



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

Week Commencing: Monday 29th January 2024
The Fourth Week of Ordinary Time- Year B

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THEME FOR THE WEEK:
'Jesus teaches us.'

LINKED CST PRINCIPLE
Resilience

LINKED BHCET VIRTUE
Self Belief

4TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
'Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.'
Mark 1:21-28

WORLD RELIGIONS AND CULTURAL EVENTS:
BUDDHISM 30TH MAHAYANNA NEW YEAR

FEAST DAYS AND MEMORIALS THIS WEEK:
30th St John Bosco, Patron of Catholic Educators, 2nd Feb The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 3rd St Blaise Para Liturgy for Presentation involving blessing of Class Candles)

Monday

Feria

In the Gospel yesterday, Jesus goes to the synagogue and begins to teach. 'His teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught with authority.'

We pray that we might teach the young people in our care through words and actions, about the boundless love that the Lord has for each of them. Amen.

TUESDAY-

Feria

Hope can instill in us so many things, hope brings new life. When life takes a wrong turn and we find ourselves in darkness, we must always cling to hope and pray for the light to return. †

Lord, open our eyes to see the broken in this world. Guide us to bring hope to the hopeless. Amen

wednesday

St John Bosco (Don Bosco)

St John Bosco had a great love for young people he believed in educating the whole person, mind, body and soul. He spent his life empowering the young to believe in themselves and to know that they are special and capable of greatness. St John Bosco believed that every young person held a gift and that we all hold the responsibility to find and nurture that gift.

Loving Lord, help us to nurture the students in our care. When faced with challenges, give us the strength and courage to face each day with a new sense of hope. Amen

'Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved...you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them'.- Don Bosco

Thursday-

Feria

We are moulded, each one of us, in the image of God, and within our souls there is a fingerprint none can erase. We pray for those who have no regard for anyone but self, who put no value on human life. For nations and individuals who abuse and kill. We are not called to be judge or jury, but we are called to be agents of change, and if the butterfly that flaps its wings should be our attitude to others then so be it, Lord, and may the hurricane this generates somewhere within the world reach into the hearts and souls of those for whom we pray, and reveal to them how precious are those for whom they have no love, and how precious are they who now bring tears to the eyes of God. Amen. - John Birch

Friday-

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass)

Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. It was 40 days after the birth of Jesus that his parents presented him to God the Father in the Temple in Jerusalem. At his Presentation in the Temple, Jesus was recognised for who he was by two people - Simeon and Anna. They were elderly and had spent their lives growing closer to God. Now they meet him face to face and recognise him in their midst. Because Simeon referred to Jesus as the one who brings light to all nations, candles are lit this day to signify the light of Christ and the light his love will bring. The response to each prayer is: **May your light be reflected in us** Lord Jesus, 40 days after your birth you were taken to the Temple and presented by your parents to God our Father. Make us aware that we are the Temple of your Holy Spirit who lives in us. **May your light be reflected in us.** Simeon's eyesight grew dim, but he recognised who you were. Open our eyes that we may always recognise you in our midst. **May your light be reflected in us** Simeon prophesied that Mary would be pierced to the heart. As Mary stayed with Jesus in his suffering, we pray that we may help those who are part of our lives. **May your light be reflected in us.** You said that you are the light of the world. **May your light be reflected in us**