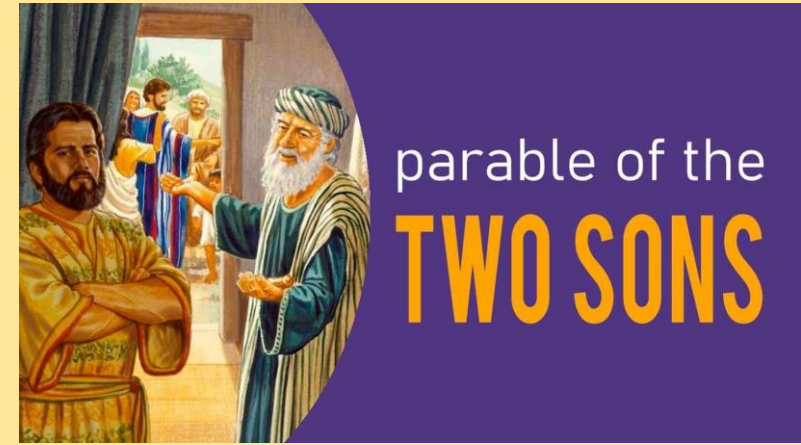


Prayer & Reflection



Week beginning: **Monday 28th September**

Feast of St Theresa of Lisieux = 1st October (story of a Catholic saint)

Gospel – 26th Sunday Ordinary Time,

The Parable of the Two Sons

CST = Human Dignity, Call to Family, community and participation

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.

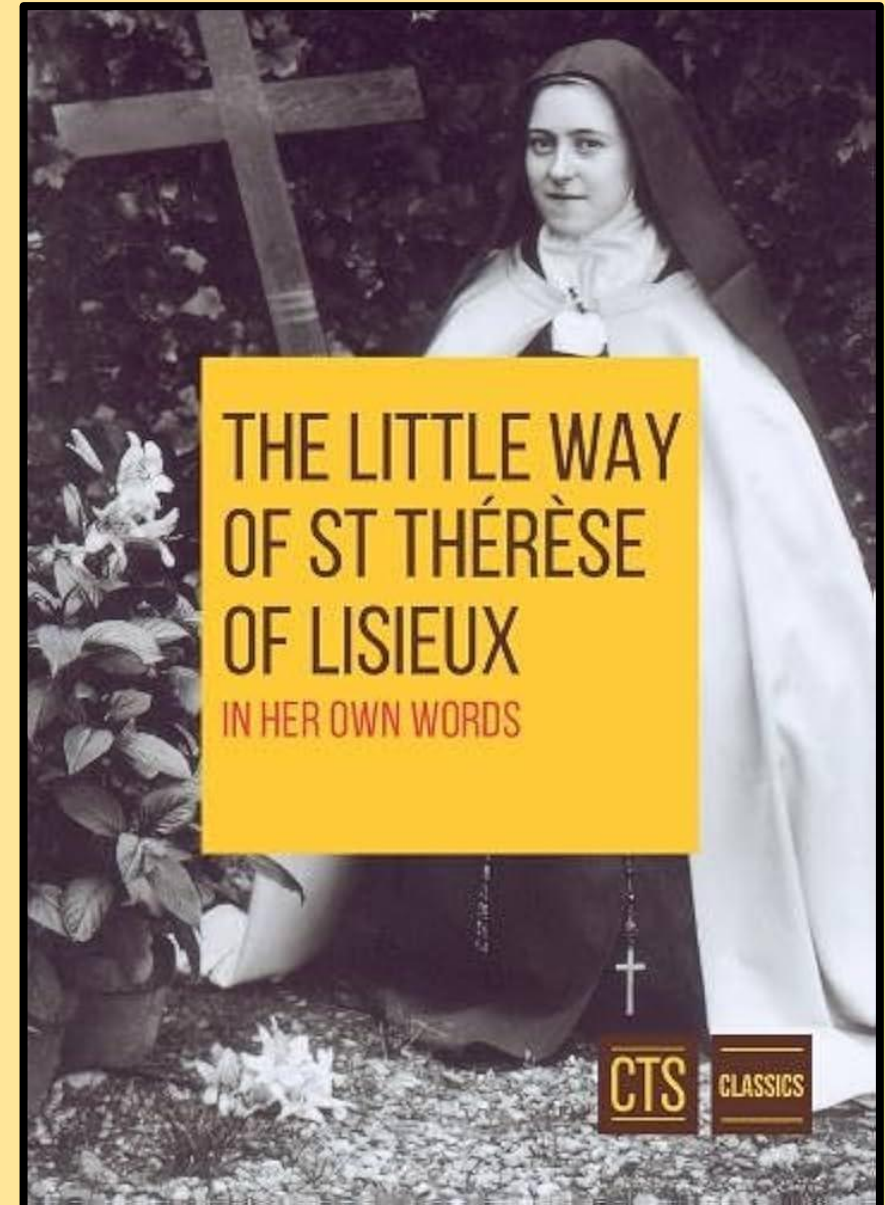
Who Was St. Thérèse of Lisieux?

- Wednesday 1st October is the Feast Day of St Thérèse of Lisieux.
- In our school reception area we have a statue of St. Thérèse.
- St. **Thérèse**, also known as the “Little Flower,” was a French Carmelite nun born in 1873. She entered the convent at 15 and lived a hidden life of prayer and simplicity.
- Her deep love for God and others made her one of the most beloved saints in the Catholic Church.



Her Spiritual Path – The Little Way

- Thérèse taught that holiness is found in small, everyday acts done with great love.
- Her “Little Way” emphasizes humility, trust in God, and doing ordinary things with extraordinary love.
- This message resonates with people of all backgrounds, showing that anyone can live a meaningful spiritual life.



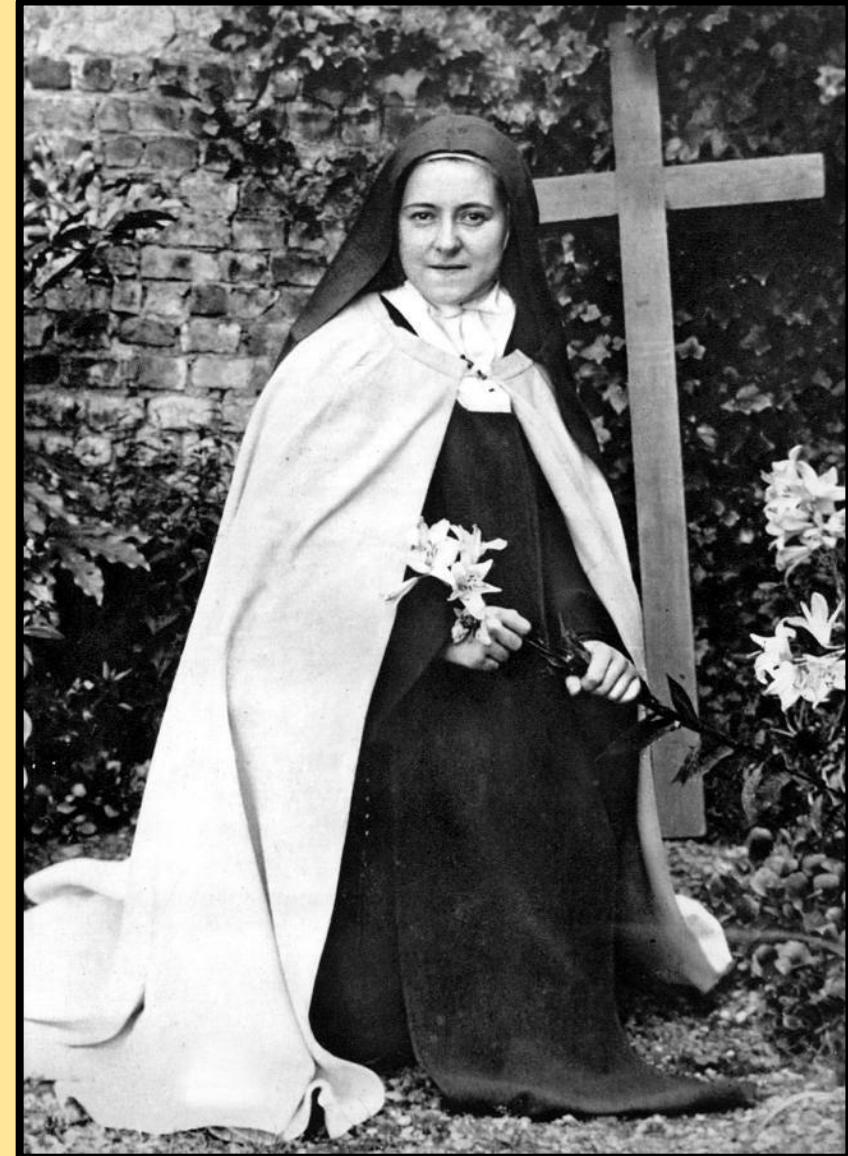
Her Legacy and Writings

- Thérèse's autobiography, Story of a Soul, has inspired millions with its honesty, faith, and simplicity.
- Thérèse's message of love and trust continues to touch hearts worldwide.
- Thérèse's was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997, recognising her profound spiritual insight despite her short life.
- Thérèse' died of tuberculosis in 1897, aged only 24.



Why St. Thérèse Matters Today

- St. Thérèse's life reminds us that greatness lies in love, not status.
- Her message is universal: kindness, humility, and faith can transform the world.
- Whether Catholic or not, the example of St. Thérèse encourages us to live with kindness, compassion and purpose, making a difference through small, loving actions.



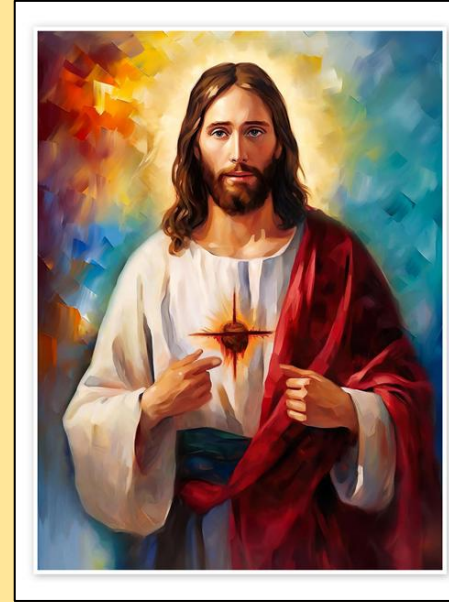
PRAYER – to follow the little way of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

*O gentle St. Thérèse,
Teach us your Little Way—
To love with simplicity,
To trust without fear,
To serve in hidden moments,
And to find God in all things.*

*Remind us that greatness lies in love and
not status.*

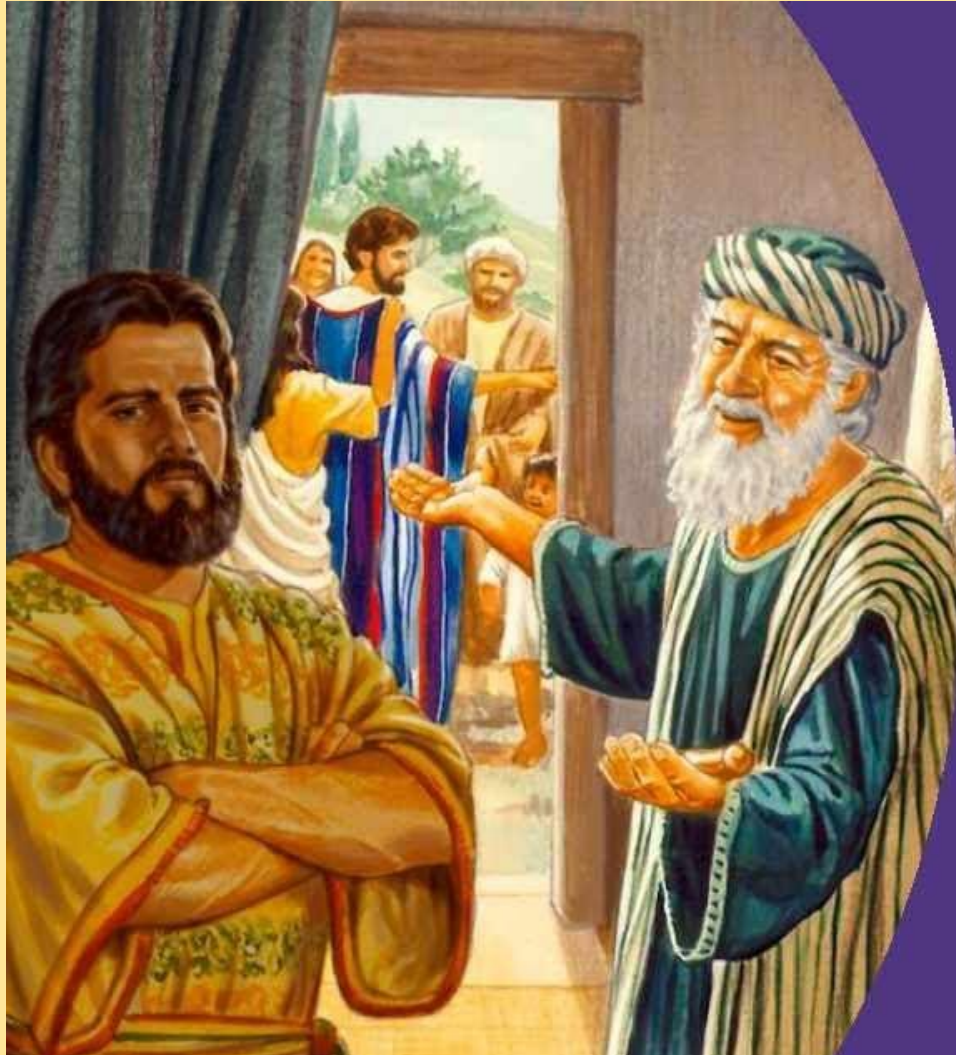
*May your example guide our hearts
To live with joy, humility, and grace.
Amen.*

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



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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



parable of the **TWO SONS**

Verse to Remember: “Which of the two did his father’s will?”
(Matthew 21:31)

Matthew 21: 28-32

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING – 26th Sunday Ordinary Time

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 21: 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: “What is your opinion?

A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’

He said in reply, ‘I will not, ‘ but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

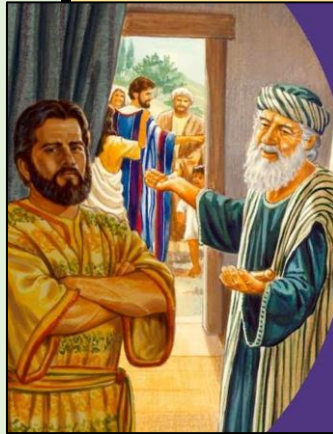
He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir, ‘but did not go.

Which of the two did his father’s will?”

They answered, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”



Reader = the Gospel of the Lord.

RESPONSE = Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Explanation of this week's Gospel reading

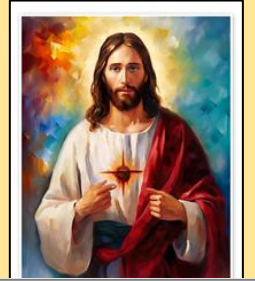
Jesus tells the story of two sons. When their father asks them to work in the vineyard, the first son initially refuses but later changes his mind and goes. The second son immediately agrees but never follows through.

Jesus uses this parable to teach that what matters most is not simply what we say, but what we do.

God calls us to respond to His invitation through our actions, choices and commitment. True discipleship is shown by living out our faith each day.

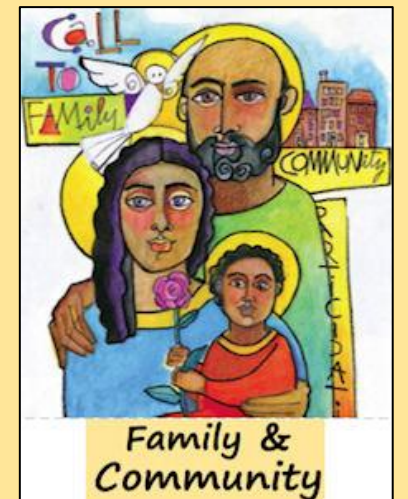
This message connects strongly with Catholic Social Teaching, especially the principles of **Human Dignity, and the Call to Family, Community and Participation.**

Our faith is not only something we believe; it is something we put into action by serving others and working for the common good.



Dignity of the human person

We are all made in God's image so we all deserve respect.



Reflection – Thought for the Day

It can be easy to say we will do the right thing, help someone, or stand up for what is fair. The real challenge is following through.

To be **Inspired by Christ** means allowing our actions to reflect our beliefs. Jesus reminds us that faith is more than words; it is shown through kindness, honesty, forgiveness and service.

At school, we live this Gospel when we:

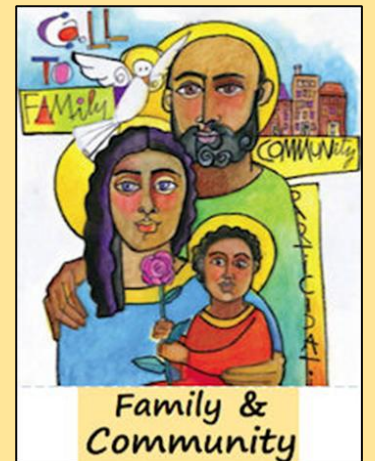
- Keep our promises and take responsibility for our actions.
- Show respect for the dignity of every person.
- Support those who may feel excluded or vulnerable.
- Use our gifts in the **Service of Others**.
- Work together to achieve **Excellence for All**.

The first son was willing to change his mind and do what was right. This reminds us that God always gives us opportunities to grow, make better choices and begin again.

Today's challenge: What is one action I can take today that shows my faith in practice rather than just in words?



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PRAYER – to Be Inspired by Christ

Loving Father,
You call each one of us to live our faith through our actions.
Help us to be **Inspired by Christ**, following his example of love, honesty and service.
Give us the courage to do what is right, even when it is difficult, and the humility to change when we make mistakes.
May we recognise the dignity of every person and work for the good of our whole community.
Help us to live our mission of **Service to Others**, offering our time, talents and compassion to those in need.
As we strive for **Excellence for All**, guide us to use our gifts wisely, encourage one another and always do our best.
May our words and actions work together to build a school community rooted in faith, hope and love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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



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