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Archbishop Rummens

## Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 “Recognising Jesus”

“Every day you are witnessing. What are you witnessing to? Your witness is the total package of your attitudes, character, and actions. It does not lie.”

W. Pratney



### **Pope Francis tells us:**

"If you are with Jesus, if you to listen to his word as the disciples of that time did, if you try to live out this word every day, then you are blessed. Not you will be blessed, but you are blessed."



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To provide a reference for somebody is a serious responsibility as well as a privilege because, more often than not, a good deal depends on what it says about the person for who it is written.

John the Baptist took it upon himself to be a referee for Jesus. His reference for Jesus tells us exactly who Jesus is.

John tells us that Jesus is more than a prophet or teacher. John wants people to understand just who Jesus really is. He wants everyone to know that Jesus is the 'Lamb of God', the 'chosen one of God'. He is the one on whom God's Spirit descends and remains.





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In the scriptures we are told that the “Lamb of God” will take away the sins of the world.

- Twenty-one centuries later there is still violence and hunger and exploitation in our world taking place on a massive scale. The work of the Lamb of God is never finished God’s work is never finished.

Today we are called to carry on the “Work of the Lamb” through our service to others.







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Jesus, in the waters of the Jordan, you were consecrated as God's Beloved, and now we pray, Spirit of God, fill us with zeal.  
You call us to be people of courage,  
Jesus, send forth your spirit of freedom.  
You call us to consecrate ourselves to the poor, Jesus, send forth your spirit of love.  
You call us to bind up the wounds of the broken hearted, Jesus, send forth your spirit of healing.  
Amen.

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## Form Tutors:

The aim of this week's theme:

This week we think about what it means to be a peaceful person through serving others.





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**Sunday 19th January was a day of special  
prayer for world peace**

- Pax Christi International is a Catholic peace movement with 120 member organisations worldwide that promotes peace, respect of human rights, justice & reconciliation throughout the world.

Grounded in the belief that peace is possible and that vicious cycles of violence and injustice can be broken, Pax Christi International addresses the root causes & destructive consequences of violent conflict and war.





## John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’ I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptising with water was that he might be made known to Israel.” John testified further, saying, I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”





# Other prayers:

## Sunday 19th January is Peace Sunday

Sow Peace based on the writings of  
St Francis of Assisi from Pax Christi

Praised be You, my Lord,  
for our Sister, Mother Earth,  
who nourishes us and teaches us,  
bringing forth all kinds of fruits  
and coloured flowers and herbs.  
Praise to you, my Lord, for those  
who forgive one another in Your love,  
and who bear sickness and trials.  
Blessed are those who endure in peace,  
for they will be crowned  
by you, Most High!

Amen

Support and encourage others,  
Rejoice with those who are happy,  
Be sad with those who are in sorrow.  
Never look down on another person, but always  
be positive in your attitude to others.  
Be concerned for those who can do nothing for  
you in return, as for those who are very close to  
you.  
Break the cycle of evil – conquer it with goodness.  
Amen.  
There is one Lord, one faith and one baptism,  
One God, one father of all, who is over all, the  
one working through all and the one living in all.

God of love and goodness in our world of violence, war, terrorism and hatred  
you breathe your peaceful presence.  
Help us to live as sisters and brothers,  
as friends, not enemies.  
This day, teach us not to hold grudges or to be bitter or angry,  
but instead to shine with happiness and love for one another.  
And let the peace of this place radiate into our wider world.  
Amen.