



*A community of learners,
believers and friends*



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WB 2nd February 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



In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**WE
GATHER**



**WE
LISTEN**



Who do you say I am?
Matthew 16:15

*What is Justice?
Who suffers injustice?*

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WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Who do you say I am?

Stranger

Friend

Dissident

Refugee

Who do you say I am?

Troublemaker

Instigator

Pariah

Perpetrator

Who do you say I am?

Lawbreaker

Disruptor

Destabiliser

Fire-starter

Who do you say I am?

Rebel

Rabbi

False prophet / Rabble rouser

Saviour / Redeemer

Read the reflection, considering all the names Jesus was given.

We witness the naming and labelling of people, whether in the news, protests or local conflicts across social media and news outlets, 24/7.

Each and every person is made in the image of God and in each moment, we can choose to see God's artistry or to dehumanize.

1. 'Who do you say I am?' – Who is Jesus for you right now?
2. 'Who do You say I am?' – If you were to ask God this question, what do you think God would say about you?
3. 'Who do you say I am?' – Bring to mind someone you have been unkind to. Take a moment to consider the people displaced and seeking asylum in your area – who do you think God says they are?

In a moment of quiet, consider what your prayer is in response to reflecting on these three questions.

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It's easy to forget that the Holy Family were themselves refugees. As we read the story of them fleeing using Lectio, take time to consider who you know, or who you have perhaps seen in your area, that are the beloved children of God, displaced and seeking refuge.

LOVE

MOUNT ST JOSEPH
GOSPEL VALUES

COURAGE

HOPE

COMMUNITY

Lectio

1) Listen

2) Words of phrases

3) What does this mean to you?

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

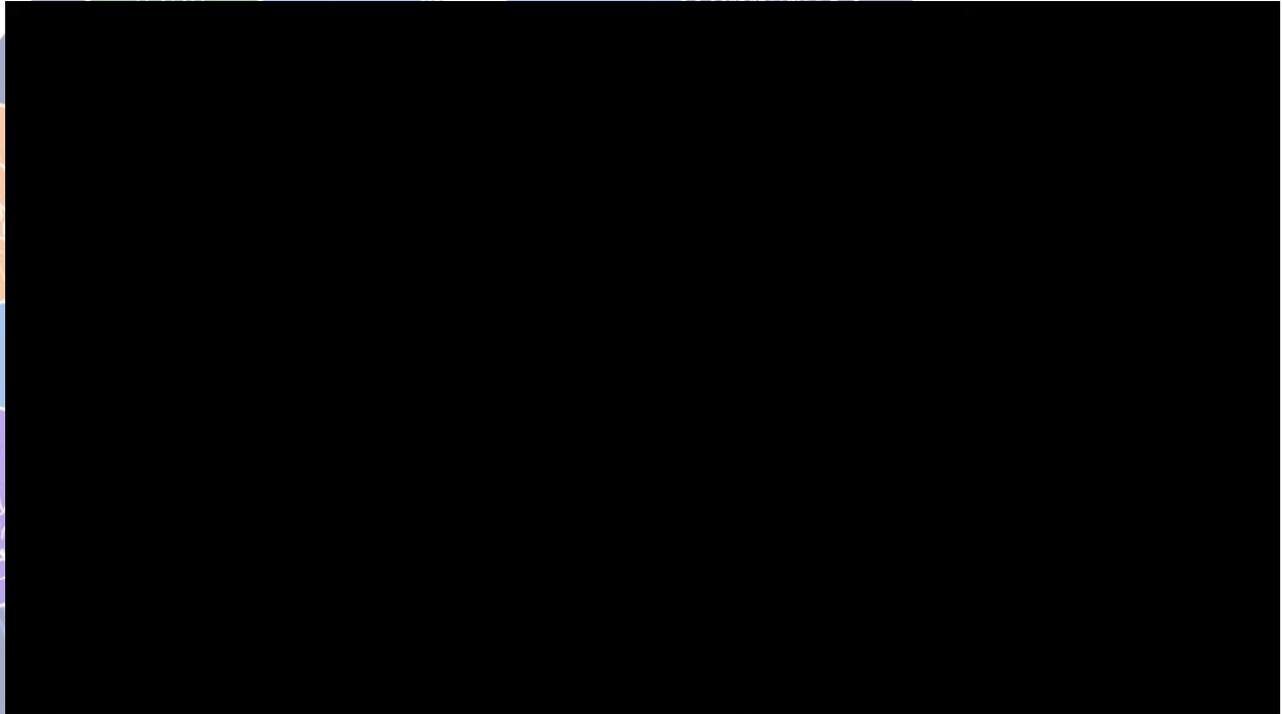
So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth.



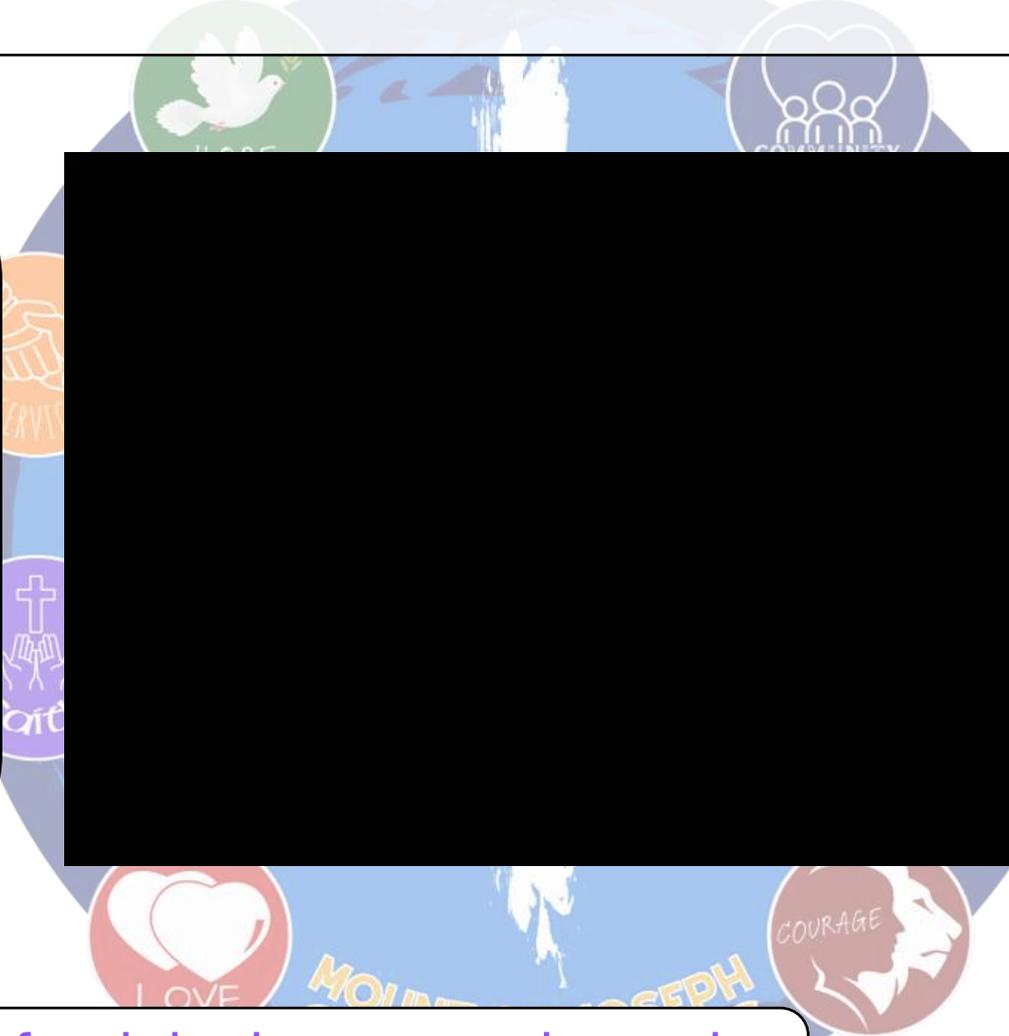
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Listen to this piece of music God of Justice
As you listen reflect on how we can spread justice. Where do you feel called to go?



How can we live to feed the hungry and stand beside the broken?



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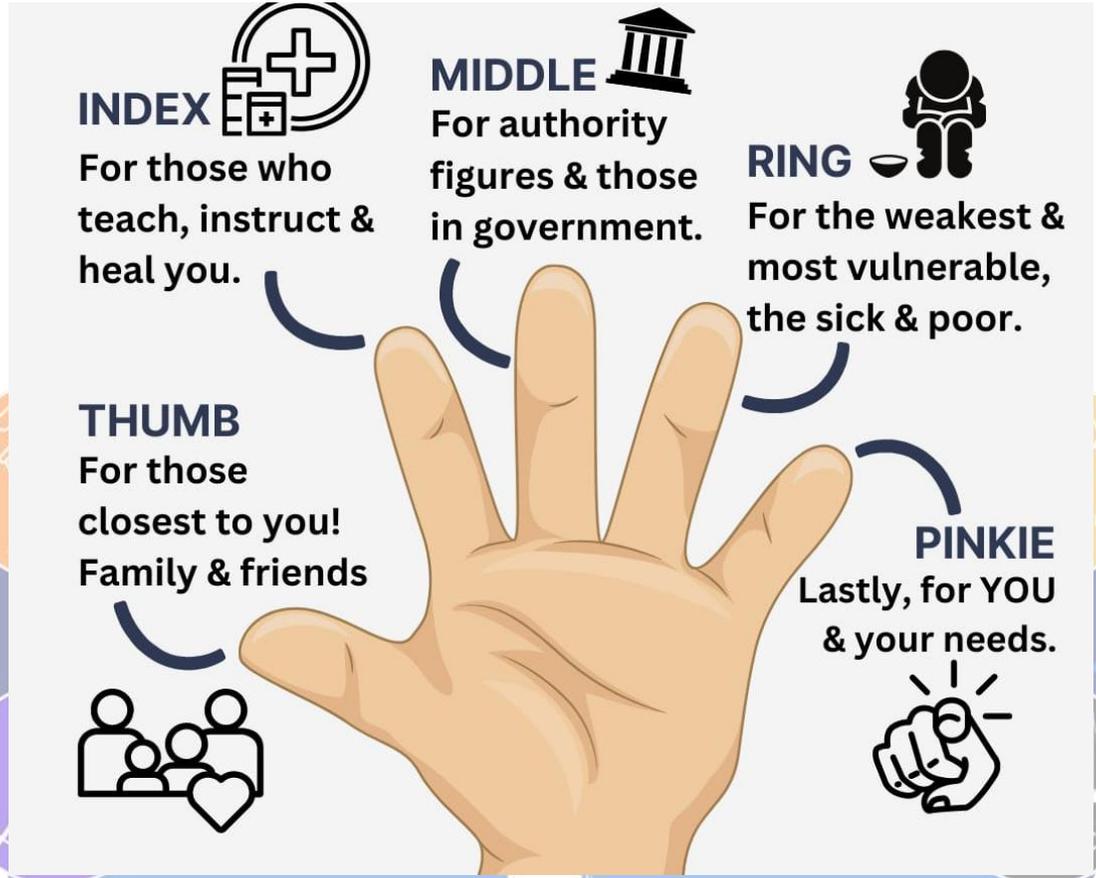
Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill
the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

HOPE
COMMUNITY
SERVICE
RECONCILIATION
JUSTICE
LOVE
COURAGE
MOUNT ST JOSEPH
GOSPEL VALUES



We can pray for others by following Pope Francis' 5 finger prayer. Follow along each finger and offer your own prayers for justice in each part of our community.



Continue to pray for others in our community



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Seeing the crowds,
Jesus went up on the
mountain, and when he
sat down, his disciples
came to him. And he
opened his mouth and
taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor
in spirit, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.'

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Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

“Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

“Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

“Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!

“Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!

“Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

“Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!

“Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

“Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

“Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted



(Good News Translation)



Thinking about the Gospel and this week's theme

Matthew is writing his Gospel for the early followers of Jesus who were Jewish. He presents Jesus as a new Moses. Where Moses went up Mt Sinai and received God's Law, Jesus' goes up a mountain and teaches his vision - developing the Law even further. Jesus' teaching has come to be known as the Beatitudes. The word "beatitude" comes from the Latin word *beātus*, meaning "happy" or "blessed". The Beatitudes set out the way to real and lasting happiness - the way to follow Jesus. They tell us how Jesus sees the world and challenge us to see it this way too.

Those listening to Jesus at the time would have just as surprised as we are to hear the sort of people Jesus says are truly happy or blessed. It seems that people who are spiritually poor, mourning, humble or persecuted are those who know they need God. It is their reliance on God which gives their lives meaning. The kingdom of God is not just the heaven we hope to enjoy after we die, but the state of living in a loving relationship with God. When we are forgiving, gentle and spreading peace, we are putting love into practice. Putting love into action is challenging. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, or justice, are putting love into action. We can't say we love God but ignore injustice, failing to stand up when we see people being treated unfairly.

As we celebrate Racial Justice Sunday, we think about what "justice" means. Being "just" or "fair" means treating everyone equally. It's about standing up for what is right and making sure everyone gets the same respect and opportunities. People are still treated badly because of their race and ethnicity. Today we renew our commitment to live lives of love and stand up against any injustice.



God of Justice and Peace,
You call us to walk together as pilgrims of hope,
guiding our steps with love, truth, and compassion.
Help us to stand against racism in all its forms
and to celebrate the beauty of our diversity.
May our journey towards racial justice bring healing
and unity to our world.
Through Christ our Lord.

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