

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33



In the Gospel reading this week Jesus speaks to his disciples explaining their mission in Matthew Ch. 10. Like the disciples, we too can feel afraid especially during these unprecedented times. Jesus said, 'Do not be afraid', to his disciples before they went out. In the Gospel of Matthew, he tells them and us that we are important; God loves us all equally. Jesus encourages us in the Gospel today not to be afraid to share our faith with everyone we meet and recognise that God is with us always in our hearts, in our families, and in the whole of creation. Our faith target this week is to take time to see God in our world today.

Prayer from Cafod

God of all, you watch over us all with so much care. Help us to feel that you are near in all that we do. Help us to remember that everyone is precious in your sight. Amen.



Sacred Heart of Jesus - June

June is the month for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This much-loved statue in Catholic homes is based on visions of St Margaret Mary Alacoque in 17th Century France. In the visions she saw the heart of Jesus, surrounded by the crown of thorns and with a fire burning in it. Many Catholics believe the thorns represent the suffering of Jesus and the fire his eternal love for us.

This much love title of Jesus has links to our college. Bishop Milner had a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart and when he enlarged the main chapel of Maryvale it became the first public shrine of the Sacred Heart in the British Isles.

In 1814 Bishop Milner brought back from Rome a small panel of painted glass showing the Sacred Heart of Jesus as described by St Gertrude; he set the panel in a window of the shrine and from that time onwards devotion to the Sacred Heart has been a key part of Maryvale's life of faith and prayer.



<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/join-online-maryvale-sacred-heart-novena>

Prayer written by St John Eudes:

O Heart all loveable and all loving of my Saviour, be the Heart of my heart, the Soul of my soul, the Spirit of my spirit, the Life of my life and the sole principle of all my thoughts, words and actions, of all the faculties of my soul and of all my senses, both interior and exterior. Amen.