

# St John Plessington Catholic College

### **Thought for the week** Week Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

### "Be content and do your best even when things aren't going your way."

Joel Osteen



Pope Francis tells us:

I would encourage you to keep in mind all those around us trapped in the cycle of poverty. They too need to be given hope.



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#### Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 "it's not Fair."

The aim of this weeks them is to encourage our students to think about the distribution of wealth and resources in our world and the choices we can make to bring about change.



We are normally very quick to say "It's not fair." particularly if we feel that somebody is receiving more than us. Surely the millions of poor people in our world must think the same when they hear about all the luxuries that we in the rich nations have. It's not just that we have more than them; it is also the unfair trading conditions that the rich nations impose. It is also the huge debt crisis that we create in the poorest countries in our world a their peoples struggle to survive. We should perhaps listen carefully to this weeks scripture reading.

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018



James 5:1-6

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.