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Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 10th February 2020 “Being a good example”

“There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”
Edith Wharton



Pope Francis tells us:

“A good example brings about so much good, but hypocrisy brings about so much evil.”



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When Jesus tells His disciples, “You are the salt of the earth.” He wasn’t speaking about that white stuff in a shaker on the table. He was speaking about wisdom. In Roman times salt was associated with being rich. Slaves were often purchased for salt. The expression, “He’s not worth his salt,” is based on this.

When Jesus speaks about salt, He is speaking about something that gives us value. And what gives us value is that which we have received from God. That is wisdom. This wisdom, this salt, is a new way of life, far different from the values of the world





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The values of the world, are selfishness. “Life revolves around me,” the world says. “Take care of number one,” the world teaches. But this false wisdom, leads only to frustration, fear and despair, that you have wasted your time.

“You are the light of the world,” Jesus tells us. Our light must shine as an example to others. We have a responsibility to others. We have been given the wisdom of God. We have a responsibility to let them experience this wisdom. We need to care for others.

Our light should shine by being a good example to those who are around us, all we have to do is to have the courage to follow the example given to us by Jesus in the way in which he lived his life.





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Father, watch over us, for we are your family.
Keep us safe from harm.
May no action or thought of our hurt others;
for you love each of them, as you love us.
Amen.

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Form Tutors:

The aim of this week's theme:

We want to explore this week the benefits of being a good example to other by the way we live our lives and the things that we do and say to others.



Monday 10th February 2020



Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its salty taste, it cannot be made salty again. It is good for nothing, except to be thrown out and walked on.

"You are the light that gives light to the world.

A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl. They put it on a lamp stand so the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven.



Monday 10th February 2020



Paired Speaking Question

Who has been a good example to you in your life?

Class Speaking Challenge:

What kind of things can you learn by following someone else's good example

Class Discussion:

In what way can you be a good example to others?

Exit Pass:

Tell me the name of a wise person that you know.

Tuesday 11th February 2020



Think about: The society in which we live.

Who are the people in our society today who inspire us and give us a good example to follow by the way in which they live their lives?

Student Prayer

Lord today we want you to bless all who help other people today.
Amen

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Wednesday 12th February 2020



Time to
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Think about: The world in which we live.

What kind of example do you think we give to the poor of the world when we can spend £4.00 on a “Big Mac Meal” while the poor in our world have to survive on a \$1 a day. (61p)?

Student Prayer.

Lord help me to be generous to others today.
Amen.

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[Video](#)

Thursday 13th February 2020



Time to
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Think about our college community

What kind of example are we to others in our college community? Are we generous, giving them our support and perhaps our time? Or are we too busy with our own lives to notice the needs of others? Perhaps today we need to change our outlook on life!

Student Prayer

Help me today Lord to be aware of the people around me and the needs that they might have.

Amen.

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Friday 14th February 2020



Time to
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Think about our families

We all learn by example, we see and hear how our parents or those who look after us at home do things, and as a result we learn. Example is one of the most powerful forces on our planet. Today think about the good examples that we have been given by those who love us at home.

Students prayer

Thank you Lord for the good example given to me by others.
Help me to learn from their example.

Amen

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Other prayers:

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, we come before you as we are.
We ask you to take away from us
all that makes us less than human.
Strengthen us with the power of your Spirit
that our attitude and outlook may develop,
and our “way of looking”
may become more like yours.
Help us to remain positive -
encouraging and appreciating one another,
looking upon people in the same way that you do.

Amen

Lord Jesus,
I ask you to open my eyes as you did with the blind man,
so that I may really see.
Tune my ears as you did with the man who was deaf and dumb,
so that I may really hear what you are saying to me.
May the many experiences of my senses remind me to be aware of others
and of all that is around me.
May all that I experience lead me closer to you.

Amen

You can teach
better with your
example than by
your words.

- Reed Markham

