

A community of learners, believers and friends



WB 31st March 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



Events this week



<u>Tuesday – After</u> school

Confirmation preparation class



In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



What is Reconciliation?

Coméssion Forgiveness Confession Forgiveness Reconciliation









Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord Acts 3:19

Act of Contrition

O my God,

because you are so good,

I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and with the help of your grace

I will not sin again.

St Joseph – Pray for us St Teresa – Pray for us

Why is forgiveness important?



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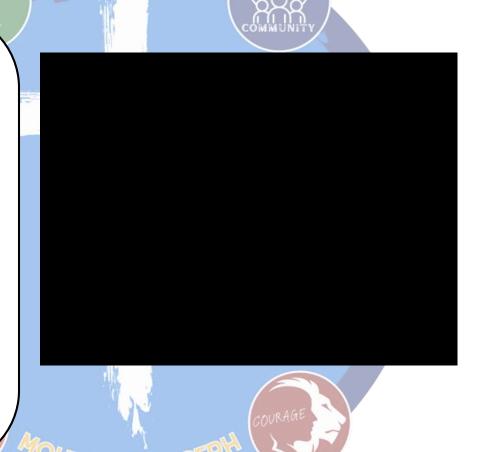


Watch the clip of Gospel story set to Coldplay's Fix You.

As you watch, think about the father. How would you describe his emotions during the story?

How do you think the son feels when his dad runs to meet him?

How do you feel, knowing that you are loved this much by God the Father, who is just waiting for you to come home?



Are we willing to say sorry for our mistakes?







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In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace





We are going to take part in an examination of conscience. Spend a moment being still while reflecting on the questions found on the next slide, praying for forgiveness



GATH

Make God the most important thing in your life.

Have I made other things in my life more important than God? Do I remember to talk to God every day? Do I choose what God wants for me over what I want for myself?

Use God's name the right way.

Have I spoken God's name or Jesus' name inappropriately when I was angry or to impress my friends?

Make Sunday a day to worship God.

Have I tried my best to worship God at Mass by singing, praying the prayers with the community, and listening?

Love your parents and follow their rules.

Have I obeyed my parents—even when they are not looking? Have I talked back to my parents?

Be kind to the people and animals God made.

How have I been kind or unkind to others? Do I share what I have with others? Have I fought with anyone?

Be respectful in the things you do.

Do I show respect for others in what I do and say? Do I show respect for and cooperate with my teachers? Do I care for my health and follow safety rules?

Take care of other people's things; don't take what belongs to someone else.

How have I respected other people's things? Have I taken something that doesn't belong to me?

Tell the truth.

Do I tell the truth? Have I told a lie or things that were only partly true?

Think good thoughts and say good words.

Have I thought good thoughts and said good words? Do I try to keep my mind on good things?

Be happy with the things you have.

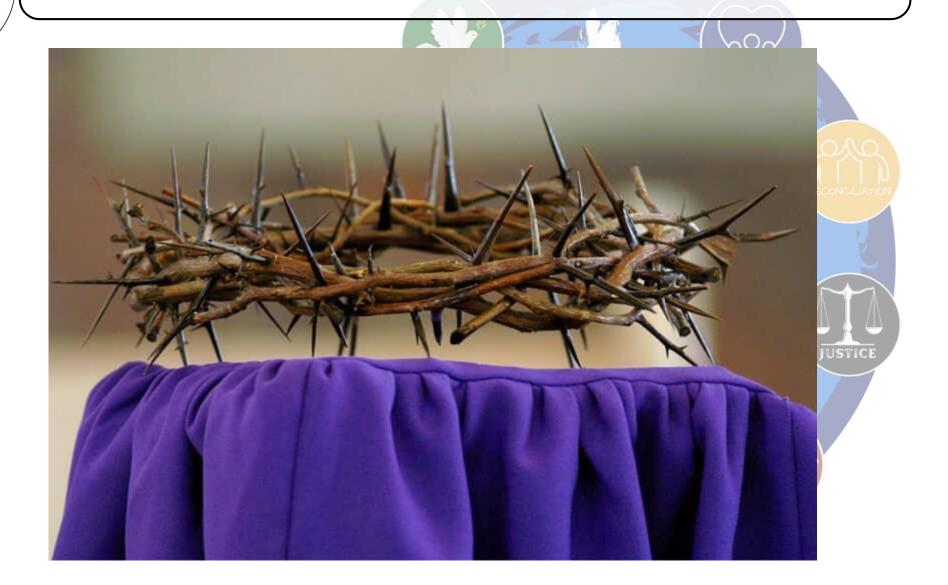
Am I happy with what I have or do I always want more? Have I been jealous of what other people have?



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Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

During some quiet music, if you wish to, write words on your paper or to draw symbols representing what you are sorry for. This is just for you. Nobody else will see it.





When you feel ready, put your paper in the bin, symbolizing the forgiveness God offers





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How would you feel if people only cared about the money that you had?





At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.



. 'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." 'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate



Imagine the father's heartbreak. When the younger son asks for his inheritance, it is as though he is wishing his father dead and wants nothing more to do with him. And it doesn't stop there. This younger son then goes and wastes all that he has been given, everything his father has worked hard for and built up over his whole lifetime.

Still, the father loves his son. He waits, watching for his son's return. And when his son finally does see sense, the father runs to meet him, hugging and kissing him. In his excitement to welcome his son back, the father throws him a huge party and lavishes him with gifts. This is how God reacts to those who seek forgiveness.



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