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# WB 19 October Collective Worship

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another*
*1 John 1:7*




October is traditionally the month of the Rosary — a chance to pause and reflect on how prayer can shape our habits, not just our words. The Rosary is not only repetition — it is training the will to see the world the way God sees it.














In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit







Can you remember what our school mission is?

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If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.

***1 John 1:7***




***Our School Prayer***

LORD, make me a better person, more considerate to others, more honest with myself, more faithful to you. Make me generous enough to want sincerely to do your will whatever it may be. Help me to find my true vocation in life, and grant that through it I may find happiness myself and bring happiness to others.

St Joseph – Pray for us

St Teresa – Pray for us




What does it mean to “walk in the light” when our social groups reward cynicism, humour at others’ expense, and disengagement?

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People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

Each one of us is made in the image and likeness of God! Of course, we don't actually look like God, but we are a reflection of the wonder and goodness of God. Each of us shows a unique part of God to the world.

Take a moment to reflect on how special you are.

On your coin, either draw an image of yourself or write a prayer thanking God for who you are




Help me, Lord, to see myself as you see me.
Thank you that I am so special and wonderfully made.
Thank you for choosing me, just as I am.
Help me to reflect your love and goodness
to all those I will meet today. Amen.

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As we reflect on Mission, we listen to Tim Hughes' song God of Justice,

Think on the words "we must go, live to feed the hungry, stand beside the broken"









Is our response to injustice usually emotional, social-media-based, or sacrificial? What is an example of each?

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## Gospel : Matthew 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius.
And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?'
They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'.




For the Jews, paying money to Caesar who declared himself to be a god, paying taxes was also blasphemous. So, for those looking for evidence to convict Jesus, questioning him about taxes was very astute. If he agrees to paying taxes, it appears he is betraying his faith and God but if he disagrees, Jesus is putting himself in direct opposition to the Romans.

As we celebrate Mission Sunday, we might think particularly about parts of the world where faith is challenged by the state. For its 100th celebration, Pope Leo has chosen the theme “One in Christ, united in mission.” “Following the Jubilee Year, I wish to encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust.”

We pray for ourselves: that our concern for our own individuality may never override our concern for others in society, especially the weak and vulnerable.

Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all wage earners: may they recognise the importance of community and so give willingly to build public services.

Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayer**

We pray for local and national government: may they act wisely and always keep the needs of the people who elected them at the heart of their decisions.

Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayer**

We pray for world leaders: may they recognise the dignity of all people and always seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayer**

