Our Gospel Value this week is Love

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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

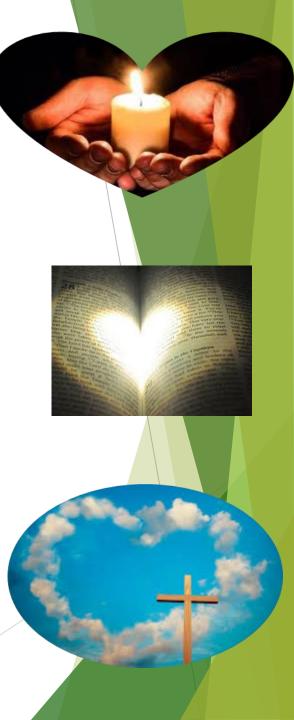
... shine brightly in our lives

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 Jesus tells us that we must love our neighbour as ourselves. But what does this mean? Who is our neighbour and how do we show love for them?

Let's think a bit more about this today...

Christ Jesus, show us how to share your love with our neighbours, both here and around the world, as you ask us to.

Amen

We stand to acclaim the Gospel

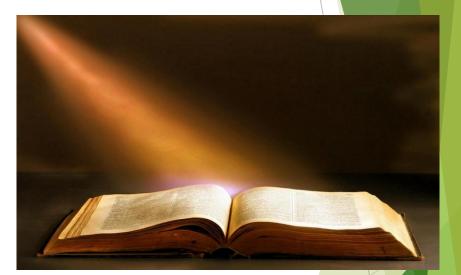
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We listen to the word

Gospel according to Mark 12:28-34

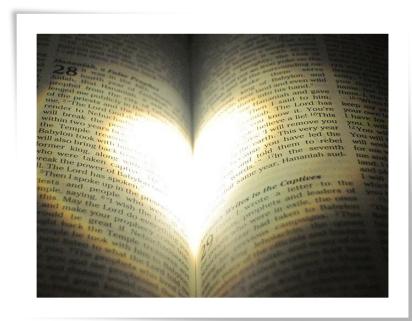
May the words of Jesus be
On my mind
On my lips and
In my heart

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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



What do you remember from that reading?
Jesus tells us that there are two very important commandments that we should follow.

Can you remember what they are?

The first is to love God.

The second is to love our neighbour as ourselves.



Who is your neighbour?

Can you think of the name of someone who is your neighbour?

Why are they your neighbour?



Zin Thu Thu lives in a village in Myanmar.



Everyone in her village works together to make sure everyone is cared for. They are very good neighbours.



Some time ago, a very big storm hit the village causing a lot of damage and hurting a lot of people. The villagers didn't know what to do. They were completely unprepared for what happened.



With the help and support of a local expert, funded by CAFOD, they were able to rebuild their village. More importantly, they have been preparing for what to do if a bad storm ever hits again.

In Zin Thu Thu's school, they even have lessons about how to keep safe in a storm.

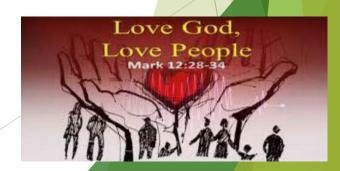
You have neighbours in your street who live near you.

If something happened in your street, you would probably all help each other.



Can you be neighbours with someone who lives such a long way away - like Zin Thu Thu in Myanmar?

Is it just as important to care for people who you may never see?



All people around the world are made by God. And God loves us all very much.

There is only one sun, one sky, one world. We share all these with one another. We are all part of one big global family. We are all neighbours.



Jesus asks us to love our neighbours.

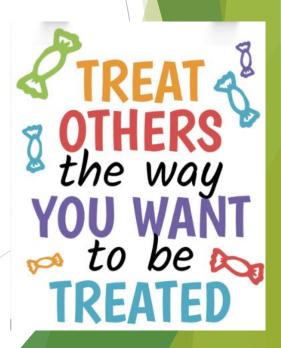
How do you think we can show love for our neighbours here?

And how can we show love for our neighbours around the world?



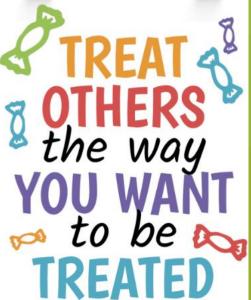
To love our neighbour means to treat them as we would wish to be treated.

How do you like other people to treat you?



We like others to treat us with respect, to help us when we have a problem and to share with us.

So this is what we are asked to do for our neighbours, both here and around the world.



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



God made us and loves us all, and so we pray with confidence together:

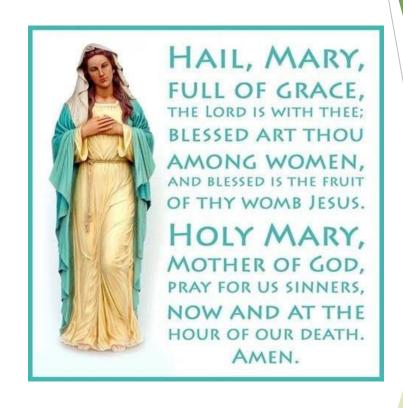
We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may be a good neighbour to all people, welcoming them and helping and sharing with those in need.

We pray for our neighbours throughout the world: that they may have the chance to live life to the full, with all that they need.

We pray for our school, parish, families and friends: that we may share what we have with our neighbours so that all people may have what they need.

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 love, bless our neighbours throughout the world. Help us to grow and learn in your love and to share that love with our neighbours as Jesus taught US.

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 Meeks

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

- show love for our neighbours here
- show love for our neighbours around the world
- remember to treat others as we would wish to be treated.
- ▶ treat others with respect
- help others when they have a problem
- > share with them

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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