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Prayer Mission activities July 6th-10th July 2020

<p>Monday</p>	<p>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July Mass: Read Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30          In this Gospel, we hear how Jesus has a special care for all who are working too hard, who are tired, and who are struggling. Let's think a bit more about this today...</p> <p>Jesus knows that we all have times when we find life difficult. We all have times when even though we try hard, we can't do something. We all have times when we are tired, fed up and would like to give up.</p> <p>Can you think of a time when you have felt like this? Did anyone help you or comfort you during this time? Who helped you? What did they do?</p> <p>Jesus says his yoke is easy. He does not mean an egg yolk! This yoke is spelled differently. It is a sort of wooden bar that farmers around the world use to make it easier to pull heavy ploughs. So Jesus is saying that he will help us.</p> <p>Jesus says in today's reading that he is always there to comfort and support us. That when we are tired or finding things difficult, we can turn to him and find rest.</p> <p>What do you think that this means? If we take our worries and the things that we find difficult to Jesus, he will be there for us.</p> <p>How do you think we can share our worries, or the things we find hard, with Jesus?</p> <p>We can share our worries in prayer. And we can pray for help during the most difficult times.</p> <p><b>Activity:</b>          Children to colour in the accompanying optional illustration and to write or draw on the back how they will help someone in the coming week who is tired or finding life difficult.</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Children to write a prayer for the times when they are finding life hard, and for all those members of our global family who are struggling in some way. Or watch our video prayer "Light in the darkest times" together as a family during this week. Available from our children's prayer page:  <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films">https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films</a></p>	
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Prayer can be lived out in many different ways. A popular way to pray, is through song. Click on this link to learn a new song with your family.  <a href="https://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/awake-my-soul-hillsong-worship/">https://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/awake-my-soul-hillsong-worship/</a></p>	

Thursday	<p>In John 14:6 Jesus said 'I am the way and the truth and the life.' Throughout the ages, people have followed Christ and have tried to show others through their actions that the Holy Spirit is alive in them.</p> <p>In what ways do you reflect Jesus' teachings in your life? What do you do which makes others know that you are Catholic? You can present your work in any form, as a mindmap, prayer, acrostic poem or pictorially, the choice is yours.</p>	
Friday	<p>Access the link below to choose your own prayer for today's prayer time. There are some wonderful prayers to choose from.</p> <p><a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films">https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films</a></p>	

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	<p><b><u>Prayer Mission activities July 13th-17th July 2020</u></b></p>	
Monday	<p>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July Mass: Read Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 What do you remember from today's reading?</p> <p>Jesus tells a story or parable about someone planting seeds in a field. He does not carefully place the seeds in the ground but scatters them around. The seeds all land in different places, some in good soil and some not. Can you remember all the places the seed lands and what happens to it? Some children plant seeds to grow food to eat. What other kinds of plants might grow from seeds? (<i>Flowers, trees</i>) Some children plant trees to help protect the forests. How do trees and forests help us?</p> <p>Trees give us wood and paper. They are homes for the animals and the birds. And they help to keep the air that we breathe clean.</p> <p>In today's gospel reading which is all about planting seeds, Jesus goes on to explain his parable and exactly what it means. Can you remember any of what he said?</p> <p>The seed that falls on the path is like those people who hear what Jesus is saying but don't really understand it or listen to it properly.</p> <p>The seed that falls on the rocks is like the person who hears what Jesus asks of us and starts off really excited about it, but who gives up following him as soon as it is difficult.</p> <p>The seed that falls in the thorns is like someone who hears what Jesus says but concentrates too much on having the best things, the most money, rather than on being the person Jesus wants us to be.</p>	

	<p>The seed that falls on the rich soil is like someone who hears what Jesus is asking, understands it, and lives their life as he asks them to.</p> <p>So which one do you think we should try to be? How do you think you can be like the seed that falls on the rich soil? How do you listen to what Jesus is saying to you?</p> <p>How does Jesus ask us to live our lives and treat one another? What can you do to follow him?</p> <p>This week, see if you can be like the seed that falls on the rich soil - listen to what Jesus asks of you, try to understand it and live your life as God calls you to.</p> <p><b>Activity:</b> Children to colour in the accompanying illustration below, to make sure they are like the seed that falls in the rich soil - listening to God's word and living their lives as God wants them to.</p>	
Tuesday	<p>Plant a seed and call it the 'seed of hope' You can create a label to go on your plant pot, writing a prayer of hope. As your seed grows, your hope and faith will also grow.</p>	
Wednesday	<p>Prayer can be lived out in many different ways. A popular way to pray, is through song. Click on this link to learn a new song with your family. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbdJXKqVgtg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbdJXKqVgtg</a></p> <p>The song is called: Build your kingdom here by Rend Collective.</p> <p>Think about the lyrics in this song- what does it teach us?</p>	
Thursday	<p>Sunday's Gospel was about the 'Parable of the sower'</p> <p>Watch the video on the link below: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa3y8pHOymw&amp;list=PLNLH-JuUN7xq3fvZXekopIXHfk4MUemrE&amp;index=5">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fa3y8pHOymw&amp;list=PLNLH-JuUN7xq3fvZXekopIXHfk4MUemrE&amp;index=5</a></p> <p>Discuss how you can follow what Jesus wants from you. Write down a list of things you can do to show that you are like the seed who has fallen on the rich soil.</p>	
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30



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### Prayer Mission activities July 20th-24th July 2020

Monday

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July Mass:** Read Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

What do you remember from today's reading?

Jesus tells a parable – a special story - about the Kingdom of Heaven. He talks about a man who plants seeds of wheat in his field. But what happens next?

His enemy comes along and plants weeds in the field too. The man asks his workers to wait instead of pulling up the weeds straight away – he didn't want to lose any of his wheat. At harvest time though, it is easier to tell the wheat and the weeds apart and so the workers can burn the weeds and collect up all the wheat.

Why do you think Jesus tells us stories or parables rather than just saying exactly what God's Kingdom is like, or exactly what it is he wants us to do?

Jesus is a great teacher. He teaches people by telling stories. Stories keep people interested in what he has to say and help us to understand things that are complicated. Jesus wants us to learn from him so that we can know more about God.

And when people don't understand his stories he explains them, so that we can all understand.

Who explains things to you when you don't understand? Who do you learn from?

We learn from all sorts of people – teachers, friends, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, cousins and more! Do they ever tell you stories to help you learn? Can you give me an example?

Why do you think it is important for us to learn?

Children all around the world go to school to help them learn.

This year lots of you have not been able to go to school. How has that made you feel? Have you missed school? Are you looking forward to going back if you haven't already?

And the same is true around the world. Children in lots of countries have had to stay at home this year instead of going to school to learn.

But even when we are not being asked to stay at home because of coronavirus, there are lots of children around the world who do not get to go to school. This might be because a flood or an earthquake or another disaster means they can't go to school safely. Or it might be because their parents are poor and can't afford to send them.

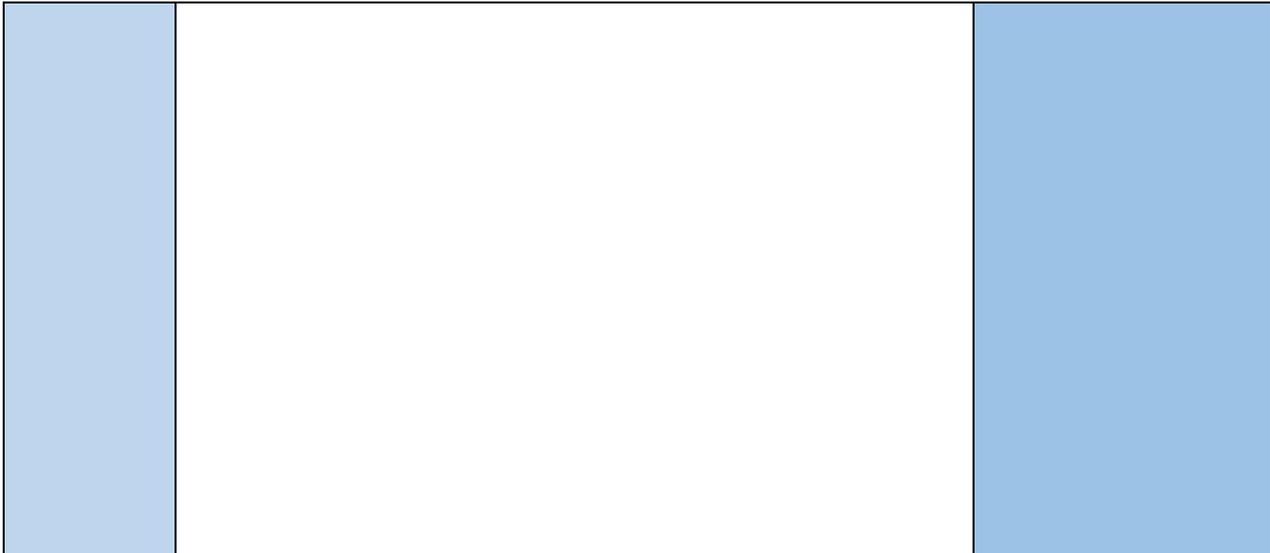
What do you think about this? Is it fair? Why/why not? Is there anything that we can do so that more children around the world have the chance to learn?

This week, let's give thanks to God for all the people we learn from. Let's try to listen carefully to our teachers and our grown ups at home. And let us try to learn more about Jesus and how he asks us to treat others.

Please say this prayer together at home:

Loving God, thank you for sending your Son Jesus to show us the way. Thank you for all the people who teach us. Help us to listen and to learn. Amen.





### Prayer Mission activities July 27th-31st July 2020

Monday

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July Mass:** Read Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

What do you remember from today's reading?  
Jesus tells some more stories to explain the Kingdom of Heaven to us. What does he say it is like? (*Like a man looking for fine pearls, like treasure in a field.*)

Let's think a bit more about the first story Jesus tells. He says that the Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone has found.

How would you feel if you found some treasure? What would you do next?

In Jesus' story the person who finds the treasure hides it again, then goes away and sells everything that they own to buy the field that it is in. Why do you think they do this?

They are so excited by the treasure, and they know that it is worth more than everything that they own. It is the best thing that they can possibly have – nothing compares to it.

Jesus is telling us that the Kingdom of heaven is a treasure that we can reach if we live our lives as God asks us to.

We all have things we treasure in our lives. What treasures do you have? Why are they so special? *You might first want to talk about something you treasure to give the children an example.*

Each one of us is a treasure made by God. We are all very special, no matter who we are or where in the world we live.

God has created the whole world and all the people, animals, plants and other things in it. There are so many treasures in our world for us all to share. Can you think of some treasures in our world that we share? (*eg. water, the sun, fresh air, trees, food*)

How can we look after the treasures of our world and make sure that they are there for all people to enjoy now and in the future?

We can try not to take more than we need, so that there is enough for everyone and to care for God's world and all the people, plants and animals in it. We can try to be kind and



	<p>loving, to share generously and to treat other people as we would wish to be treated.</p> <p>This week, look around you and count all the treasures that God has given us. And try your hardest to do at least one thing to show your care for God's world and the treasure that is in it. What will you do this week to care for and protect the treasure of God's world and help make sure that it is there for all people to enjoy now and in the future?</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Say this prayer with your family: Prayers of Hope</p> <p>Jesus, the hope of all who trust you; the power of all who serve you; the wisdom of all who follow you; the uniter of all who worship you. Grant us light at the beginning of this year;</p> <p>Fill us with strength and boldness according to your promises, That we might reach our needy nation, with your love, in this season of Hope. We humbly acknowledge our weakness and failure, But our eyes are fixed on you. Fulfil your purposes and plans that your name may be honoured in our land. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.</p>	
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Watch the parable of the talents on Youtube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbPKhYBaWRg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbPKhYBaWRg</a></p> <p>What is your talent? Why has God given you a particular talent? Do you think it is good that we all have different talents?</p>	
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Create a poster/picture based upon all of the things you treasure in the world- you may collect natural things such as leaves on the ground, to show that you are thankful for nature. Discuss your poster/picture with your family.</p>	
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Access the link below to choose your own prayer for today's prayer time. There are some wonderful prayers to choose from. <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films">https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films</a></p>	