture to the Spring of the Spirit.
O Father of Jesus, Mother of Christ,
Help me not to waste
These precious Lenten days
Of my soul's spiritual springtime.

