

# Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

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### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

*Monday of week 27 in Ordinary Time*

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

*Wednesday of week 27 in Ordinary Time*

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

*Saint John Henry Newman, Priest - Feast*

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

*Saint Paulinus, Bishop, and the Anglo-Saxon saints of our diocese*

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October

*Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



*Saint John Henry Newman was a renowned preacher and theologian. He was influential in writing about our faith, how we understand it, and how we put it into practice through reason.*

*Saint John Henry  
Newman  
Pray for  
us*

O God,  
who gave John Henry Newman the grace to  
follow Your kindly light and find peace,  
may we also be led out of the shadows and  
into the fullness of Your love and Your truth.  
Amen.



# WORD OF THE WEEK

R O S A R Y

The **rosary** is a prayer that we can all use to meditate on the life of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful tool for prayer and spiritual growth through the intercession of Mary our Mother. The **rosary** can help us to grow in our faith, to deepen our relationship with God, and to find peace and comfort in difficult times.

## Sunday's Gospel

Luke 17:5-6

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our faith greater." The Lord answered, "If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey."*



**CST Link**

Peace is not just about the absence of war, but a fundamental aspect of faith and justice. Peace is the fruit of justice and love, and it is essential for the flourishing of the human community. One way that we can reflect peace in our lives is by praying. Bringing to mind those who are in need in the world and our community in a quiet moment with Jesus helps prepare our hearts to go out and be agents of peace in the world.

## See

Look at the image. Ask God to open your eyes to see what God wants you to see. What is God telling you in this image?

## Hear

Read the Gospel slowly and prayerfully. Meditate on God's Word. What word or phrase is God speaking to you? Highlight or underline it.

## Think

When have you struggled with your faith in God?

How could you trust in God more today?

What prayer would you recommend to somebody who is lacking faith?

## Do

Sing

*As I Kneel Before You*

by Maria Parkinson



In this Gospel, Jesus teaches that even the small amount of faith can achieve great things, emphasising that fulfilling obligations is simply doing what is expected of us. Jesus mentions that faith as small as a mustard seed can do great things. It shows us that the size of our faith is less important than its true presence and action in our lives. It teaches us that following Jesus means serving without expecting rewards; our actions are part of our Christian duty. Faith involves trusting in God's timing and in His plan, even when we don't understand.

# CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

R O S A R Y

## Gather

### Atmosphere

Turn off the lights  
Sit on the carpet  
Play thoughtful music  
Close your eyes

### Prayer Area

Green cloth  
Light a candle  
Cross  
A statue of Mary

### Action

Sign of the Cross  
Sing **As I Kneel Before You**  
Explain **Rosary**  
Give everybody rosary beads

## Word

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our faith greater." The Lord answered, "If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey."*

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Read the Gospel explanation on the Instagram post*

Write a prayer about **Rosary** using the following words:

- grow
- faith
- comfort
- peace

## Let us pray

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**Amen**

## Response

### Physical

Get up and find something that makes you feel calm and peaceful. Use this item to help you create a prayer area as you pray the Hail Mary together.

### Spoken CST Link

Discuss who need peace in our world. Pray a decade of the rosary, praying for different communities and countries in the world that need God's peace today.

### Written

Re-write the Hail Mary to reflect what you and the class would like to pray for. Put this up on your prayer area and pray this during the month of October.

## Mission

**Find time to pray  
the Hail Mary or  
the Rosary this  
week as a class.**

End with a morning/end of day prayer and the Sign of the Cross

# REFLECT

# AND

# GROW

## Gather

During the GATHER, we should now see that we are in a time of prayer. We need to make the space feel different. Have some music playing. Think about the lighting and how you want them to sit. Have a prayer focus. A prayerful space for people to focus on and that contributes to the time of prayer. Explain why each item in on the prayer focus. Welcome those to the prayer through song and words.

Have a moment of prayer. Explain what your theme is.

**"Welcome to our Celebration of the Word. We will begin with the Sign of the Cross ..."**

**"Please join us in singing this song together ..."**

**"Our theme today is ..."**

**"Our theme means ..."**

**"We can live out our theme today by ..."**

**"On our prayer focus, we have chosen ..."**

**"This item on our prayer focus represents ..."**

**"Let us spend a moment in prayer by ..."**

## Word

During the WORD, we hear a piece of Scripture that is linked to our theme. The Scripture is at the centre of our Celebration of the Word. Tell us why you chose it and explain how it is still relevant today. Be creative and show this by using your God given gifts.

**"The Scripture we have chosen today is the story of ..."**

**"We chose this Scripture because ..."**

**"It links to our theme because ..."**

**"We can live out this Scripture today by ..."**

**"We will now reflect on this Scripture story by ..."**

## Response

During the RESPONSE, we think and reflect on the message that we have heard through the Scripture. Link a thought or an action to the theme. Make sure that everybody in the room is taking part in some way. Whether that be through physical, spoken, or written responses. Have a moment of prayer. Be silent, say a prayer or sing a song.

Explain why we as a group are responding to God in this way.

**"We would now like you to move in this way because ..."**

**"We would now like you to speak to the person next to you and ..."**

**"We would now like you to write down something that ..."**

**"We would now like you to spend some time in silence thinking about ..."**

**"Put your hands together and join us as we say this prayer together ..."**

## Mission

During the MISSION, we are challenged to go out and do something which makes us put our prayer into action. Challenge the group to live out the message in the world. Give them a challenge or activity. Give them something to take away with them. Make them think of their role in God's plan. Spend a moment praying to God. End with some music or a song.

**"Your mission this week is ..."**

**"You can live this mission out in the world by ..."**

**"You are all going to get something to help you with your mission ..."**

**"Let us spend a moment in prayer asking God to help us live out our mission ..."**

**"Please join us in singing this song together ..."**

**"Thank you for joining us for our Celebration of the Word. We will end with the Sign of the Cross ..."**

**What happened during the Celebration of the Word?  
How did it make you feel?**

Be specific in the grey boxes

Prayer Focus/Altar/Display ☐

Liturgical Colour ☐



Images/Videos/Slides ☐

Sign of the Cross ☐

Scripture ☐

Music/Singing ☐

Speech ☐

Silent Prayer ☐

Personal Reflection ☐

Seasonal Prayers ☐

Questions ☐

Physical Response ☐

Spoken Response ☐

Written Response ☐

Objects ☐

Mission ☐

Linked to theme ☐



HAPPY

☐

SAD

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EXCITED

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CALM

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INTERESTED

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BORED

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INSPIRED

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PRAYERFUL

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Highlight something you want to see more of in your Celebration of the Word