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Dear Lord, Fill our lives with JOY Fill our lives with LOVE Fill our lives with **PEACE** We give thanks to you for the gift of life. Give us the courage to live life to the full. Amen























Tuesday's Mission 3rd September





In the Gospel this week, Jesus is talking about what is important. He talks about Jewish traditions and customs and explains how they often distracted people from who Jesus really was.

We follow lots of rules and they are all important, but the most important rule is to be kind to everyone, say kind words and think kind thoughts.

In a world where you can be anything, be kind.



Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year. Amen

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WONDER WEDNESDAY 4th September





Our Father,

Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil



Pope Francis has asked us to pray more this year in preparation for the Jubilee year in 2025.

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, he taught them the words of the Our Father.

So let us all say this together.









THANKFUL THURSDAY 5th September



Today is the feast of one of our school Saints, St Teresa of Kolkata



Let us Pray

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Saint Teresa of Kolkata, Jesus called you to bring the light of His love to those who live in darkness.

By tender, loving care for the poorest and the neediest, you became the sign of God's presence, His love and compassion in the midst of suffering and pain.

Following your example, help us to recognize the face of Jesus in everyone we meet and to serve Him with humility and joy.

Teach us to be carriers of God's tender love and mercy and so bear witness that God still loves the world through each one of us.

Amen.

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Francis Friday 6th September – Season of Creation





Let Us Pray

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God of love and life, restore us to your peace, renew us through your power and teach us to love all that you have created and to care for the earth as your gift and our home.

Amen

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Additional Resources







Gospel

7 Some Pharisees and teachers of the Law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. ² They noticed that some of his disciples were eating their food with hands that were ritually unclean—that is, they had not washed them in the way the Pharisees said people should. (³ For the Pharisees, as well as the rest of the Jews, follow the teaching they received from their ancestors: they do not eat unless they wash their hands in the proper way; ⁴ nor do they eat anything that comes from the market unless they wash it first. ^[a] And they follow many other rules which they have received, such as the proper way to wash cups, pots, copper bowls, and beds. ^[b])

⁵So the Pharisees and the teachers of the Law asked Jesus, "Why is it that your disciples do not follow the teaching handed down by our ancestors, but instead eat with ritually unclean hands?" ⁶Jesus answered them, "How right Isaiah was when he prophesied about you! You are hypocrites, just as he wrote:

'These people, says God, honor me with their words, but their heart is really far away from me.

⁷ It is no use for them to worship me,

because they teach human rules as though they were my laws!'

8 "You put aside God's command and obey human teachings."

¹⁴ Then Jesus called the crowd to him once more and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand. ¹⁵ There is nothing that goes into you from the outside which can make you ritually unclean. Rather, it is what comes out of you that makes you unclean."

²¹ For from the inside, from your heart, come the evil ideas which lead you to do immoral things, to rob, kill, ²² commit adultery, be greedy, and do all sorts of evil things; deceit, indecency, jealousy, slander, pride, and folly— ²³ all these evil things come from inside you and make you unclean."





