

The Sacred Heart Language College

Daily Prayer



Half Term 3 – Week 2



Monday



We begin our prayer for today by inviting you to make the sign of the cross.



We invite a pupil to come forward and click to light our virtual candle.



Monday



DREAM VILLAIN



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This Sunday was the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

We listen to the Gospel according to Matthew:

"And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'"



Monday



The feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our own baptismal call to live as God's beloved children, and our commitment to Christ's mission of mercy and love.

Baptism is a "rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" which washes away sin and initiates us into God's grace.



Monday



We pray together:

**Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we may be faithful to our call as Children of God, listening to you and guided by Your Spirit, to fulfil our unique and definite purpose.
Amen.**



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Our CST theme for this half term is 'Care of God's Creation'

In the Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, we were reminded of our mission to build a world where:

'We work for the common good of all, understanding that our actions impact our local and global family because we are all interconnected.'



Tuesday



In his letter **Laudato Si'**, Pope Francis wrote:

“Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it...”

We know that some of the things we do can harm the earth, and we ask God to forgive us. Looking after nature is part of living well together and respecting the world we share.

Now let's talk about small changes we can make at home to save energy and resources in our homes.

Write a pledge on a post-it note about one thing you will try to do. Give it to the Form Chaplain, who will put them together on the "To care for creation I will..." poster.



Tuesday



We pray together:

**God, our loving Father,
You remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together to
To replant, repair, and renew.**



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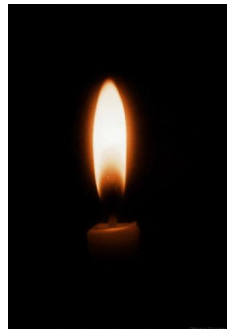


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**On Wednesday we take time to reflect on
Sacred Scripture.**

**We will listen to and reflect on the
Gospel of Matthew.**



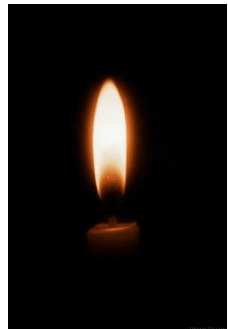


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Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel
according to Matthew

All: Glory to you O Lord (3 Crosses)





Word Wednesday



'Do not store up treasures for yourselves on earth, where moth and woodworm destroy them and thieves can break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor woodworm destroys them and thieves cannot break in and steal. For wherever your treasure is, there will your heart be too. 'The lamp of the body is the eye. It follows that if your eye is clear, your whole body will be filled with light. But if your eye is diseased, your whole body will be darkness. If then, the light inside you is darkened, what darkness that will be!'



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'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or be attached to the first and despise the second. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

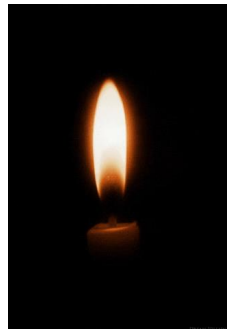


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Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God





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This passage is about prioritising heavenly treasures over earthly ones, warning against the pursuit of material wealth and emphasising the danger of "Mammon" (money or riches) becoming a master that dictates one's heart and loyalties.

Jesus teaches that a person's heart follows their treasure and that one cannot serve both God and money. He also uses the metaphor of the eye as the lamp of the body, explaining that focusing on either a healthy spiritual focus or a materialistic one will determine a person's entire life.



Word Wednesday



Reflection

What do I seek in life?

Does Jesus' message mean that you can't be rich or successful?

Is the key what you prioritise? Why?



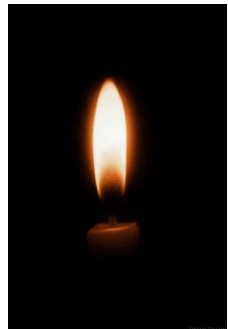
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In a moment of silent prayer reflect on the words of the Gospel.

Think of one line that stood out for you.

What is God's message for you today?





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Today, Thursday 15th January, marks the birthday of the civil rights campaigner Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. was a visionary leader whose unwavering commitment to justice and peace fundamentally reshaped American society. His 'I have a dream' speech, became a turning point in the Civil Rights Movement, crystallising the demand for equal rights for African Americans. It gave voice to the struggles of millions of people who had been denied basic human rights and dignity, amplifying the demand for immediate change.



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Let's pause for a moment to listen to a short excerpt:





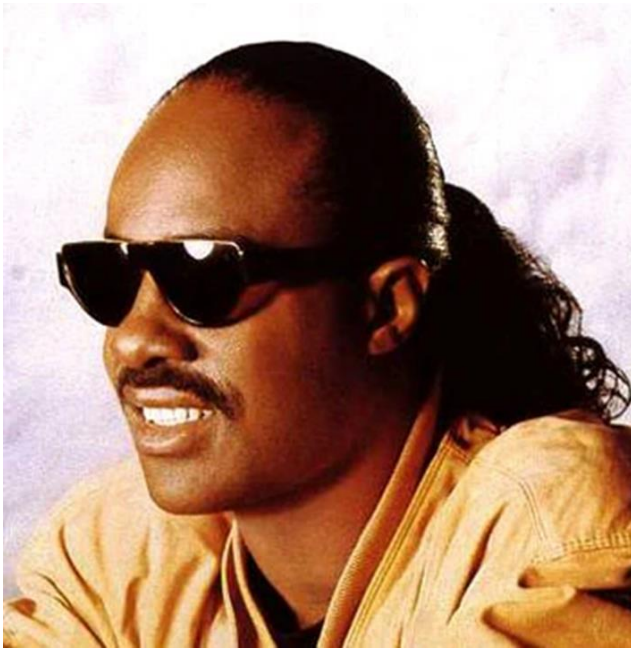
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Singer-songwriter Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday" song, is a celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday and a powerful anthem that was written to campaign for a national holiday honouring Dr. Martin Luther King in the USA.

The song's spirit is one of unity, love, justice, and the belief that dreams of equality can come true.

Today's prayer is inspired by the themes and lyrics of the song...





Thursday



Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the spirit of joy and unity that music, like the anthem by Stevie Wonder, brings to our lives.

In the spirit of Dr Martin Luther King Jr's dream, we pray for unity and love. May we tear down the walls of division and build bridges of understanding, so that peace on earth finally becomes a reality.

Inspire us to work tirelessly for a world where every person is valued, their rights are protected, and their potential is fulfilled, just as Stevie Wonder wished for all to live to see justice and equality.

Grant us the strength to pursue dreams of a better world, knowing that our collective efforts can bring about monumental change.

**In Jesus' name,
Amen.**



Thursday



Let's listen to the song and reflect on the lyrics:

For people like me and you
You know the way to truth
Is love and unity to all God's children
It should be a great event
And the whole day should be spent
In full remembrance
Of those who lived and died
for the openness of all people



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Take a few moments to quiet down, to recall that God has accompanied you every step of the way during the week and to open yourself to His presence.



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Go through your week, taking special note of its many small gifts: the joy of a bright morning, a cup of coffee, a flock of birds, the kindness of a stranger. Recall that God is revealed in each of these details. Think, too, about the gifts you were able to give others: an encouraging word, a smile, work well done.



Friday



Think back over your week about your actions: what went well; even better if. Prepare yourself to be honest as you examine your actions during the week, knowing that the truth will free you to grow closer to God. Recall, too, God's unconditional love for you.



Friday



Next, examine how you responded to God's presence in the key events of the week. When were you loving? When did you miss an opportunity to love? When were you sinful? How much were you in charge of your actions, and what did you do out of simple habit? Pay attention to your emotions around these events. The Holy Spirit often speaks to us through our emotions. What truth might God be leading you to through your emotions?



Friday



Finally, respond in prayer to the insights revealed in the previous steps. You may want to imagine this as a friendly face-to-face meeting with Jesus, one in which you offer words of sorrow, gratitude, or joy. You may want to ask for forgiveness, consolation, encouragement, the grace to overcome bad habits, and direction for how to grow closer to God. Continue to listen to Jesus as you resume your daily activities.



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