Our Gospel Value this week is Compassion

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Our Virtue this week is





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 a woman who did something very special. And we think about how we can share from what we have, no matter how little that is. Generous God, help us to share what we have, so that all people may have enough.



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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Jesus is the Lord, He's the Lord of all my heart. We listen to the word

Gospel according to Mark 12:38-44

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 was watching people putting money in the collection box at the synagogue. He saw some rich people putting in lots of money. Then he saw a widow, who was poor, putting in two small coins, the same as a penny.



What did Jesus say to the disciples about the woman?



Jesus said that she had put in more money than all the other people put together. The woman had given only two small coins, and the others had given lots of money so what do you think Jesus meant?



The woman gave everything that she had. While the people who had lots of money just gave a little bit of what they had left over.

Which do you think Jesus would like us to be more like, the poor widow or the rich people? Why?



Jesus wants us to be generous and to share what we have with others.

This is hard but we need to think

- are we holding on to more than we need, like the rich people in Jesus' story?

Could we give a bit more or have we shared all that we can?



Jesus also shows us in this reading that everyone has something that they can give, even if at first it does not look like much.



We can give money, but we can also give other things too.

Can you think what else we can give and share with others?



We can give our time - by listening to others, by being there for them when they are sad or worried. And we can give our talents - for example you could sing a song, or paint a picture, or make someone laugh.

Can you think of something that you can give and share with others?

Juliana lives in Peru in an area where there is a lot of poverty and pollution. There are not many safe places or parks for children to play.



Juliana is a member of a reading club that has been set up by a local organisation that CAFOD supports so that the children in her area have somewhere safe to go. Juliana loves reading, and she was the first girl in the reading club to read 100 books in a year! Wow!



Juliana has become a leader of the reading club and she encourages others to keep reading too. She even got her elder brother to stay at school and finish his education.



He started a job to help earn money for his family, but Juliana argued that it would be better to keep on learning. Thanks to Juliana, and the organisers of the reading club, Juliana's brother stayed on and finished his final year of school.



The gift of books and somewhere safe to read in peace, have made a huge difference to Juliana over the years, and have meant that she can share her passion for books and for learning with others.

What do you think the world would be like if everyone shared what they are able to?

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



We are called to be generous and share what we have with each other, and so we pray together:

Lord, we believe when we call That You will hear and answer us Therefore, bend down Your ear, And listen to our prayer. We pray for world leaders: that they may be generous and fair, so that all their people have enough to live free from poverty.

Lord, we believe when we call That You will hear and answer us Therefore, bend down Your ear, And listen to our prayer. We pray for all members of our global family: that we may see that all people have something important to share, no matter how small or unimportant it seems at first.

Lord, we believe when we call That You will hear and answer us Therefore, bend down Your ear, And listen to our prayer. We pray for our school, parish, families and friends: that we may be as generous as possible, not keeping more of anything than we need, so that everyone may have enough.

Lord, we believe when we call

That You will hear and answer us

Therefore, bend down Your ear,

And listen to 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...



HAIL, MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE; BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB JESUS. HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,

PRAY FOR US SINNERS, NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH. AMEN. God of light, help us to share generously and to see how important and special each person's gifts are.

Amen.

St Anthony Pray for us St Mark Pray for us St Francis Pray for us St Alban Pray for us

HOW WI you follow Jesus this weeks

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

- be as generous as possible
- share our gifts with others
- think of ways to share with others
- give our time by listening to others, by being there for them when they are sad or worried.
- give our talents sing a song, or paint a picture, or make someone laugh.

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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