

Miracle



Weekly Reflections
29th September 2024
26th Sunday in Ordinary time



From the Gospel of Mark (9: 38-43, 45, 47-48)

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God,

Help us to recognise our unity in Christ with all your people in every place, and to understand that whatever may divide us, whatever we may disagree about, it should never destroy the fellowship we share. We have called ourselves your family, help us to be a family united.

In Christ our Lord

Amen

Day 1

Can you remember what the term 'Paschal mystery' means?
What does the word 'Metaphor' mean?
How does Jesus use the body as a metaphor for the Church?

Day 2

Why do you think Jesus uses such strong language to describe why we should rid ourselves of sin?
Can you give an example of in-fighting within the Christian faith?

Day 3

Which aspects of your life may need to be pruned in order for you to flourish in your faith and become even closer to God?

Catholic Social Teaching - The Common Good

Our actions have an impact on everyone.

When we make decisions, we should consider the good of all.

The common good is about respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people and leaving no one behind.

"Beside the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of 'all of us'...To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity."

Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate,

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We work to build a world where everyone, including the earth, can flourish. Ultimately, no one can truly flourish if another person is hungry, lost or abandoned, nor can humankind flourish while our common home is degraded and exploited for the good of the few.

How this half term can you promote the Common Good in all that you do in St Joseph's and society?

Catholic Social Teaching



What is Catholic Social Teaching (CST)?

Catholic Social teaching (CST) is the Catholic doctrines on human dignity and the common good that influence everything a Catholic or Catholic organisation like St Joseph's should do. Written by Popes and other leading Catholics these writing are usually referred to as Encyclicals examining social issues that affect society such as hunger, conflict, workers rights and the environment in the light of Scripture.

Where does it come from?

Jesus's teaching, from the teaching of famous Catholic thinkers (such as Augustine and Aquinas) and through the Church's teaching authority through Popes. Catholic Social teaching examines scriptures and places it in the modern world to show how we should treat one another through the Word of Jesus

What are the different themes and how many are there?

There are 7 key principles to Catholic Social teaching. These are:

Catholic Social Teaching Principle	
The Common good	Solidarity
Preferential option for the poor	Peace
Dignity of work and Participation	Stewardship
Human Dignity	

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Over the course of the school year we will learn the principles and beliefs behind them in more depth but also live them out in all we do. We hope you can demonstrate each principle on a daily basis but during a given half term a certain principle will be highlighted so all can strive to learn and live out.

Term	Catholic Social Teaching Principle
Autumn Term 1	The Common good
Autumn Term 2	Preferential option for the poor
Spring Term 1	Dignity of work and Participation
Spring Term 2	Solidarity
Summer Term 1	Peace
Summer Term 2	Stewardship

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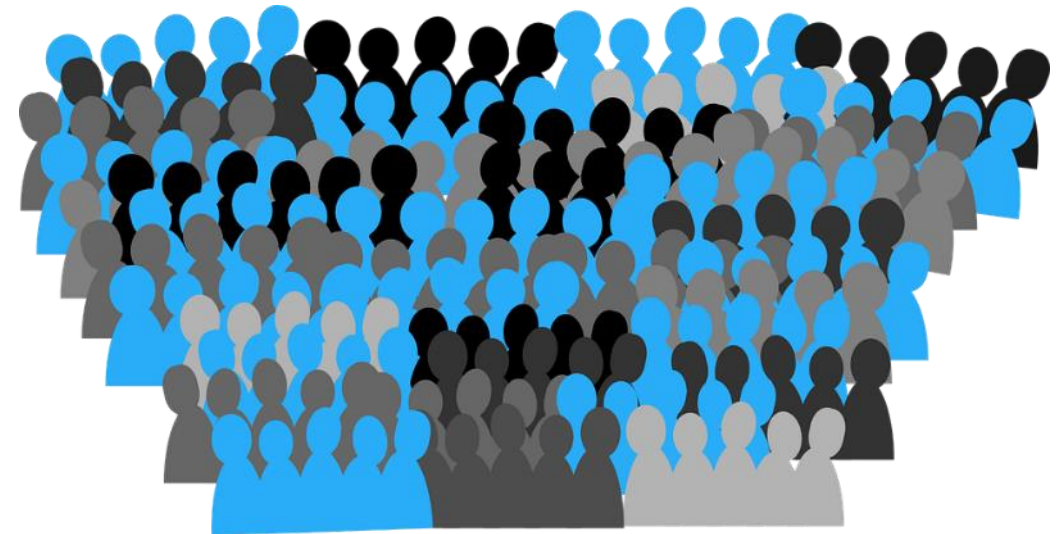
'Be dreamers [who] believe in a new humanity, one that rejects hatred between peoples, one that refuses to see borders as barriers.'

Pope Francis

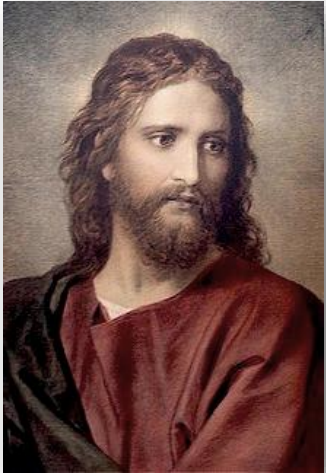
'Young people, don't be observers of life, get involved.'

Immerse yourself in the reality of life as Jesus did.'

Pope Francis



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Some people came carrying a paralysed man on a stretcher, and they tried to put him in front of Jesus.

Because of the crowd they could find no way to take him into the house.

So they carried him up on the roof, made an opening in the tiles, and let him down into the middle of the group in front of Jesus.

When Jesus saw how much faith they had, he said to the man, 'Your sins are forgiven, my friend... get up, pick up your bed, and go home!'

Gospel of Luke 5:18-24

God help us to build community, to deepen our friendship and compassion, especially for the forgotten and the lonely. God help us to build unity and peace, With other peoples, religions and nations. Bind us together with your love and joy. Help us to follow your Son's words and actions, to do all we can to build your kingdom of justice and mercy.

We make this prayer through Christ, Your Son.

Amen

How can you demonstrate the Common Good this half term?



Support your class
in their studies

Pick up litter

Celebrate
someone's
successes

Do a charitable
act

Be positive to those
around you

Take part in
a school
activity

**The Common Good at
St Joseph's and in
society**

Talk to someone in
your class you
don't normally talk
too

Help a
neighbour

Support your
siblings at
home

Put the needs of
the poor first

Help your parents with
the chores at home

Help out at Open
Evening

Unlocking Belief In All