

Our Gospel Value this week is Kindness

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Our Virtue this week is Love



Mark 9:37

“Whoever welcomes these children, welcomes me.
Whoever welcomes me, welcomes the One who sent me.”

**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 call us to follow you
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You call us to trust in you
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You open your arms to all of us
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Today we hear how Jesus valued children and thought they were important.

Let's think about how important all children around the world are today...

God of love, help us to
recognise the
importance of all
children no matter
where in the world
they come from.

Amen

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

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He's the Lord of all my heart.**

**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 9:30-37

May the words of Jesus be

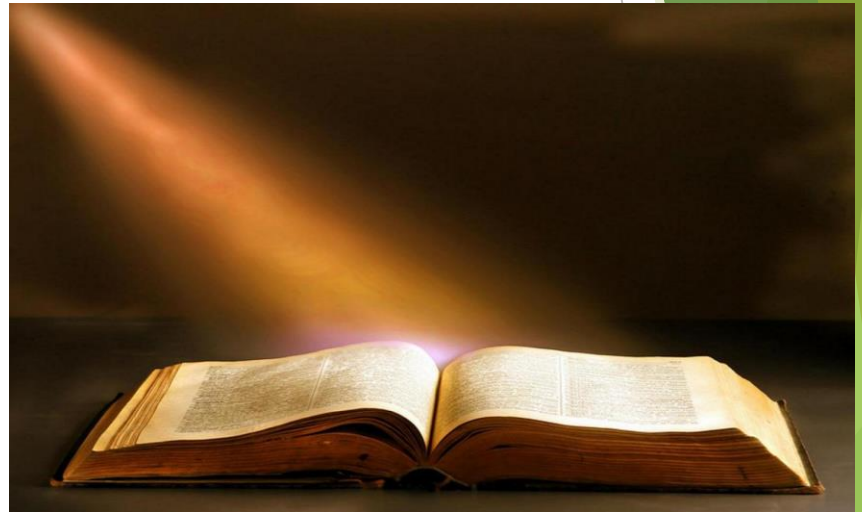
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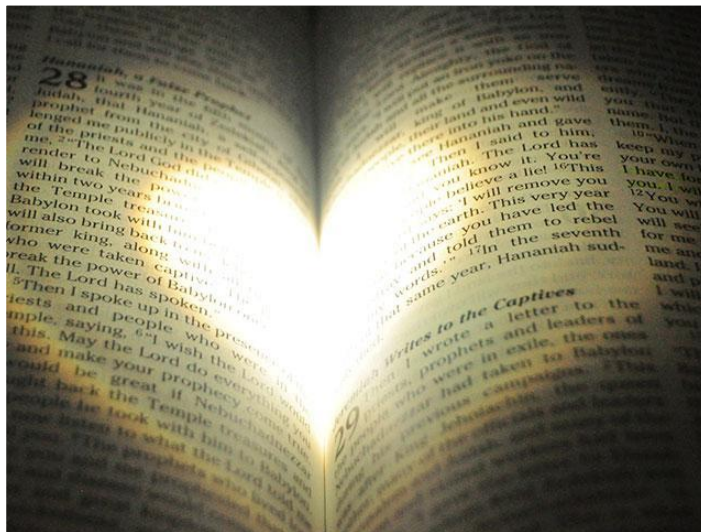
In my heart

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.



In today's reading Jesus shows the disciples how important children are. Can you remember what Jesus says?



Jesus says that anyone who
welcomes a child, welcomes him.
What do you think that means?



Jesus is in all of us. No matter who we are, where we come from, whether we are rich or poor, old or young. Even the youngest person is special and important because they are loved by God.



Children around the world are different. But each one of them is special and important.



Victoria lives in South Sudan, a country in Africa. "I go to school and my friends are my blessing," she says. "Being in school makes me happy. My favourite sport is football. My favourite subjects are English and Science. Education gives me hope. With education I will be clever and will be independent when I'm older."



Jean-Pierre lives in Peru, a country in Latin America. He has a cheeky grin and likes playing games, especially marbles. He loves to go to book club and read about superheroes. After school he helps take care of the special school garden. He wants to be a teacher.



What things do you have in common with Victoria and Jean-Pierre? What things do they do or like, that you do or like too?



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



We know that God loves us all,
just because we are who we
are, and so we have the
confidence to 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 all the world's leaders: that they may see the importance of all their people, especially children.

**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 children
throughout the world: that
they may be valued and
loved and have the
chance to build a brighter
future.

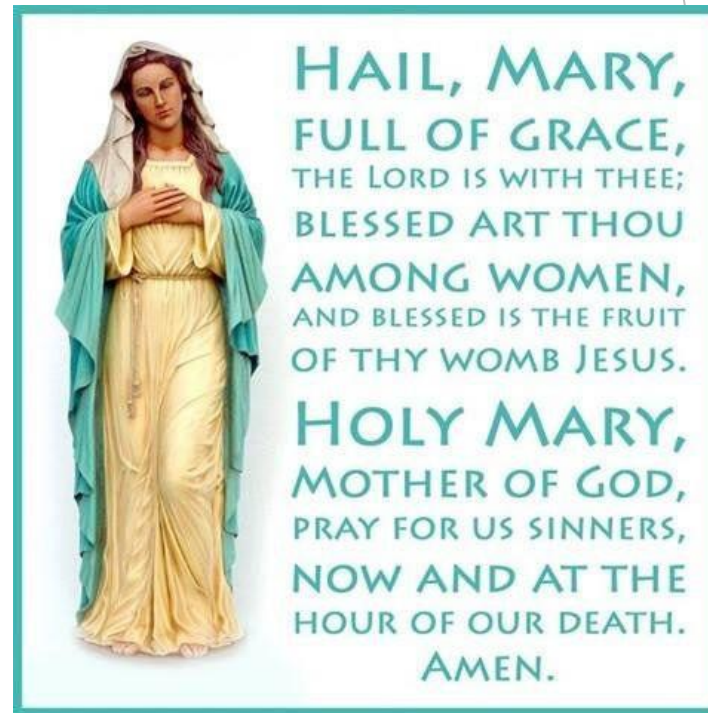
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That You will hear and answer us
Therefore, bend down Your ear,
And listen to our prayer.**

We pray for our school,
parish, families and friends:
that we may welcome all
people, no matter who
they are, and do all that
we can to help others to
move forwards with hope.

**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 hope, we know all people are important, because they are loved by you. Show us how to help others to see this too, so that the world can be a fairer place for all your children.

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...

- ▶ show we are good stewards by being kind to everyone
- ▶ show that all people are important no matter who they are
- ▶ remember that **everyone matters and is loved by God**

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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