

**Our Gospel Value this
week is
Love**

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**Our Virtue this week is
Love**



**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 Jesus telling the people that it is not enough to say that we believe in God if we are also going to do things without really thinking about what they mean. Instead, we have to show that we love God through our actions and by being the best people that we can be.

Let's think some more about that today....

God of mercy and love,
you sent your Son Jesus
to show us how to live.
Help us always to be the
best people that we can
be and to show our love
for you in all that we do.

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 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

May the words of Jesus be

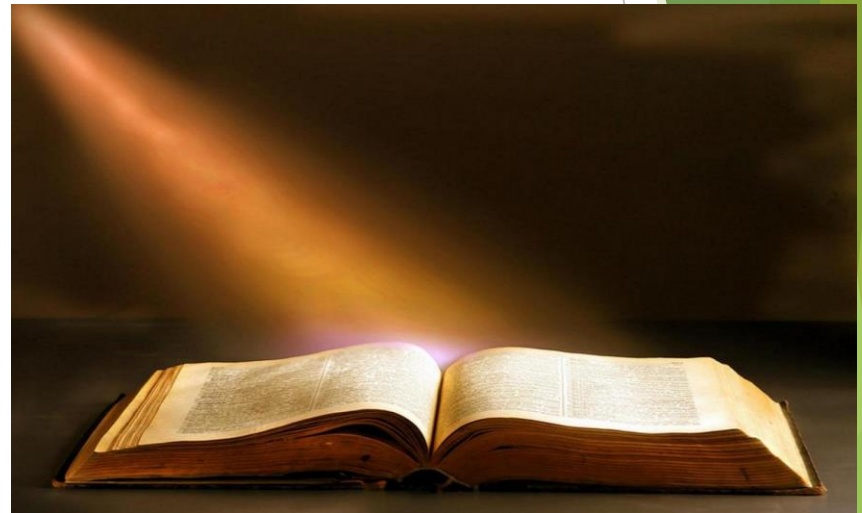
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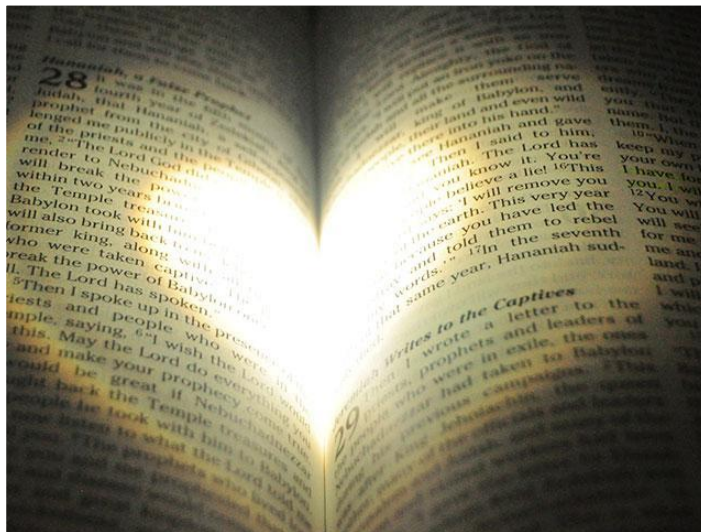
In my heart

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 today's reading?

In Jesus' time the Pharisees, who were very powerful people, and the ordinary Jews washed their hands and their arms all the way up to the elbow before eating.



Who here washes their hands before eating?
Why do you think we do this?



The Pharisees and Jews washed their hands before every meal so that their hands were clean, and so they didn't get ill. But also because it was a tradition. It was a part of their religion.

They had many other religious traditions too - can you remember which other traditions we heard about in the gospel?

The Pharisees were surprised when they saw that Jesus' disciples had not washed their hands in the traditional way.

The Pharisees questioned Jesus about this.

What did Jesus say to them?



Jesus became angry with the Pharisees. He said that they were just following their traditions without really thinking about God. This was not enough. For Jesus it was very important for people to really show love for God in all their actions.



What traditions do we have for how we worship God and to show that we believe? Some of us go to Church on Sundays and on other special days, we say our prayers, we might wear a cross around our necks. These are all important, but do you think they are enough?

For example, what do you think Jesus would say to someone who went to church every week, but who was mean to other people?
Do you think they are showing their love for God in their actions?

The children at St Francis primary school in Goosnargh have set up a CAFOD club. They meet at lunchtimes and do activities to try to make the world a better place.

They raise money to help people who are poor. They have debates. They have written to their MP about what they think needs doing to help others. And they have done a walk to show that they care for and support refugees who have to flee their homes.

One of the children says, “It might take a while, but we can make a difference.”

How do you think these children are showing love for God in their actions?



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



We know that God loves us
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 the leaders of the world: that they may follow the example of Jesus, who cared especially for people who were poor and sick.

**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 people
throughout the world:
that they may feel the
love of God through the
actions of others.

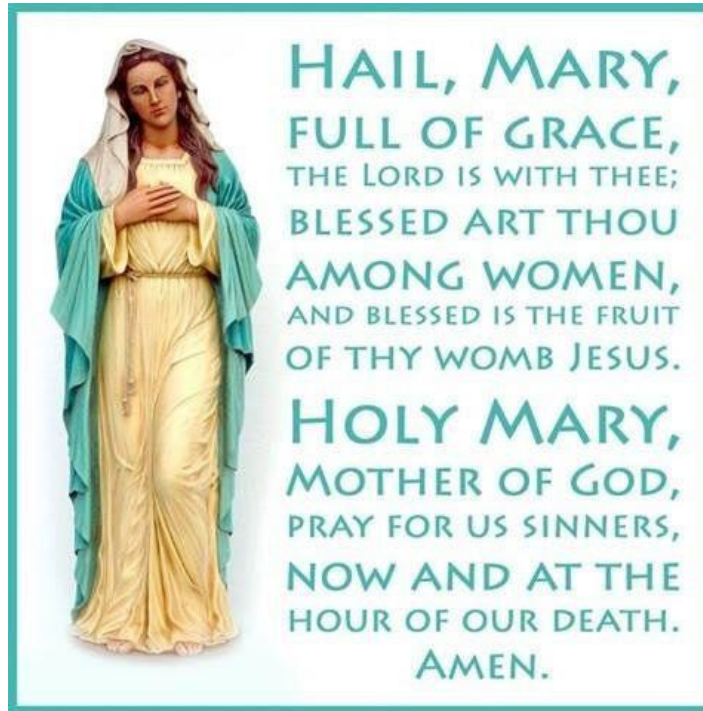
**Lord, we believe when we call
That You will hear and answer us
Therefore, bend down Your ear,
And listen to our prayer.**

We pray for our school,
parish, families and friends:
that we may always try to
be kind and generous, to
share what we have and
to show our love for God in
how we treat other
people.

**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...



God of all, as we try to be kind and generous, to share with others and to show our love for you, give us strength when it is difficult, courage to keep trying and hope that through our actions we may make a difference to the lives of others.

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 ...

- ▶ be open to others, share what we have and be friendly and welcoming to everyone.
- ▶ show our love for God in what we do

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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