

Weekly Theme

W/C 21st November 2016



“Our hopes and Dreams”

Luke 23:35-43

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

There was a written notice above him, which read: "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who hung there, hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom"

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

This week is the last week in the Church's year. Next week we begin the season of Advent a time in which we prepare ourselves for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

This week we celebrate Jesus as "Christ the King". The feast of Christ the King reminds us that the risen Jesus will come again in glory at the end of the world.

The feast of Christ the king is also known as "Youth Sunday" When we celebrate in our young people who are our hope for the future.

In July this Year Pope Francis celebrated Mass in Krakow in Poland with millions young people from across all the continents of our world. Below is part of his closing address to the young people of the world.

"Today, I would like each of us to ask sincerely: in whom do we place our trust? In ourselves, in material things, or in Jesus? We are all tempted to put ourselves at the centre, to think that we alone build our lives or that our life can only be happy if built on possessions, money, or power. But it is not so. Certainly, possessions, money and power can give a momentary thrill, the

illusion of being happy, but they end up possessing us and making us always want to have more, never satisfied. "Put on Christ" in your life, place your trust in him and you will never be disappointed!

Prayer

Father, all powerful God of love, you raised Jesus from death to life and he is now with you in glory, as King of Creation.

May all the world rejoice in his peace, glory in his justice and live in his love.

Amen

Form Tutor:

This week we want to simply celebrate the achievements of our young people

Day One

Tutor:

Read Scripture

Student Prayer:

Loving Lord, today we invite you to be the King of our lives, lead us today towards your truth.

Amen.

St John Plessington
Pray for us

Day 2

Think about: The society in which we live.

Tutor:

Today we would like you to read the first paragraph from the extract of the Pope Francis's Homily to the young people of the world on world Youth Day.

Where and in whom do our young people put their trust today?

Student prayer

Dear Lord, help us to look for the truth in our world today.

Amen

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Day 3

Think about: The world in which we live.

Tutor:

Pope Francis has asked each one of us to be "Christ" in our world today. In what ways can we "Put on Christ"?

Student Prayer

Lord, inspire me to give of my best and make good use of the talents you have given me.

Amen .

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Day Four

Think about our college community

Tutor

How can we be a witness to the gospel of Jesus here in our college community?

Do we want to be? Or are we worried that people will mock us?

How could we start to be witnesses in simple ways?

Student Prayer

God our loving Father, help us to be faithful to you even when it's really hard too.

Amen.

St John Plessington
Pray for us.

Day Five

Think about our families

Tutor

Think today about how we can be a good role model to our younger brothers and sister or the younger members of our extended families?.

Student Prayer

Lord help me to the right decisions in life, may I always inspire others to give of their best as well.

Amen.

St John Plessington
Pray for us

Other Prayers you may wish to use this week

Prayer to Christ the King

based on the Roman Missal

God of love,
you have raised our Lord Jesus Christ from death to life,
the glorious King of creation.

Open our hearts,
free all the world to rejoice in his peace,

to glory in his justice, to live in his love.
Bring us all together in Jesus your Son,
whose kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.

Amen

The hope of God's Kingdom

from Iona Abbey Worship Book

O God, you have set before us a great hope
that your kingdom will come on earth,
and have taught us to pray for its coming:
make us ready to thank you for the signs of its dawning,
and to pray and work for the perfect day
when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen

May your kingdom come

Christ of compassion: may your kingdom come!
Healer of all hurt: may your kingdom come!
Light of the world: may your kingdom come!
Mighty God: may your kingdom come!
Faithful companion: may your kingdom come!
Jesus our friend: may your kingdom come!

Amen

To recognise in others

Grant me to recognise in others, Lord God,
the radiance of your own face.

Together as brothers and sisters

God our Father,
extend our horizons,
widen our vision,
and remind us how inter-connected we are
as your sons and daughters.
Breathe your Spirit into us
that we may live more truly
as brothers and sisters

of one another.
Amen.

