



St John Plessington Catholic College

Aspire
not to
have more
but to be
more
Archbishop Emeritus

Thought for the week Week Commencing 28th January 2019

“You're imperfect, and you're wired for struggle,
but you are worthy of love and belonging.”

Brene Brown

Pope Francis tells us:

“Since many of you do not belong to the Catholic Church and others are non-believers, from the bottom of my heart I give this silent blessing to each and every one of you, respecting the conscience of each one of you but knowing that each one of you is a child of God.”





Abstract

"Belonging"

If we were very honest with ourselves, every single person on this planet would have to admit that he or she longs for a place to belong. We search all our lives for a place to call home. As Christians we believe that as well as belonging to our own family we are also a part of God's family and that makes us brothers and sisters of each other.





Holocaust Memorial Day 2019: **Torn from home**



27th January 2019

The theme for HMD 2019: Torn from home encourages each one of us to reflect on how the enforced loss of a safe place to call 'home' and people we call "family" is part of the trauma faced by anyone experiencing persecution and genocide. 'Home' and "family" usually means a place of safety, comfort and security.



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Monday 28th January 2019



1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

Monday 28th January 2019



Paired Speaking Question

What do you think it means to say that the Church is the Body of Christ?

Class Speaking Challenge:

What does this mean for Christians? What do we, the Church, need to do?

•Class Discussion:

List all the different roles in the Church that are needed for it to function fully.

Exit Pass:

In your opinion, which role in the Church is the most important?

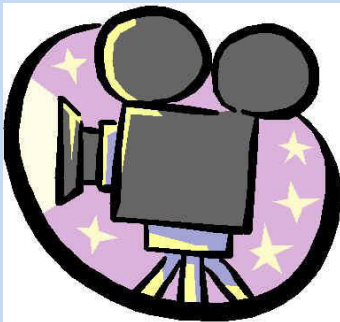
Tuesday 29th January 2019



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We are the body of Christ, each serving as one part of the larger body. No part is more or less important than the other.

What do you think this means?



God, help us in all our interactions with one another to have humble and gentle hearts. Grant us patience for one another, bearing with one another in love. Grant the Body of Christ unity. May we walk humbly with You, God, allowing You to show us our wrongs.

Amen

St John Plessington

Pray for us

Wednesday 30th January 2019



Time to
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Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do
good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all
the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
— *Teresa of Ávila*

What can we do to act as the Body of Christ
on earth?

How can we show our faith in action?

Thursday 31st January 2019



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We are the body of Christ. What would it look like if we all did our own thing?



Heavenly Father, Thank you for making me part of Your body. It is my desire to be an active part of Your church by serving, promoting unity, and sharing my faith with others. Give me opportunities to accomplish these things for Your glory! Use me Lord.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

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Pray for us

Friday 1st February 2019



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What do we give our lives to see?

Dear God,

Grant us the patience to work together. Bring us all together as a family. Let us work together with understanding and compassion in our hearts. Let us not be rude or arrogant towards one another, as we light the way to your heavenly kingdom.

Amen

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