

WEEK 4

**Starting:
25th September**

WORD OF THE WEEK...

"Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his ways, and the evil man his thoughts." (Isaiah 55:6-7)

~ from Sundays readings

- *This week, we pray for all victims of the Earthquake in Mexico, and natural disasters around the world.*
- *We also pray for all students in Year 7 and their teachers, that as they celebrate their welcome liturgy, they will be blessed with every grace to succeed in their endeavours at St Paul's Academy.*

Tuesday, Feast of St Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent de Paul was a great champion of the poor and forgotten. He exemplified the great works of mercy - feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, burying the dead and giving alms to the poor.

St Paul's Academy follows the example of Saint Vincent de Paul as we continue to raise funds to help various charities.

Let us pray:

May we be channels of God's help for the poor, relief for those unwell, and comfort for the troubled. Amen.

Wednesday

Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary General of the UN (who was killed in a plane crash in September 1961), made a beautiful statement:

"What makes loneliness and anguish is not that I have no-one to share my burden, but this – I have only my own burden to bear."

Let us pray

Lord, when I am greatly in need of tenderness and support – lead me to help someone in greater need. Amen

Thursday

In the "Star Trek" science fiction series, the Vulcan greeting, is sometimes heard from Mr Spock or Ambassador Sarek: "Live long and prosper."

Let us pray:

Lord, inspire us in every moment before we speak, so that our words to others today may all be positive. Amen.

Friday, Yom Kippur

In ancient Israel, there were seven important feast days. Yom Kippur, the feast of repentance and forgiveness was one of these important feasts.

Let us pray:

"I forgive all those who may have hurt or aggravated me either physically, monetarily, or emotionally, whether unknowingly or willfully, whether accidentally or intentionally, whether in speech or in action...May no person be punished on account of me..." Amen.