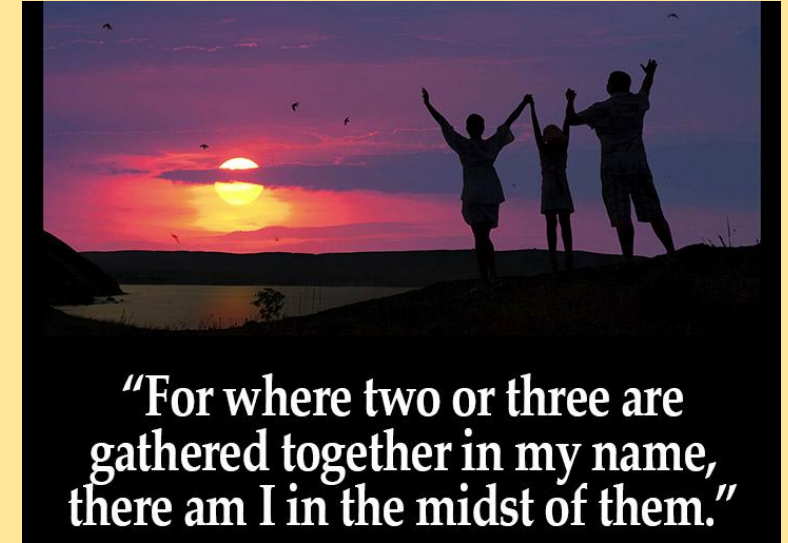


Prayer & Reflection



Week beginning: **Monday 7th September**

SEPTEMBER = A Season of Creation

Catholic Social Teaching – Caring for God’s Creation

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – the cost of being a true disciple of Jesus

The Wednesday Word



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)

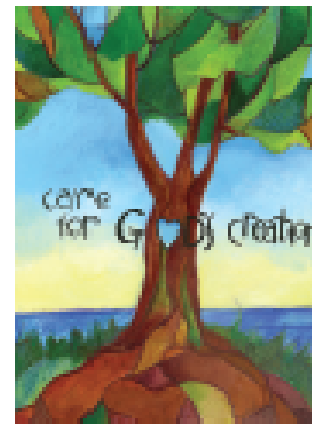
1:30pm (Second lunch)

Venue- School Chapel.

The Catholic Church asks us to use the whole month of September as a Season of Creation, a time of sustained prayer and action.

During this season, collectively, we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbours, and the planet we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Caring for our planet is one of the key parts of Catholic Social Teaching.



CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Caring for God's Creation

How do I show respect for Creation?

The earth and all life on it are part of God's creation.

We are called to respect this gift. We are responsible for taking care of the world we live in and for sharing all the wonders and resources the earth gives us.



Laudato Si' for young people

Pope Francis has written a letter addressed to every person on the planet, asking us all to protect the earth.

REFLECTION

How will you play your part to protect our common home?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OomC251Qab8>

A Prayer for our Earth – Caring for Creation



All powerful God,
you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that
exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.



Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace.

**St John the Apostle & Evangelist,
pray for us. Amen**

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Go Forth Today and
Be Inspired by Christ**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –



**“IF YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER
SINS, GO AND POINT OUT THEIR
FAULT, JUST BETWEEN THE TWO
OF YOU. IF THEY LISTEN TO YOU,
YOU HAVE WON THEM OVER.”**

MATTHEW 18:15

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING – 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

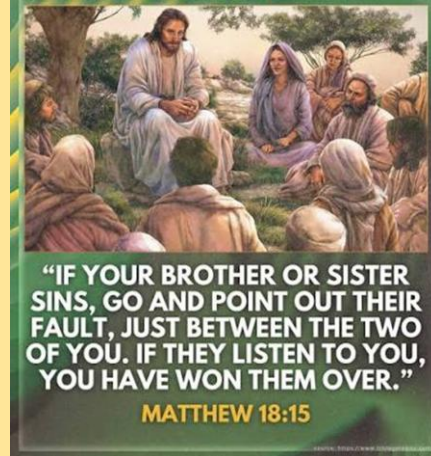
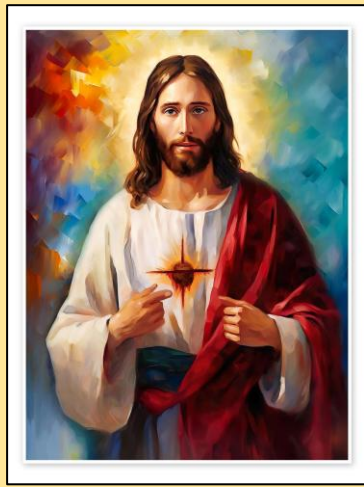
“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.

Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

Reader = the Gospel of the Lord.

RESPONSE = Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

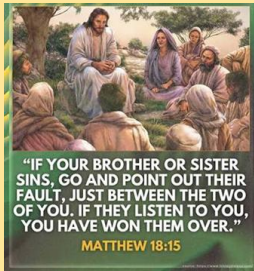


Explanation of this week's Gospel reading



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples about the importance of reconciliation, forgiveness and community. He explains that when someone has done wrong, we should try to resolve the situation with kindness and honesty rather than gossiping or holding onto resentment.

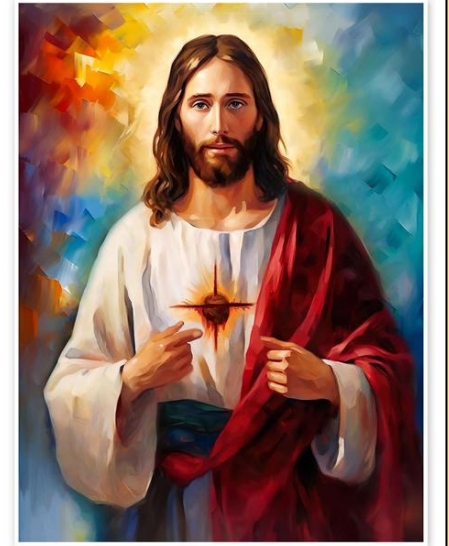
- Jesus wants his followers to build relationships based on mercy, respect and understanding.
- He also reminds us of the power of prayer and unity, saying that when people come together in his name, he is present among them.
- This is a powerful message for any school community, where we are called to support one another, work through difficulties, and grow together in faith.



REFLECTION - Thought for the Day

At school, disagreements and misunderstandings sometimes happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that being a follower of Jesus means not walking away from problems or speaking badly about others. Instead, we are called to show courage, kindness and forgiveness.

PRAYER – To Follow Jesus



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