



St John Plessington Catholic College

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more...

Archbishop Romero

Thought for the week Week Commencing 29th October 2018

“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens
of another.”

— Charles Dickens



Pope Francis tells us:

“We all have the duty to do good.”



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Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 29th October 2018 “Faithful to Christ.”

The aim of this weeks them is to encourage our students to think about what a faith in Christ can bring to them.



Monday 29th October 2018



Mark 10:46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging.

When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”

Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

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Paired Speaking Question

How often have you lost your patience with someone?

Class Speaking Challenge:

Why do you think people were getting fed up with Bartimaeus?

Class Discussion:

Should we think of others situations/circumstances before we are quick to judge?

Exit Pass:

What do you think it means to be 'faithful to Christ'?

Tuesday 30th October 2018



Time to
THINK

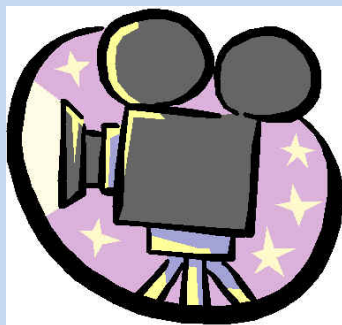


What is Faith?

What does it mean to have blind faith vs true faith?

How do we build our faith or get stronger faith?

As we understand God's word, and see how he moved, and continues to move in history and our lives, living day by day having real faith, can be easy.



Holy Lord,

Thank You for grace.

Please help me move beyond the hurdles that trip me up and give me the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope I run toward in Christ. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Pray for us

Wednesday 31st October 2018



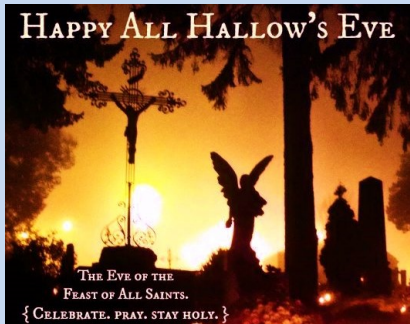
Today is Halloween!

Formerly known as All Hallows Eve. Let's have a look at it's history!

Many recipes and traditions have come down for this evening, "All Hallows' Eve", such as pancakes, boxty bread and boxty pancakes, barmbrack (Irish fruit bread with hidden charms), colcannon (combination of cabbage and boiled potatoes).

This was also known as "Nutcrack Night" in England, where the family gathered around the hearth to enjoy cider and nuts and apples.

In England "soul cakes" were another traditional food. People would go begging for a "soul cake" and promise to pray for the donor's departed friends and family in exchange for the treat, an early version of today's "Trick or Treat."



**Dear Lord,
Let us pray for those friends and family who have
departed. May they rest in peace. Amen
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Thursday 1st November 2018

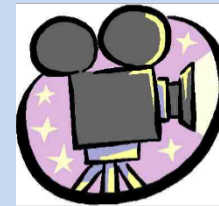


Today is All Saints' Day.

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on 1st November. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven.

“We celebrate today the solemnity of All Saints. This invites us to turn our gaze to the immense multitude of those who have already reached the blessed land, and points us on the path that will lead us to that destination.”

Pope John Paul II, All Saints' Day 2003



**Why do you think it is important to remember the saints of the Church?
Can you name any?**

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven.

Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ.

Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did.

Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours.

Amen. St John Plessington. Pray for us.

Friday 2nd November 2018

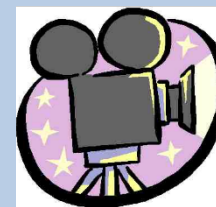


Today is All Souls' Day.

All Souls' Day is marked on **2nd November**, directly following All Saints' Day, and is an opportunity for Roman Catholics to commemorate the faithful departed. They remember and pray for the souls of people who are in Purgatory - the place (or state) in which those who have died atone for their less grave sins before being granted the vision of God in Heaven.

"For the souls in purgatory, waiting for eternal happiness and for meeting the Beloved is a source of suffering, because of the punishment due to sin which separates them from God. But there is also the certitude that once the time of purification is over, the souls will go to meet the One it desires."

Letter of Pope John Paul II for Millennium of All Souls' Day



What do you understand purgatory to be? Why is All Souls' Day something to be remembered?

Prayer

My God,
bestow Thy blessings and Thy mercies on all persons and on those souls in Purgatory for whom I am in charity, gratitude, or friendship bound and have the desire to pray. Amen
St John Plessington. Pray for us