

Prayer & Reflection



Jesus Cleanses the Temple

John 2:13-22

Week beginning: **Monday 10th November**

**Anti-bullying week (10th to 14th November),
Catholic Social Teaching = Human dignity
Sunday Gospel – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica,
Jesus cleanses the Temple.**

The Wednesday Word

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You are invited to 10 minutes of prayer and reflection every Wednesday.

Join Jonathan Roumie (Jesus- The Chosen), Jeff Cavins, Mark Wahlberg, Chris Pratt and Gwen Stefani as we reflect on the Gospel on the day.

8am

12:40pm (First lunch)

1:30pm (Second lunch)

Venue- School Chapel.



This **Anti-Bullying Week**
I will use my



POWER
FOR
GOOD

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 10th to Friday 14th November



#AntiBullyingWeek #PowerForGood

All I Ask By Caitlin Dwyer

**I'm sorry I don't impress you,
Don't act the way you want.
I'm sorry I'm not pretty
And don't have much to flaunt.**

**I'm sorry you can't accept me
For the way I am inside.
I'm sorry that your cruel words
Make me run and hide.**

**I'm sorry I'm not in your clique
And that I don't fit in.
I'm sorry that being born, to you,
Was such an awful sin.**

**I'm sorry I'm so ordinary,
Not an extraordinaire
Does that give you reason, though,
To stand and cast your glare?**

**I don't know what to tell you
To make you stop your games,
And I can't think of a way for you
To take back all those names.**

**Please answer me this question,
And please be honest, too.
What do you get from hurting me?
What does it do for you?**

**We may not understand each other
Or ever get along,
But I've never said one word to you,
Never done you wrong.**

**So do me just one favour,
Just one simple task.
Please stop being mean to me.
This is all I ask.**

Discuss

“ Not everyone has been a bully or the victim of bullies, but everyone has seen bullying, and seeing it, has responded to it by joining in or objecting, by laughing, or keeping silent, by feeling disgusted or feeling interested.

Octavia E. Butler



HUMAN DIGNITY

Human Dignity is one of the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching. That means we must always treat others with dignity and respect. That means we never bully others!

We are all special because God made us.

We have to make sure other people are treated with respect and fairness because God made them too!



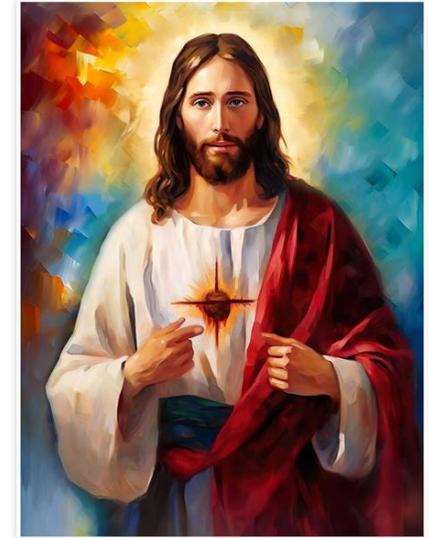
REFLECTION = Our call to action:

From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week **let's use our 'Power for Good'** and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives. We all need to recognize and use our own power to stop bullying by speaking out, offering support, and creating inclusive communities.



PRAYER – to use our Power for Good

- Loving God,
You created each of us in Your image,
Precious, unique, and deeply loved.
- Help us to use our words to build up,
Our actions to protect,
And our hearts to include.
- Give us the courage to stand up for others,
To speak out against bullying,
And to be a light of kindness in our school.
- May we always choose love over fear,
Peace over anger,
And goodness over silence.
- With Your help, Lord,
We will use our power for good.



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Go Forth Today and
Be Inspired by Christ

St John the Apostle & Evangelist – pray for us. Amen.

Gospel = Sunday - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Jesus cleanses the Temple.



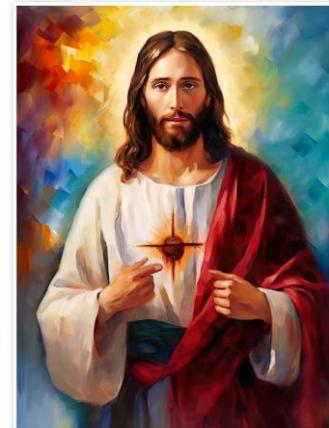
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THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING – Sunday, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

A reading from the Gospel according to John 2:13-22

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when Jesus was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.



Reader = the Gospel of the Lord.

RESPONSE = Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Celebrated on: November 9th

The Lateran Basilica in Rome is the **oldest and most important church in the world** for Catholics. It's called the "**Mother Church**" because it's the official church of the Pope, even more important than St. Peter's Basilica.

This feast celebrates the **dedication** (or blessing) of the church building, but more importantly, it reminds Christians that the **Church is not just a building**—it's the **people of God**. Every person is part of the Church, and together we are called to live with love, peace, and unity.



The Feast of the Dedication serves as a reminder of the rich heritage and spiritual devotion that the Lateran Basilica represents.

The Lateran Basilica in Rome, founded in 324AD.

Explanation of this week's Gospel reading



The **Lateran Basilica** is the oldest church in Rome and a symbol of the Church as a place where people gather to worship God. On its feast day, Catholics remember that churches are special places set apart for prayer, peace, and community.

In the gospel story, Jesus enters the temple and sees people misusing it. He clears it out, saying, *“Stop turning my Father’s house into a marketplace!”* This shows how deeply Jesus cared about keeping sacred spaces holy.

Together, these remind us that:

- Places of worship should be treated with respect
- Our hearts and actions matter just as much as buildings
- We are called to be people of peace, kindness, and truth—wherever we are.



REFLECTION TASK

The gospel and the Feast of the Lateran Basilica is a chance to reflect on that as we are a Church – People of God:

- How we treat others in our school and community
- How we can be “living stones” that build a kinder, more respectful world
- The idea that **faith is lived out in everyday actions**, not just in places of worship. **Be Inspired by Christ.**

WORD OF THE WEEK



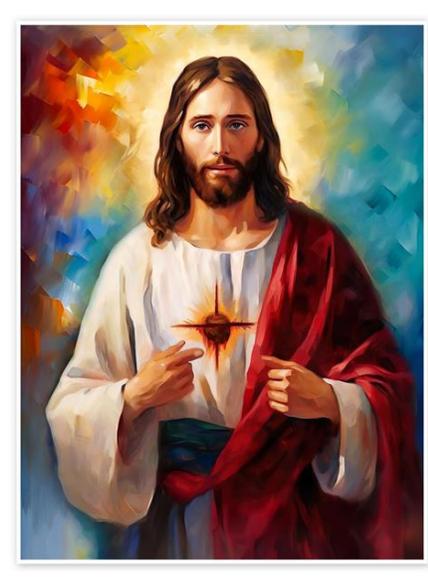
**"TAKE THESE OUT OF HERE, AND STOP MAKING
MY FATHER'S HOUSE A MARKETPLACE."**

JOHN 2: 16

PRAYER – for a Holy Heart

- Lord Jesus,
You cleared the temple to make space for prayer.
Help us clear our hearts of anything unkind or unfair.
Just as the Lateran Basilica is a house of God,
Make our lives places of peace, love, and truth.
- Teach us to treat others with respect,
To stand up for what is right,
And to welcome You into everything we do.
- May we be living temples of Your presence,
Bringing light and hope to our school and our world.
Amen.

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