

Theme of the Week - Take nothing with you

We are now in our final week of the year and what a year it has been. We have celebrated the year of prayer, we have had time to go to the Chapel and take some time to reflect. We have come together as a school community on numerous occasions to express and live out our faith. We have been charitable in our actions and words; All in St Joseph's Catholic School made at least one sandwich for the homeless this year. We all went on a Faith Walk together and as we come to the end of the school year, it could be easy to finish up for the summer, put our feet up and rest but Sunday's Gospel is all about Mission!

The theme of Sunday's readings are Mission, the call and the sending out of us and others to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, we have the story of Jesus sending out the Disciples as his missionaries, telling them to travel light, they are not to be weighed down with possessions, nor should they take money. They have to carry the missionary word of Jesus. That is enough. That is the only necessity they are to carry.

The Disciples were not to rely on their own resources but on the authority that had been given to them by God and the kindness of those they met on their way. It is the same for us. Being that vulnerable makes the message our real resource. They, like us, have to rely on the power and authority given to us. Only then can we have our minds on the job of living the Christian life and bringing others to Christ. We have but to live simply, trust in Jesus and spread Jesus' message of the Good News. We are called to be Jesus to others. If we cannot imagine doing so now, it is something for us to grow towards, something to aim for as we grow stronger and more mature within the sheltering embrace of our homes, families and friends. As followers of Christ, carriers of Christ's message, we can pray together for the courage and the strength to carry out our mission in the world, and to leave behind the things that don't matter.

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Weekly Reflections
14th July 2024



A reading from the Gospel of St Mark 6:7-13

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,

Thank you for our journey this year at St Joseph's. May all we have learnt be shared to others we encounter this summer so we too can be true disciples of you.

Through Christ our Lord

Amen

Day 1

Over the course of the year, we have lived out our mission of '**Unlocking Belief in All**'. Can you list all the ways you have been able to do this?

Day 2

We are all missionaries of Christ and we illustrate this through our school virtues. Name the 16 virtues and state how you have shown these this year?

Day 3

As you embark on your well-earned summer break, how can you demonstrate our mission to all your encounter?

