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Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 14th October 2019 “Remember to say thank you”

“There is no better way to thank God for your sight than by
giving a helping hand to someone in the dark.”

Helen Keller



Pope Francis tells us:

“A Christian who does not know how to thank others is one who has
forgotten the language of God.”



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“I know what I want and I want it now” sums up the attitude of many people today, and Christians are no exception. However as Christians we are supposed to be God’s “Thank you people”. The Most important pray in our faith is called the “Eucharist” which means, the “Thanksgiving”. To live a truly Christian life we should be full of Joy and Thanksgiving to God for all the good things he gives us each and every day.

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So why then in this week's Gospel didn't all ten people return to the Lord to give thanks to God? Why was it that nine never bothered? Perhaps some of them were angry. Angry that they had become so sick in the first place. Maybe they were so angry that they couldn't see their healing as a gift. They could only see their sickness as a curse. Maybe they were upset that they had missed so much in life. They were people who saw the glass as half empty, not half full. Or, maybe some of them were completely self-absorbed. Perhaps some were like little children who were never taught to say, "Thank you," as though they had a right to all good things in the world."

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One of those former lepers, a Samaritan, returned to Jesus. He was out of the mainstream, not even Jewish. He wasn't part of the chosen people. But he knew that God had chosen him. He knew that he received a grace from God. He knew that he didn't do anything to deserve this gift, but was the recipient of God's compassion. He wanted others to rejoice with Him. He wanted Jesus to know how grateful he was. He returned to thank Jesus.

This is all God wants from us. He wants us to show our gratitude by being good to others as he has been good to us. You see, thanking God is not a matter of words or recited prayers. To thank God we have to treat others as he treated us, with compassion, mercy and love.

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Where do we go when we realise that we have experienced God's love in our lives? Do we stay where we are? Do we walk backwards to where we were out of anger for our past? Or do we spread the Grace that we have received to others by our care and compassion? Are we one of the nine? Or are we the one out of the ten, the one who returned glorifying God with His life?

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Form Tutors:

The aim of this week's theme:

- This week would like our students to explore the concept of saying "Thank you". Am I a person who just takes all the time and expects more? Or am I really grateful for the gifts that have been given to me in my life by God? I am I a person that always thankful for what I have?



Monday 14th October 2019



Time to
THINK



Luke 17: 11-19

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men met him. They had a skin disease called leprosy. They were standing close by. And they called out in a loud voice, "Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!"



Jesus saw them and said, "Go. Show yourselves to the priests." While they were on the way, they were healed.

When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Weren't all ten healed? Where are the other nine? Didn't anyone else return and give praise to God except this outsider?"

Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."