

## September 2024 - Calendar and Feast Days

**1 September: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8 September: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 September: St Ciaran**

**14 September: The Exaltation of the Cross**

**15 September: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**21 September: St Matthew**

**22 September: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**23 September: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

**27 September: St Vincent de Paul**

**29 September: 26 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**01 September – 04 October**

**SEASON OF CREATION 2024**



Each year from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi), the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth.

We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it.

As people of faith, we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. This is not a hope without action but one embodied in concrete actions

The theme for 2024 is “To hope and act with Creation” and the symbol is “The first fruits of hope”, inspired by Romans 8:19-25.



Season of Creation resources will be available on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

## 05 September: St. Teresa of Kolkata

*Mother Teresa (1910 – 1997) was a nun, a missionary, and founder of the Order of Missionaries of Charity, who dedicated her life to serving the poor.*

- *She was born in Skopje, Macedonia, on 26 August 1910.*
- *She entered the convent at the age of 18 and joined the Sisters of Loreto in Rathfarnham, Dublin.*
- *She wanted to help the hungry, homeless, lepers and all who felt unwanted and unloved.*
- *She started to work in the slums in India and founded the Missionaries of Charity.*
- *She opened centres for the sick, homeless, unwanted and unloved all over the world*
- *She had incredible organizational skills along with her compassion and love for humanity*
- *She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in honour of all she did to help the suffering poor*



*Quote from Mother Teresa:*

***“Not all of us can do great things.  
But we can do small things with great love.”***

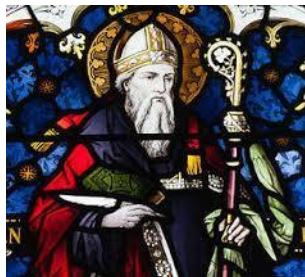
## 08 September: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*The birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary is usually celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> September, but because the eighth falls on a Sunday this year, it is not celebrated. However, it can be a reminder to us to place ourselves and our school community under the protection of Our Lady.*



### **09 September: St. Ciaran**

*St. Ciaran was born in Roscommon around (c.516 – c. 549). He came to Clonmacnoise in January 545 where he founded a monastery, which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built.*



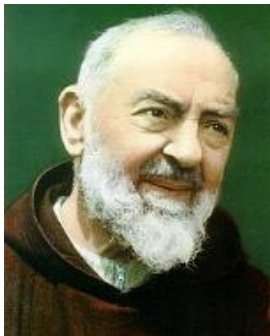
### **14 September: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

### **15 September: Our Lady of Sorrows**

*The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is usually celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, but as the fifteenth falls on a Sunday this year, it is not celebrated. However, it can be a reminder to us that Mary understands and knows suffering; she will intercede for us, and for the world, that has so much suffering. All we need to do is ask her.*



**23 September: St. Padre Pio (Pius of Pietrelcina) (1887 – 1968)**



*Quote from Padre Pio:*

***‘Pray, hope and don’t worry’***

**25 September: St. Finbarr**

*St. Finbarr (550 – 620) came to Gougane Barra and lived there as a hermit (a person who lives alone and apart from others and devote their time to prayer). When disciples (followers) gathered round him, he moved to Cork at the mouth of the River Lee where he founded a monastery, which became a famous centre of learning.*



*Gougane Barra, County Cork*



*St. Finbarr's Cathedral*

## **27 September: St. Vincent de Paul**

*Vincent de Paul (1580 – 1660) came from a poor farming family. He was very clever so his parents made many sacrifices to give him a good education. After leaving school, he became a priest.*

*At the time in France, many people were poor and hungry. Vincent spent his time comforting and supporting the poor and sick. He showed them the love of God through the acts of kindness he performed and by celebrating the sacraments with them. He always remembered what Jesus said: “Love your neighbour as yourself” and that was how he lived his life. He founded the order of priests known as the Vincentian Fathers and the Daughters of Charity. His work took him to the poorest of homes, prisons and workhouses and he treated everyone with great love and compassion.*

*Vincent was canonised in 1737 and he is known as St. Vincent de Paul. There are numerous parishes all over the world with a St. Vincent de Paul Society, which carry on his work today. Volunteers are always needed to carry on this great work.*



## *September Prayer*

*We thank you Lord, for all that was good during the summer,*

*For the love of our family and friends,*

*And for the sunshine and warm days.*

*As we begin a new school year, we ask for your help and pray your blessing  
on everybody in this school.*

*Show us how to work together for the good of all.*

*May we share our talents and abilities to the full and grow in knowledge,  
wisdom and happiness.*

*Give us the grace to become more like Jesus in the ways we think and behave.*

*During this school year, let us become builders of your ways and instruments  
of your peace.*

*We ask this school year blessing through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*