

Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

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Sunday 19th October

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 20th October

Monday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 21st October

Tuesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 22nd October

Saint John Paul II, Pope

Thursday 23rd October

Thursday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

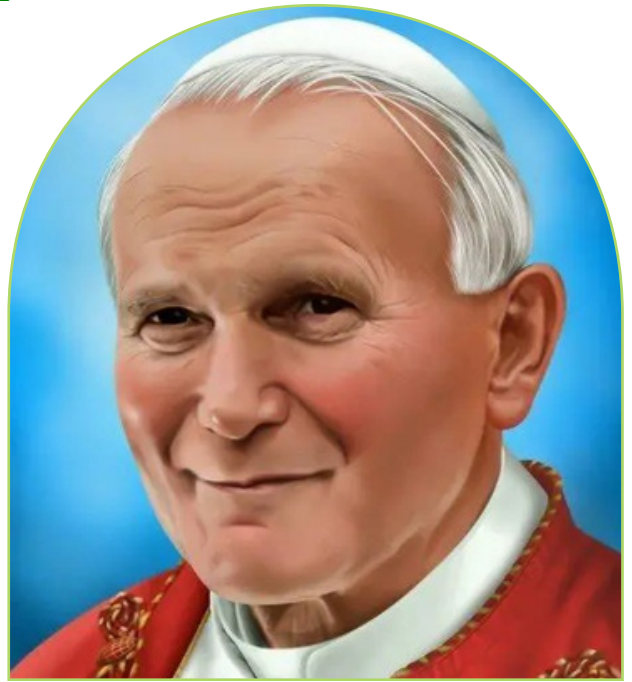
Friday 24th October

Friday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 25th October

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin

Mary



Saint John Paul II had exceptional apostolic zeal for families, young people and the sick, which led to a number of pastoral visits around the world. He has visited the most countries and people of any pope, with 129 countries and over 16 million pilgrims.

Loving Father,
grant that we may always follow Your plan in
our lives,
that we may stay strong in our faith
and serve others like John Paul II, with love,
compassion, and mercy.
Amen.



Saint John Paul II

*Pray for
us*

WORD OF THE WEEK

PIETY

Piety is about living a life of devotion to God. It is about nurturing our relationship with Him through prayer, worship, and study of scripture. It is about recognising His presence in our lives and responding with gratitude and love. **Piety** is not just about outward actions; it is about an inner disposition, a heart turned towards God. When we live with **piety**, we allow God's love to transform us and make us more like Him.

Sunday's Gospel

Luke 18:6-8

And the Lord continued, "Listen to what that corrupt judge said. Now, will God not judge in favour of His own people who cry to Him day and night for help? Will He be slow to help them? I tell you, He will judge in their favour and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when He comes?"



CST Link

Showing piety lies in the belief that God's plan for creation includes the responsibility to treat everyone as brothers and sisters, contributing to the common good. It encourages us to see every person as a child of God, reflecting God's love and dignity which is rooted in scripture and shaped by the leaders of our Church. Our actions and our prayers allow God to transform us and His world into a place of love and justice.

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.

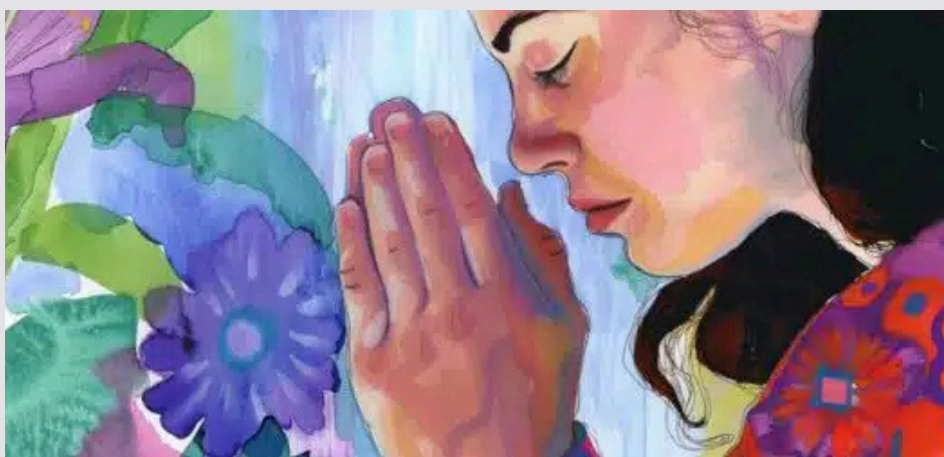
Think

How does scripture help with your daily decisions?

In what ways could you be patient in prayer? What could you do to work for justice in the community?

Do

Sing
Holy Forever
by Chris Tomlin



In this Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable about a persistent widow to teach the importance of constant prayer. If an unjust judge grants justice, how much more will God respond to His chosen ones? Jesus is encouraging persistent prayer to teach us that we should keep praying even when it seems difficult. It also highlights the importance of seeking justice and trusting that God hears our prayers. Even when answers seem delayed, we should trust in God's timing.

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD P I E T Y

Gather

Atmosphere

Turn off the lights
Sit in a circle on the carpet
Play calming music
Close your eyes

Prayer Area

Green cloth
Light a candle
Cross
Holy water

Action

Sign of the Cross
Sing **Holy Forever**
Explain **Piety**
Put your hands together

Word

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

“And the Lord continued, “Listen to what that corrupt judge said. Now, will God not judge in favour of His own people who cry to Him day and night for help? Will He be slow to help them? I tell you, He will judge in their favour and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith on earth when He comes?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Read the Gospel explanation on the Instagram post

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

- heart
- love
- lives
- prayer

Let us pray



Amen

Response

Physical

Get in your favourite prayer position. Be persistent in your prayer and see who can stay in that prayer position for the longest without moving.

Spoken

Ask some children what their favourite prayer is. When they tell you, all pray that prayer together as a class.

Written **CST Link**

Have a map of the world. Write down inside different countries ways that we could pray for justice in those areas. Put this on your prayer area and use throughout the week.

Mission

Try and visit a Church or sacred space this week and spend some time with God.

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

☐

EXCITED

☐

CALM

☐

INTERESTED

☐

BORED

☐

INSPIRED

☐

PRAYERFUL

☐

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

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



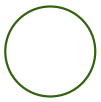
GATHER



Turn off the
lights



Add a cross to
your prayer
area



Sit in a circle



Light a candle
and add it to
your prayer area



Place a green
cloth in the
middle



Sing
Our God is
a Great Big
God



WORD



Read

The Lions
Stay
Hungry
on page 82



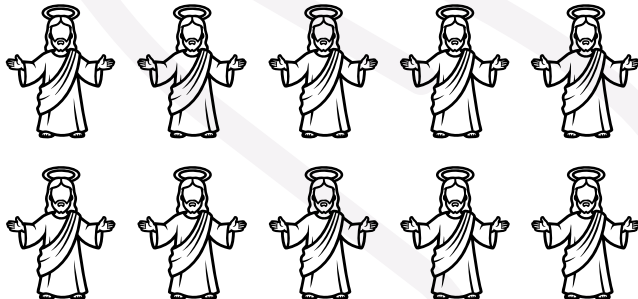
RESPONSE

Finish the prayer sentences using the key words.

MISSION



Colour in a Jesus every time you
pray like Daniel.



**thank
You**

love

kindness

Dear God,
thank You for showing us Your
.....
Help us to always say
.....
and to remember to treat people with
.....
Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HOW DID YOU
FEEL DURING
PRAYER TODAY?



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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