



'Let's begin with a prayer...' 2023/24

Week Commencing: Monday 20th November 2023
33rd Week of Ordinary Time- Year A

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THEME FOR THE WEEK:
'Being a good example to others.'

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE
LINKED BHCET VIRTUE

Confidence
Resilience

Mathew 25:14,19-21
'You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness.'

WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:
20TH UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY
25TH INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:
21st Nov, Presentation of the BVM, 22nd St Cecilia Remembrance Day
Para Liturgy on Christ the King, Reflection on the Presentation of the BVM- Vocation
St Cecilia 22nd, St Andrew Dung Lac and Comps 24th, (Use www.catholic.org.uk for resources for Youth Sunday)
A Special service to celebrate musicians on Feast of St Cecilia
(Preparations in school for Advent- Wreaths and Trees ordered, Purple Prayer Focuses prepared for next week)
YOUTH FRIDAY IN THE DIOCESE IN PREP FOR CHRIST THE KING- YOUTH SUNDAY 26th

Feria

In the Gospel at Mass yesterday, we hear the parable of the talents. The Servant given 5 coins used them wisely, invested and made five more. This parable teaches us that we must use the gifts and talents that God gives us for the building up of His Kingdom. We pray that we might open our eyes to the gifts we have been given and use them wisely for the good of our community, Church and world.

Amen

Thursday-

Lord, Make us more like your Son, the One who treated all as equals. Keep our hearts and minds open so that we are never afraid of things outside our comfort zone. Give us the courage to listen, and the ability to accept things that are different. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who welcomed all without fear or preconceived ideas.

Amen

TUESDAY-

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord of Love

On this Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we thank you for her example of faith and devotion. Like her, may we be open to your will and ready to serve you.

Bless all families and guide young people in wisdom and holiness. May we find inspiration in Mary's upbringing. Just as Joachim and Anne presented Her to You in thanksgiving, we give thanks for the young ones in our care, celebrating their gifts. Through her intercession, may we follow her example of surrender to your divine plan. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Friday-

As we approach Christ the King and National Youth Sunday we reflect on the words of Pope Francis to Young people:

"Keep following your hopes and dreams. But be careful about one temptation that can hold us back. It is anxiety. Anxiety can work against us by making us give up whenever we do not see instant results. Our best dreams are only attained through hope, patience and commitment, and not in haste. At the same time, we should not be hesitant, afraid to take chances or make mistakes" (No. 142).

"Dear young people, make the most of these years of your youth. Don't observe life from a balcony. Don't confuse happiness with an armchair, or live your life behind a screen. ... Give yourselves over to the best of life!" (No. 143).

May we inspire, lead and guide our young people to become saints. Christ our King, we place all our trust in you Amen.

Wednesday

The Feast of St Cecilia (Patron Saint of Musicians)

Lord, let all musicians be instruments in tune with your perfect will; May they play your melody, yet know when to be still. May all who listen to music feel your presence, Lord, and recognise You in every note and chord.

Amen

St Cecilia, Pray for us!