



St John Plessington Catholic College

Thought for the week
Week Commencing 24th September 2018

“In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds.”

Henri Nouwen



Pope Francis tells us:

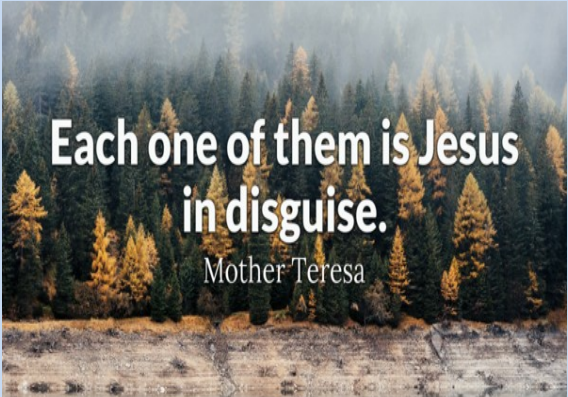
Hatred is not to be carried in the name of God! War is not to be waged in the name of God.



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Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 24th September 2018 Saying No to violence

The aim of this weeks them is to think about the violence in our world and how we can live peacefully together.



Each one of them is Jesus
in disguise.

Mother Teresa

Violence breeds violence, Jesus would never tolerate it. He stopped his disciples arguing. He stopped Peter using his sword and he died a victim of violence. In a Christian community like ours there should be no place for any form of violence; and that includes people with attitudes and violent language and bullying. Major world conflicts can grow from people falling out with each other.

Monday 24th September 2018



James 3:16-4:3

Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish conniving. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.

Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honour.

Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it.

You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way.

Monday 24th September 2018

Paired Speaking Question

Think about a time when you chose love and forgiveness instead of anger and revenge. How did you benefit from responding like this?

Class Speaking Challenge:

Who has helped you find peace in a difficult or troubled time?

Class Discussion:

Are there any people or situations that you need to bring love, peace and healing to?

Exit Pass:

Tell me how can you be a sign of love today?



Time to
THINK

ORACY:

THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY
USING SPOKEN LANGUAGE.

Tuesday 25th September 2018

Violent crime can be a way of life for some people while others play violent games. Why do you think people are drawn into violence?

[Video](#)



Jesus said, “My peace I give you, my peace I leave for you.” Help us to be peacemakers in our society today.

Amen.

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Pray for us



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Wednesday 26th September 2018

So Just what are our responsibilities for the peoples of the world? Should we get involved in their problems? Are we concerned for them? Or do we just turn off the television and ignore them?

*In the parable of the sheep and goats
Matthew 25: 31-46, Jesus tells us that one day we will
have to account for the things that we have done in our
lives*

[Video](#)



Loving Father, help me not to be afraid of what others will think or say about me when I stand up for what is right.

Amen.

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Pray for us.

Thursday 27th September 2018

We can make choices to live peacefully when others use violent words towards. We can always turn the other cheek. It might be hard not to respond to violent words with the same violent words of our own.

[Video](#)



Dear Jesus, help me to turn the other cheek when others use violent words towards me. Enable me to bring peace into the lives of others in my college community.

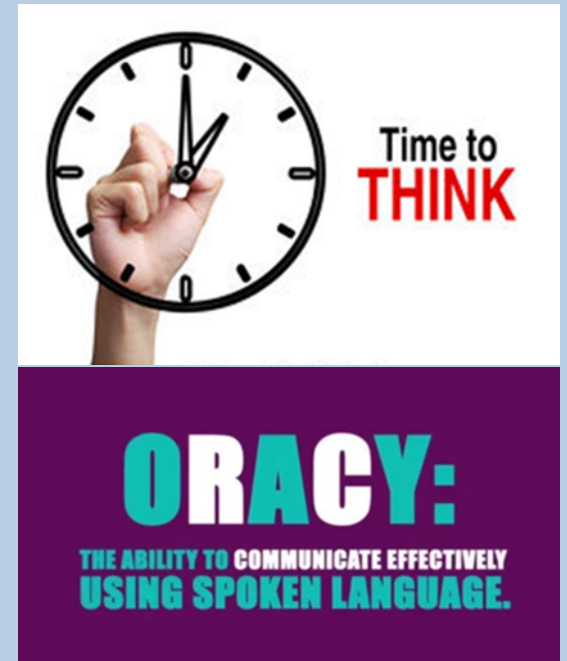
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Friday 28th September 2018

How often do we lash out at home and hit a younger brother or sister when they annoy or upset us? What message do you think that really gives them?



[Video](#)



Lord, help me to be a good example to those who look up to me.

Amen.

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