

# **Weekly Theme**

**W/C 13th February 2017**



**“Making up”**



## **Matthew 5: 21-24**

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘I hate you,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

In the heat of the moment, it is sometimes so difficult to choose not to answer back, Not to repay the first insult with worse, not to raise a fist in protest. How much easier it is at times to end a friendship rather than persevere in healing the “injuries” inflicted on each other. And how hard it is to admit our own fault, to take responsibility for our own hasty words, thoughtless actions or the things we have failed to do!

As a Catholic, Christian community, we believe that each person is created in the image and likeness of God. They have the spirit of God living in them. That is why we have the words “Faithful to Christ” embroidered onto our college badge as a reminder of what we are called to be to those we meet. We only have to look at our television screens or read the newspaper to see what horrors can happens when people to respect and value each other as children of God.

Peace begins with us it spreads to our family and friends. It becomes the glue that binds our community together and it has the capacity to transform the world.

**Father in Heaven, your loving plan for us, took flesh in Jesus your Son and changed the history of our world.**

**May we be inspired by that same love to seek to do your will today.**

**Amen**

## **Form Tutor**

The aim of the week:

To explore how we can live in peace and harmony with each other, and sometimes that begins with the need to have to say the word sorry.

## **Day 1**

### **Tutor:**

Read Scripture

### **Student Prayer**

Lord, today make me an instrument of your peace.

Amen.

## **Day 2**

Think about the society in which we live.

### **Tutor:**

"Living in peace is about living harmoniously with yourself and other people. Living in peace is both an outward and an inward process. Outwardly, living in peace is a way of life in which we respect and love each other in spite of our cultural, religious, and political differences. Inwardly, we all need to search our hearts and minds and understand the fear that causes the impulse to violence, for in continuing to ignore the rage within, the storm outside will never subside."

### **Student Prayer**

Lord, today where there is hatred let me bring love.

Amen

### **Day 3**

Think about the world in which we live

#### **Tutor:**

Global military expenditure today stands at over \$1.7 trillion per year. Can you begin to imagine what this figure actually means? Imagine if the peoples of this world could live in peace and harmony with each other, then this amount of money could eradicate poverty, and the lack of food and water for every person forever.

#### **Student Prayer.**

Lord, help me to give of myself today, without counting the cost.

Amen

### **Day 4**

Think about our community

#### **Tutor**

Turning the other cheek is a really hard thing to do, when somebody has hurt or upset us, but this is what Jesus is asking us to do in this week's Gospel. Every time we say the words of the "Our Father" together, we say "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." If we expect forgiveness when we get things wrong, we have to be able to forgive other people as well. That's what being a member of a faith community is really all about.

#### **Student Prayer**

Lord, where there is injury let me bring your forgiveness.

Amen.

## **Day 5**

Think about our family

### **Tutor**

Sometimes it takes just one thoughtless action by somebody to bring about upset in a family. What can we do to help resolve the situation?

### **Students prayer**

Lord, help each member of my family to live in peace with each other.

Amen

### **Other prayers you may like to use**

God be in my head  
and in my understanding.  
God be in my eyes  
and in my looking.  
God be in my mouth  
and in my speaking.  
God be in my heart  
and in my thinking.  
God be at my end  
and at my departing

Amen

Lord, inspire me to give of my best  
and make good use  
of the talents you have given me.  
Show me how to be positive in attitude,  
appreciating and valuing others,  
always being ready to encourage  
and give praise.  
Sometimes I draw conclusions about people  
in terms of what I think  
is meant by "success" and "failure",  
but the "failure" of one person  
might count as a great "success"

of someone with other talents.  
Lead me never to judge people  
but to accept others as they are,  
knowing that it is together,  
each with our differences,  
that we build up your Kingdom.

Amen

Lord Jesus,  
I give you my hands to do your work.  
I give you my feet to go your way.  
I give you my eyes to see as you do.  
I give you my tongue to speak your words.  
I give you my mind that you may think in me.  
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.  
Above all,  
I give you my heart that you may love in me  
your Father and all mankind.  
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,  
so that it is you, Lord Jesus,  
who live and work and pray in me.

Amen

Lord, I commit my failures  
as well as my successes  
into your hands,  
and I bring for your healing  
the people and the situations,  
the wrongs and the hurts  
of the past.  
Give me courage, strength and generosity  
to let go and move on,  
leaving the past behind me,  
and living the present to the full.  
Lead me always to be positive  
as I 'entrust the past to your mercy,  
the present to your love,  
and the future to your providence."

Amen

