3rd Week of Lent

Monday 13th March 2023

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

Our theme this week is justice. Justice is about being fair and treating people with dignity and **respect**. The news this weekend has focused on Gary Lineker and how his colleagues have supported him as they believe he was not treated with justice.

WE LISTEN

"Justice and only justice, you shall follow"

Deuteronomy 27:19



RESPONSE

Lord Jesus,

You stood up against injustice and acted with **integrity.** Help each of us to live out this value so we might be able to transform the world around us. Amen

MISSION

Are you willing to stand up for what you believe is right? Last week our theme was **integrity** which is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Not everyone agrees with Lineker but he has integrity and stands by his opinion.

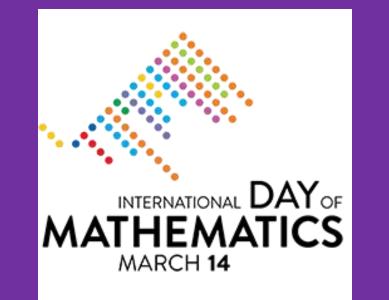
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SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

Today is the international day of Mathematics. This morning we invite all students to celebrate the amazing impact that mathematicians have had on our world.

WE LISTEN Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often shall I forgive my brother? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.



RESPONSE

Dear God,

Thank you for adding value to our lives. May you subtract the mistakes we make and multiply your grace and love in our world. Allow us to divide our gifts equally to all. Amen

MISSION

In Matthews Gospel, Jesus refers to a mathematical sum when he informs Peter about the importance of forgiveness. When he says 70x7, Jesus is highlighting the importance of forgiveness in our **faith.** Can you show forgiveness this week? Let go of a grudge you may be holding and **aspire** for better relationships.

Wednesday 15th March 2023

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

Today we hear about Jesus telling his followers about the importance of keeping the laws of God. In school and in life, those who act with **integrity** and **aspire** to be their best self will be rewarded.

WE LISTEN Matthew 5:19

So anyone who breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever obeys them and teaches others to do so will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



RESPONSE

Loving God, Help us to work together to share what we have so that everyone has what they need. Help us to build a better world

where each of us **aspire** the best person we can be. Amen

MISSION

In school today, you may face a choice between doing what is easy and doing what is right. **Aspiration** means a desire to achieve - **aspire** for what is right!

Thursday 16th March 2023

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GATHER

Today we consider the example of Martin Luther King Jr. A man who dedicated his life to our theme of justice through challenging injustice.

WE LISTEN Martin Luther King Jr.

"The ultimate measure of a person is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stands in times of challenge"



RESPONSE

Dear God,

Give me the courage to stand firm in times of challenge. Help me to have the courage to speak out against injustice and act with **integrity**. Amen

MISSION

King was a man of **faith**, **integrity** and **aspiration**. Reflect on King's quote about where we stand in times of challenge. Will you meet challenges with courage and try your best? Can you be 10% braver this week?

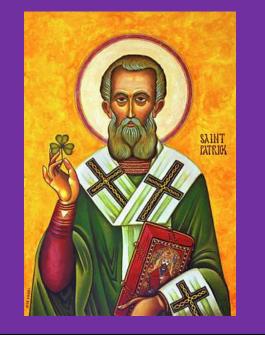
Friday 17th March 2023

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Today is the feast of St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick was a brave and **faithful** person who is credited with bringing the Christian **faith** to Ireland.

WE LISTEN

St Patrick is also the patron saint of engineers. In our prayers today we think about all those with a **vocation** to work in engineering. We give thanks to the amazing engineers whose genius have transformed our world.



RESPONSE

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise

MISSION

Take a moment to think of something that you wish to pray for. This may be for your family, your friends or even to pray that Newcastle beat Nottingham Forest by five or more goals this evening. We ask St Patrick to take our prayers to God.