***Tuesday 14th July 2020 Collective Worship – St Thomas Aquinas***

*If you can, it might help to set aside a space for prayer, light a candle to focus.*

**Collective Worship**

1. Start with the Sign of the Cross

2.Take time to read today’s Psalm: **Ps 83:4-5**

The sparrow finds a home,

and the swallow a nest for her young:

by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,

for ever singing your praise.

1. **Short Reflection**

During lockdown many of us have been cocooned with our families. Some have felt safe despite feeling a little bored at times. For others home may not have been a safe haven. The swallow would look around to make a nest for its young and to make a home to lay her eggs.

The idea here is, that the sparrows and the swallows seemed to have a happy lot; to be in a condition to be envied. Even they might come freely to the place where God was worshipped - to the very altars - and make their home there undisturbed.

How often do we make time in our lives to worship God? Some of us have made time to access Mass online. Now the churches are opening again, we could make time over the coming weeks to visit a church and say a private prayer or find out when Masses are on and attend Mass in a secure environment.

1. **Prayer:**

Let us pray for families at this time. May their homes be a place of comfort and reassurance. Over the Summer may we continue to follow Jesus’ example by showing kindness to each other and to our neighbours. Amen

**Let us bring all our prayers to our Mother Mary as we say:**

1. **Hail Mary**
*Hail Mary Full of Grace the Lord is with thee*

*Blessed art though amongst women*

*And Blessed is the fruit of Thy womb Jesus*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God*

*Pray for us sinners now*

*And at the hour of our death. Amen*

1. **School Prayer**

*Christ, you are the centre of our school community*

*Help us to live together in peace*

*Help us to love one another as you have loved us*

*Help us to learn your ways so that the truth will set us free.*

*Amen*

1. St Thomas Aquinas, Pray for us
2. Finish with the Sign of the Cross

# *Suggested song for the day: ‘Blessed’ A Hillsong Album*

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=86ODphPjmTA>