

Our Gospel Value this week is Integrity

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Our Virtue this week is Fortitude



**We gather together to love,
value and respect each other
within our Catholic family, to
nurture each individual's
talents and skills as Jesus
taught us.**

***Everyone matters and is loved
by God.***

Peace be with you
and with your Spirit

Jesus Christ light of the world
... **shine brightly in our lives**



Jesus Christ God's living
Word
... **speak to us your truth**



Jesus Christ God's love
revealed
... **dwell among us**



Our lit candle reminds us that
we are in God's presence as
we mark ourselves with the
sign of the cross

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen**

We Say Sorry

You are the way that leads to the
Father
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You are the truth that brings joy to the
world
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You are the life that renews the world
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Today we hear about how Jesus was a great teacher. Let's think about how important it is for everyone to get a chance to go to school and learn...

Christ Jesus, teach us
how to be kind and
generous, sharing
what we have with our
friends, family and
people all over the
world. *May we always
listen to your word.*

Amen

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is the Lord,
He's the Lord of all my heart.**

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**He's the way, he's the truth,
he's the life.**

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We listen to the word

Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28

May the words of Jesus be

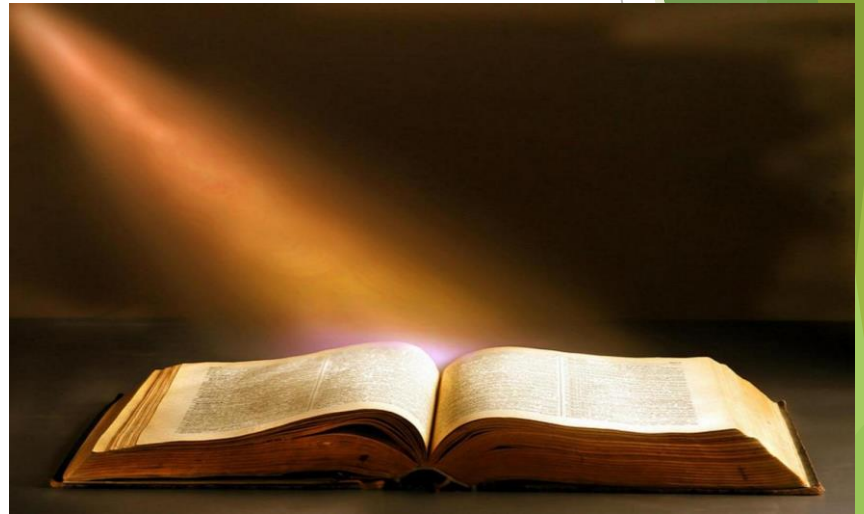
On my mind

On my lips and

In my heart

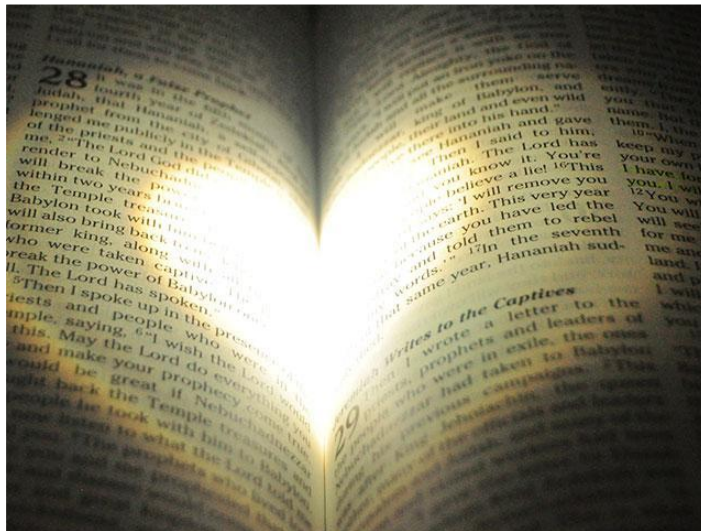
The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



**Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is the Lord,
He's the Lord of all my heart.**

We are still and silent as we reflect on God's word for us in the Gospel.



What do you remember from today's reading?

Jesus starts to teach in the temple, where the Jewish people went to pray. The people are surprised and impressed with the way he teaches. Why do you think that is?



The people in the temple believe what Jesus says and they trust him, more than the teachers they usually listen to.

Why did they see Jesus as special?



Jesus teaches the people through the stories he tells. But he also teaches them - and us - through the things he does. He lives out what he is teaching.

Can you think of an example when Jesus teaches us through his actions? What does he want us to learn?



Teachers are very important, they help us to learn about all sorts of things. What do your teachers do to help you to learn?

Who else helps you to learn?
Family or friends perhaps?



Some children who live in poorer countries around the world do not have the chance to go to school.

Can you think of reasons why that might be?



Some children live in places where it isn't safe for them to travel to school or the school is too far away. Some children have to do jobs instead of going to school or they have to look after their little brothers and sisters while their mum and dad go to work. Some families cannot afford to pay the school fees or buy the uniforms or books their children need to go to school.



Do you think it is fair that these children do not have the chance to learn?

What do you think can be done to help?



Every child has a right to go to school. The charity CAFOD works together with local people around the world to make sure more children can learn.



Faizah lives in a village in Sudan. Her school had no roof, so when it rained the pupils and teachers simply got wet. There were no seats and it was hard to get books and stationery.



But now, Faizah's school has been rebuilt. CAFOD worked with local experts to provide chairs, stationery, books, everything that the children and teachers need to learn and teach well.



Faizah says, “The school is beautiful. We’re very proud of it. Now we have proper classrooms and chairs and it’s less stressful and easier to learn.”



Let's try this week to do our best to learn. To listen to our teachers, our parents, and all those who try to teach us the way.

And let us try to listen to Jesus and to what he is teaching us too, so that together we may love one another as he asks us to.



In silence, pray for each other -
that God will be with all of us.



We hope that all we say and do shows that we are trying to be more like Jesus, our teacher, and so we pray together:

We pray for our Church all over the world: that it may teach God's word the way that Jesus did, through words and actions.

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for children in the poorest countries: that they may have the chance to go to school, to learn and ask questions, and have a brighter future.

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for teachers: that they may help children learn and grow up to be the people that God knows and wants them to be.

Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayer

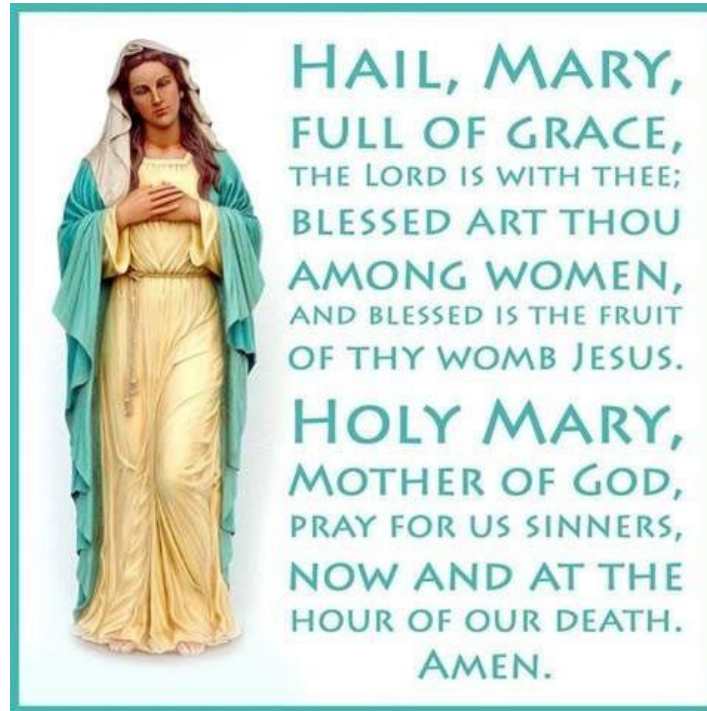
We pray for our school,
parish, families and
friends: that we may
work together with
others to make sure all
children have the
chance to go to school.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We take a moment now to pray for our own intentions

We ask Our Lady to intercede on our behalf as we say together



God of hope, through your Son Jesus, you teach us to love and care for all our brothers and sisters wherever they are in the world. Help us to work together with others to make sure that all children have a chance to go to school and dream of a brighter future.

Amen.

St Anthony

Pray for us

St Mark

Pray for us

St Francis

Pray for us

St Alban

Pray for us

How will
you follow
Jesus this
week?

In the week ahead let's try to ...

- ▶ do our best to learn
- ▶ listen to our teachers, our parents, and all those who try to teach us the way.
- ▶ listen to Jesus and to what he is teaching us too, so that together we may love one another as he asks us to.

Jesus, I offer my day to you
Jesus, I offer my day to you
Jesus, I offer my day to you

Let us go in
peace

Thanks be to God

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