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Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 4th November 2019 “Accepting each other”

“There is no joy in possessions without sharing.”

Erasmus



Pope Francis tells us:

“We just cannot worry about ourselves.”



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“Each one of us needs to be loved and accepted by others. A person who isolates themselves from others is a desperately sad figure. In our Gospel story Zacchaeus is alone up his tree and hated by everyone for being a Tax collector. But Jesus notices him. Jesus changes his plans. He didn’t intend to stay in Jericho. But something happened that made him change his mind. That something was “Compassion, Mercy and Love”.





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Zacchaeus had climbed the tree because he was curious to see Jesus. But then Jesus stopped under the tree and told Zacchaeus that he wanted to stay at his house that night. The crowds must have been really shocked at the words of Jesus. The crowds must have been as equally shocked by Zacchaeus's reaction, climbing down the tree he told Jesus that he would give half his possessions to the poor and payback four times over the taxes he had wrongly collected from the people. Jesus cared about him. Zacchaeus would not let the moment





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Form Tutors:

The aim of this week's theme:

- Sometimes we can be with Zacchaeus in the tree isolated and alone, and sometimes we are in the crowd following Jesus. But wherever we find ourselves in life Jesus is always there for us, calling us away from the things that separate us from him. He is calling us to join him in rejoicing over each person who has come into his family. This week we pray for the courage to accept the presence of Jesus in our lives, and the lives of others. Jesus excludes no one and neither should we.



Monday 4th November 2019



Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

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Read this weeks bible story and discuss what it is asking us to reflect on...

Paired Speaking Question

Why did people not like Zacchaeus? What type of person was he?

Class Speaking Challenge:

Do you always accept others? Are you always accepted by others?

How do you think it feels?

Class Discussion:

Why do you think people don't accept each others differences? Why might it be hard to accept that someone is different from yourself?

Exit Pass:

Tell me, why is it important to accept each other? What problems might happen if we don't?

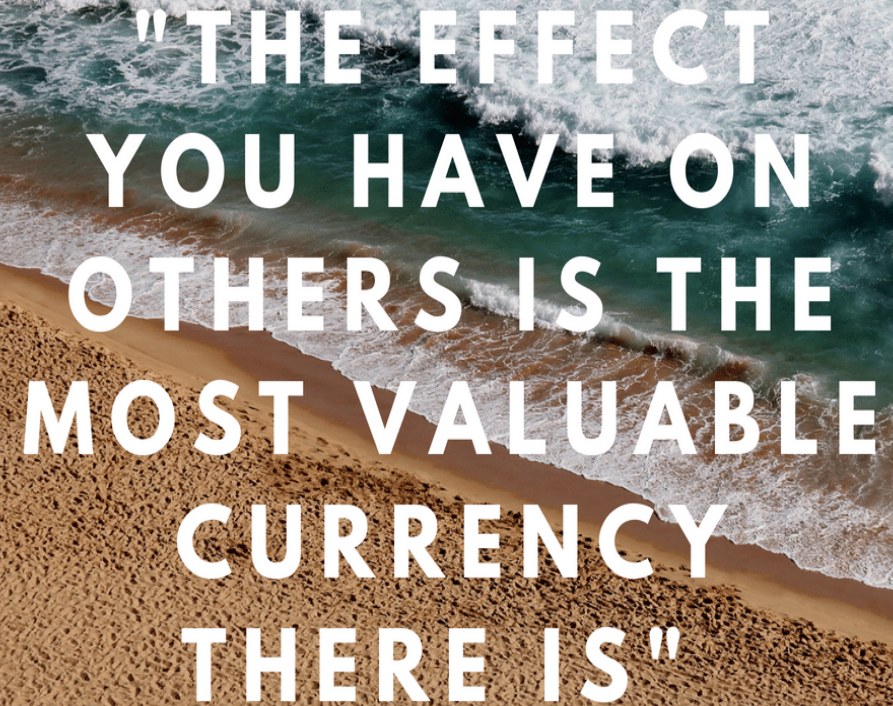
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Student Prayer:

Loving Father, this week help me to be aware of the needs of the people around me.
Amen.

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"THE EFFECT
YOU HAVE ON
OTHERS IS THE
MOST VALUABLE
CURRENCY
THERE IS"

Jim Carrey

@LYNDAKENNY

Tuesday 5th November 2019



Think about: The society in which we live.

In what ways can our society today isolate people?

Student prayer

Today Father, we pray for all who are lonely and in need of help and support in their lives.

Amen

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[Video](#)

Wednesday 6th November 2019



Time to
THINK



Think about: The world in which we live.

So often we hear news reports about people who are isolated and suffering, but do we ever stop to think, how would I feel if I was in their situation? Perhaps now is the time to do just that.

Student Prayer

Dear Lord help me today to “Walk in another persons shoes”
before I make any judgement about them.
Amen .

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[Video](#)

Thursday 7th November 2019



Think about our college community

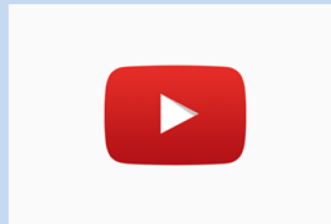
Do we isolate people in our college community? Do we judge people simply by the way they look or speak, or by the things that they like?

Student Prayer

God our loving Father, forgive me for the times when I get things wrong.

Amen.

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[Video](#)



Friday 8th November 2019



Think about our families

Is there somebody in your family who feels lonely, perhaps it's a Grandparent or somebody who lives by themselves. Why not make a promise today to go and see them. What other ways are there in which the members of our family may feel isolated?

Student Prayer

Lord, help me to care today about another persons feelings .

Amen

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Other prayers:

Dear God, May we not only love but accept and enjoy each other. May Your love, joy, peace, and patience be at the heart of our relationships with one another, along with Your kindness and goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22–23a)

Amen

"DEAR FRIENDS, LET US LOVE
ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE
COMES FROM GOD. EVERYONE
WHO LOVES HAS BEEN BORN
OF GOD AND KNOWS GOD.
WHOEVER DOES NOT LOVE
DOES NOT KNOW GOD,
BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE."

1 JOHN 4:7

God, You alone are holy, yet You readily accept everyone. Your kingdom is totally inclusive. Thank you for Your unconditional love. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" (1 John 3:1) Being perfect, You would have a right to be choosy about who You adopt as part of Your family, but You accept all of us, regardless of our race, age, gender or appearance. Thank you for offering forgiveness and salvation to anyone who asks for it. We thank you. Amen