



Prayer Mission activities August 3rd-August 7th 2020

<p>Monday</p>	<p><u>Sunday 2nd August Mass:</u> Read Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33</p> <p>What do you remember from today's reading? Jesus walked on water to reach the disciples in their boat. How did the disciples feel when they saw him? They were scared, but Jesus told them "Do not be afraid." Are there any things that you are frightened of? When we are scared, we can remember that Jesus is with us and that he tells us "Do not be afraid." And this can help us to feel brave.</p> <p>What did Peter do in today's reading? He stepped out on the water and started to walk to meet Jesus. But then what happened? Peter got scared and he started to sink. But what did Jesus do? Jesus reached out his hand and helped Peter back into the boat. It can sometimes be hard to believe that we can do something difficult. Just like Peter we might get scared. But God is there to help us to do things that we might think are impossible. Jesus asks us to care for one another. To hold out our hands and help each other. To help those who are poor, who are sick, who are lonely, who are frightened. Anyone who is finding things hard, no matter who they are or where they come from.</p> <p>How do you think we can help others, locally and around the world? What will you do to reach out a helping hand to others this week? This week let's try to remember Jesus' words to the disciples: "Do not be afraid." Let us believe and trust in him when things are hard. And let us do what we can to help others who are in need.</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Please say these prayers of intercession with your family with the We know that God is always with us and so we pray: We pray for the Church throughout the world: that inspired by the love of Jesus it may always reach out a helping hand to all those who are afraid, alone, sick or in need of help. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for all people who are frightened: may they find courage in the support and love of those around them. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for our parish, our family and friends: that we may trust in God when we are afraid and always be brave enough to help those who are in need. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>Closing prayer: God of love, we thank you for your help in difficult times. As we trust in you, give us courage to help others who are finding life hard, wherever they are in the world. Amen. response: "Hear our prayer"</p>	
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Watch 'Jesus calls his disciples' on Youtube. Why do you think Jesus chose these people as his disciples? How can you be like a disciple of Jesus this week?</p>	

Thursday	<p>Sing the hymn: be not afraid on youtube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWpG7qHtB8g It reminds us of when the disciples were initially afraid but then felt safety in Jesus.</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. https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Children-s-prayer-films</p>	

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Monday	<p>Sunday 9th August Mass: Read Gospel: Luke 1:39-56 Today is a special day – the feast of the Assumption – when we remember how at the end of her life Mary was taken up to heaven to be with God. Mary is very special because she was chosen by God to be the mother of God's son, Jesus. And Mary says yes to all that God asks of her. What do you remember from today's reading? When Mary went to visit Elizabeth her cousin, Elizabeth realised just how special Mary and her baby were. Who is Mary's special baby? Mary sings a special song praising God. Can you remember some of the things that she praises God for? She praises God for showing mercy, for lifting up those who are poor and humble, for filling those who are hungry with good things to eat. This song of praise shows us that God turns everything on its head. God does not think that the rich and powerful, kings and princes are the most important. Instead God has a special love for those who are poor. Those who do not have enough to eat. Those who might be ignored. Mary was a very humble, poor girl. But she was chosen to be the mother of God's son, Jesus. God did not choose a princess, someone who was already rich and powerful. And as God loves those who are humble, we are also called to love those who are poor. We can help our world to look more like Mary's song of praise. How do you think we could do that? We can help make sure we listen to those who are poor and work together with them to make the world a fairer place. We can play our part in making sure that all people have enough food to eat – that anyone who is hungry is filled with good things. We can share what we have and not get too proud. We can care for our earth so that all people can enjoy it, now and in the future. Do you think you could try to do some of these things in the coming week? What will you do to help our world look more like Mary's song of praise to God?</p>	
Tuesday	As Mary prayed to God, we pray now together:	

	<p>We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may always share God's special love and care for those who are poor, reaching out to all those who are in need.</p> <p>We pray for all those who are poor: that through God's grace and our actions they may know that they are loved and are not forgotten.</p> <p>We pray for our parish, our family and friends: that we may give thanks for all that is good and do what we can to make the world a fairer place for all.</p> <p>Closing prayer: God of life, help us to do what you ask of us, and to praise you for your goodness. May we love one another as you love us, especially those who are poor. Amen.</p> <p>And on this special feast day, we ask Mary, our mother, to pray for us as we say again: Hail Mary, full of grace...</p>	
Wednesday	Write a prayer to Mary, thanking her for all she has done.	
Thursday	<p>If you were going to sing a song of praise, what would you praise God for?</p> <p><i>You could give the children an example that means something to you here to get them started. For example, I praise God for my wonderful family, for the beauty of nature, for the warmth of the sun, for yummy food to eat.</i></p> <p>This week let us all try to remember to praise God for the wonderful things that he has done and given to us.</p> <p>And let us do what we can to love those who are poor, so that the world might look more like Mary's wonderful song of praise.</p>	
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Prayer Mission activities August 18th-August 22nd 2020

<p>Monday</p>	<p>Sunday 17th August Mass: Read Gospel Matthew 16:13-20</p> <p>What do you remember about today's reading?</p> <p>Jesus asks the disciples who the people say he is.</p> <p>Can you remember the answers that they gave? (<i>John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, another prophet</i>)</p> <p>Then Jesus asks the disciples who <u>they</u> think he is. He is interested to see if they realise just how special he is.</p> <p>If Jesus asked you this question what would you say?</p> <p>Can you remember what Simon Peter says? Simon Peter says that Jesus is the Son of God.</p> <p>I'm going to ask you a question now – a bit like the one Jesus asked his disciples. Can you tell me one word that you would use to answer the question "Who or what do you say God is like?"</p> <p>For example, we could say that God is forgiving. Or God is kindness. What other ideas do you have?</p> <p>God is all these things and more. We can never fully know what God is like. But we do know that God loves us. No matter who we are, where we come from, what we look like, or whether we are rich or poor.</p> <p>After Simon Peter had said that Jesus was the Son of God, Jesus promised that Peter would build the Church.</p> <p>Saint Peter went on to share Jesus' message and helped build the Church that we are part of today. Not the building, but the community that is all around the world.</p>	
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Saint Peter is often called the first Pope. Does anyone know who the Pope is today?</p> <p>Our Pope is called Pope Francis. Pope Francis tries to teach people who God is and to spread Jesus' message throughout the world.</p> <p>Pope Francis wrote a special letter, called <i>Laudato Si'</i>, asking everyone to take care of the earth, because it is a special gift from God for all people to share. The letter also reminds us how important people who are poor are, and how much God loves them.</p> <p><i>Find out more about Laudato Si' by sharing Cafod's animation with the children. Available from cafod.org.uk/primary-laudatosi</i></p> <p>We are all part of the Church. And just like Saint Peter and Pope Francis we can spread Jesus' message to others.</p> <p>We can tell people who Jesus is and that he asks us to love one another. But we can also show people by the way that we treat one another, especially those who are poor or who are different to us in some way.</p>	

	<p>What can you do to spread Jesus' message of love for one another this week? How will you treat other people in your home, in your community and around the world?</p>	
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>We know that Jesus is the Son of God and so we pray together:</p> <p>We pray for Pope Francis: that he may lead the Church wisely and continue to follow Christ's example of love for those who are poor. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world, especially those who are poor: that they may have hope for the future and a fairer world. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>We pray for our parish, our family and our friends: that we may be inspired to love one another and treat all people as we would wish to be treated, no matter where they are in the world. Lord, in your mercy...</p> <p>Closing prayer: God of hope, we thank you for sending your Son Jesus to show us how to live. Inspire us to spread his message of hope to others in all that we do. Amen.</p>	
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Think about how will you share Jesus' message with others in all that you do, just like Saint Peter and Pope Francis.</p> <p>Discuss at home how you would answer if one of your friends or family members asked, "Who am I?" You could write sentences like "Gives the best hugs", "Shares his/her toys with me", or single words: "Caring", "kind", "patient" on cards and give each person in your house the card(s) that best describe them.</p>	
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