

Weekly Theme

W/C 5th September 2016



“Our Core Values”

Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

The Catholic school has been called "an Oasis" a place, in the desert of this world, where people can experience the loving care and values taught by Jesus. Often in our towns and cities life can be hard and dangerous but the catholic school should strive to be a community where there are higher values, where each individual is accepted with love

As we grow closer to God, we see that all is gift: people, loved ones, the environment, wealth and goods. As we learn to approach them in that light, we learn to see ourselves as lavishly gifted. We learn to be grateful. We learn to respect. We begin to experience true freedom.

That is what Jesus is always teaching about – not imposing burdens, but setting us free. But we need, perhaps, to grow in wisdom if we are to see it.

Being a Christian Community makes a difference, or it isn't Christian or Catholic!

Prayer

God our Father, draw us into the circle of your life and love, that our eyes may be opened to the wonders of this life that you give us, and our hearts to one another.

Amen

Form Tutor

The aim of this week's theme:

We want our students to think about and discuss why they belong to a catholic school.

Day One

Tutor:

Read Scripture

Student Prayer:

Heavenly Father, bless each member of our college family today.

Amen

St John Plessington
Pray for us

Day 2

Think about: The society in which we live.

Tutor:

Think about what is going on in the news this week, where is there "Good News" happening? Where and how are people responding to the call of Jesus?

Student prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for all who follow you and your teaching, help them to bring about change in the lives of others.

Amen

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Day 3

Think about: The world in which we live.

Tutor:

Today, think about all those who work in the "Caring Professions", Doctors Nurses, Ambulance Personnel and all who help others in their daily lives. Make a list of as many caring jobs that involve people who help others.

Student prayer

Loving Father, today we pray for all those who work looking after others. May those for they care see in their faces the face of Jesus himself.

Amen

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Day Four

Think about our college community

Tutor

Today we want you to think all those who care for and keep us safe in our college community. Think of the jobs that these people do and how they enable us to be a part of an outstanding community.

Student prayer

Loving Lord thank you for the people who around me today, who keep me safe and who witness to you in our college community.

Amen.

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Day Five

Think about our families

Tutor

In our families it's not just our parents who care for us and keep us safe. Think about the other members of your family who follow the example of Jesus in the practical things that they do for you each day.

Student Prayer

Lord, thank you for all the members of my family. Thank you for their love and support.

Amen

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Other prayers you may like to use this week

God our Father,
make us joyful
in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we follow him into the new creation,
for his ascension is our glory and our hope.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Eternal and gracious God,
we believe your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to have ascended with triumph
into your kingdom in heaven;
may we also in heart and mind
ascend to where he is,
and with him continually dwell;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.

Amen.

Be, Lord Jesus, a bright flame before me,
a guiding star above me,
a smooth path below me,
a kindly shepherd behind me:
today, tonight, and forever.

Amen.

Lead me, Lord,
to recognise you
in the person beside me.

Amen.

