



Seeds of Faith

Pilot Resource Pack: 5th Class

Archdiocese of Dublin

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'Pope Francis reminds us that the first proclamation that must ring out over and over in our religious education is that, "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."'

(Catholic Preschool and Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland, 2015, p. 9, Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 164).



Introduction

The *Catholic Preschool and Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland* (2015) and the *Grow in Love* Religious Education Programme are the foundation documents for the *Seeds of Faith*, Fifth Class, pilot programme. Parishes will undertake this pilot programme in five areas of the Dublin Diocese beginning in September /October 2024 and will complete it in June 2025. The children who participate in this programme are children of families who seek religious education for their Catholic children who attend schools other than Catholic Schools.

Children who will participate in this pilot programme will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026.

The appointed religious educator will teach *Seeds of Faith* on a weekly basis from the *Grow in Love* Teacher Manual on a pilot base. *Seeds of Faith* will be accessible in booklet form for the religious educators' use.

Parish Provision of Resources

- To provide a Fifth Class *Grow in Love* Teacher Manual which includes a CD, a set of posters and an access code to the online resources for each teacher.
- To provide a *Grow in Love*, Fifth Class Children's textbook for each child partaking in *Seeds of Faith*.
- To provide a *Seeds of Faith* booklet for each religious educator. *Seeds of Faith*, Fifth Class booklet will be printed in two shades of teal similar to the *Grow in Love* colour code.
- To provide material for the prayer space, including a copy of The Catholic Children's Bible, St Mary's Press, as outlined in each theme of *Grow in Love*

Initial Note

The Children's *Grow in Love* textbook includes thirty-five lessons which follows the liturgical year and accompanied by individual lesson plans, accessible in the *Grow in Love* Teacher Manual. The Primary Diocesan Advisors in the Education Secretariat will take added responsibility with their existing role, for overseeing *Seeds of Faith* and for training religious educators initially for this role. They will also provide ongoing Continuous Professional Development and advise them in their work. The Education Secretariat will collaborate with the Diocesan policy on 'Accompanying Families' in the parish.

Seeds of Faith provides thirty-five lessons based on the *Grow in Love* programme. The parish will provide for twenty-eight of these weeks.

Seeds of Faith offers parents/guardians an opportunity to take their role as the primary educators of their children.



It proposes that the parents/ guardians in collaboration with the parish will engage with their children in seven lessons throughout the year in addition to the twenty-eight lessons taught at parish level. These seven lessons will take place at a face-to-face meeting, a Zoom meeting, or during an agreed time during the liturgical year. Such meetings will provide an additional opportunity for parental support using digital/online resources to pray with families and enhance faith practice.

Continuous Professional Development to Religious Educators

The Primary Diocesan Advisors will provide regular CPD and accompaniment to the teachers, parents/guardians and other partners if requested, on the *Catholic Preschool and Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland (2015)*, the *Grow in Love* Religious Education Programme and *Seeds of Faith*.

Assessment and Evaluation

Regular assessment and evaluation, in consultation with trained Diocesan Advisors for Religious Education will take place, to ensure relevance and accountability to parents/guardians and Church authorities. Such assessment will ensure that Religious Education meets the criteria outlined in the *Catholic Preschool and Primary Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland (2015)*.

Layout

Seeds of Faith resource provides:

- The weekly outline of the lessons which correspond to the lessons in the *Grow in Love* Children's textbook for Sixth Class.
- The weekly Scripture texts (from *The Catholic Children's Bible*, St. Mary's Press, 1993) for thirty-five weeks.
- The additional relevant stories from the *Grow in Love* programme which are required for the thirty-five weeks.
- The Formal Prayers and the Prayers for the Mass.



The suggested structure of each week is as follows.

- Gather and Come: Greet one another, settle and focus on the prayer space.
- Recap and Share: After week one, this will be based on the previous 'AT HOME' section in the *Grow in Love* Children's textbook.
- Prayer: Begin with prayer.
- Scripture: Read and reflect on the assigned scripture, preferably from the Bible.
- IN CLASS: This is from the children's *Grow in Love* textbook.
- AT HOME: This also comes from the children's *Grow in Love* textbook. This 'AT HOME' page is the task of the parents/guardians to accompany their child in faith.
- Gather and Go: This provides the opportunity to remind the children of what the religious educator taught in class and the 'AT HOME' page. Each lesson will conclude with prayer and carefully tidy away the prayer space.

Week 1:

God Knows Us and Loves Us



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

N/A

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible

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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel

Scripture

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16, "God's complete knowledge and care"

IN CLASS

pp.6,7,8

AT HOME

p.9

Gather & Go

Week 2:

God Speaks to Us through the Bible



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.9, God Knows Us and Loves Us

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible

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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel

Scripture

Jeremiah 1:4-8, "The Call of Jeremiah"

IN CLASS

pp.10, 11, 12

AT HOME

p.13

Gather & Go

Week 3:

The Prophets Speak the Word of God



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.13, God Speaks to Us through the Bible

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible

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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel

Scripture

Jeremiah 7:5-7, "Jeremiah Preaches in the Temple" and Jer 31:33-34, "The Future Prosperity of God's People"

IN CLASS

pp.14, 15, 16

AT HOME

p.17

Gather & Go

Week 4:

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 17, The Prophets Speak the Word of God

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father

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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16, "The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard"

IN CLASS

pp.18, 19, 20

AT HOME

p.21

Gather & Go

Week 5: Jesus the Healer



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.21, The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- The Serenity Prayer

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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Matthew 12:9-14, "Jesus Heals a Man with a Paralysed Hand"

IN CLASS

pp.22, 23, 24

AT HOME

p.25

Gather & Go

Week 6:

'Who do you say I am?'



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.25, Jesus the Healer

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Luke 4:16-22, "Jesus is Rejected in Nazareth"

Matthew 8: 27-28, "Peter's Declaration about Jesus"

IN CLASS

pp.26, 27, 28

AT HOME

p.29

Gather & Go

Week 7:

God Calls Each One of Us



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.29, 'Who do you say I am?'

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

1 Samuel 3:2-10, "The Lord Appears to Samuel"

IN CLASS

pp.30, 31, 32

AT HOME

p.33

Gather & Go

Week 8:

We Respond to God's Call



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.33, God Calls Each One of Us

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Psalm 118:1, "Prayer of Thanks for Victory"

IN CLASS

pp. 34, 35, 36

AT HOME

p.37

Gather & Go

Week 9: Death and Eternal Life



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.37, God Calls Each One of Us

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, "The Lord's Coming"

IN CLASS

pp.114, 115, 116

AT HOME

p.117

Gather & Go

Week 10:

Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.117, Death and Eternal Life

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:4-19, "The Great Commandment"

IN CLASS

pp.130, 131,132

AT HOME

p.133

Gather & Go

Week 11:

Zechariah Waits



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.133, Rosh, Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Luke 1:57-66, “The Birth of John the Baptist” (The teacher will need to recall from Luke 1:5-25, The Birth of John the Baptist is announced)

IN CLASS

pp.38, 39, 40

AT HOME

p.41

Gather & Go

Week 12:

Joseph Waits



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.41, Zechariah Waits

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-24, Joseph's Dream

IN CLASS

pp. 42, 43, 44

AT HOME

p.45

Gather & Go

Week 13:

Christians Celebrate the Birth of Jesus



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.45, Joseph Waits

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Isaiah 9:2-3, 6, The Future King

IN CLASS

pp.46, 47, 48

AT HOME

p.49

Gather & Go

Week 14:

Epiphany



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.49, Christians Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12, Visitors from the East,

IN CLASS

Chat about the crib

AT HOME

Visit the Parish Crib

Gather & Go

Week 14:

Epiphany



Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12, Visitors from the East

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some of the men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the East, and we have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and asked them, “Where will the Messiah be born?” “In the town of Bethlehem in Judea,” they answered. “For this is what the prophet wrote: ‘Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah; for from you will come a leader who will guide my people Israel.’” So Herod called the visitors from the East to a secret meeting and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem with these instructions: “Go and make a careful search for the child; and when you find him, let me know, so that I too may go and worship him.” And so they left, and on their way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, how happy they were, what joy was theirs! It went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. They went into the house, and when they saw the child with his mother Mary, they knelt down and worshipped him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and presented them to him. Then they returned to their country by another road, since God had warned them in a dream not to go back to Herod.

Week 15:

We Can Hear God's Voice within Us



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

On the visit to the Parish Crib

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Matthew 19:16-17, 20-22, The Rich Young Man

IN CLASS

pp. 50, 51,52

AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 16:

Our Conscience Develops as We Grow



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.53, "We Can Hear God's Voice Within Us"

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

Matthew 25:35-40, The Final Judgement

IN CLASS

pp.54, 55, 56

AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 16:

Our Conscience Develops as We Grow



Scripture

Matthew 25:35-40, The Final Judgement

‘I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.’ The righteous will then answer him, ‘When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?’ The King will reply, ‘I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!’

Week 17:

St Brigid



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 57, Our Conscience Develops as We Grow

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
 - Prayer to the Trinity
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful

Scripture

2 Timothy 1: 3-7, Thanksgiving and Encouragement

IN CLASS

Taken from 4th Class Grow in Love RE Programme

AT HOME

Chat about St. Brigid. Hang up a St. Brigid's cross

Gather & Go

Week 17:

St Brigid



Scripture

2 Timothy 1: 3-7, Thanksgiving and Encouragement

'I give thanks to God, whom I serve with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did. I thank him as I remember you always in my prayers night and day. I remember your tears, and I want to see you very much, so that I may be filled with joy. I remember the sincere faith you have, the kind of faith that your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice also had. I am sure that you have it also. For this reason, I remind you to keep alive the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control.

St. Brigid

In Class: (Taken from 4th Class Grow in Love RE Programme)

St Brigid, who is also known as 'Mary of the Gael' was born near Faughart in County Louth around the year 454. She spent most of her life in Kildare, where she eventually built an abbey on a hill near an oak tree. Since that time, it has been a place of prayer and pilgrimage. When she was a young girl Brigid heard St Patrick preaching about God and so she was among the first generation of Christians in Ireland. There are many legends associated with St Brigid. They give us a picture of St Brigid and tell us some of the qualities people saw in her.

Week 17:

St Brigid



St. Brigid

St Brigid and the Dying Chieftain (Grow In Love Teacher Manual, Fourth Class p.424)

It was a cold evening in the middle of winter when Brigid heard a gentle knock on her door. On opening it, she saw a young boy in bare feet looking up at her anxiously. 'My master, the chieftain, is dying,' the young boy said in a timid voice. 'He sent me to see if you would come to him.' Brigid pulled her cloak around her shoulders and asked the boy to show her the way. As they approached the chieftain's house, the boy said, 'He hasn't been well for days, and when he gets sick he gets very cranky.' The boy became silent as they entered the brightly lit room where the chieftain was lying on a bed, curled up like a wounded animal. It was obvious to Brigid that the man was dying. His eyes were closed and he was breathing rapidly. Sitting down beside his bed, she gently wiped the sweat from his forehead and began talking to him in a soothing voice. Over the course of the night, the chieftain became calmer and his breathing grew softer, but he never opened his eyes. To fight the urge to sleep, Brigid began to gather some of the rushes that were spread on the floor and she started twisting them together into the shape of the cross, singing quietly as she did so. Being engrossed in her task, Brigid didn't realise that the chieftain had woken and was watching her. 'What is it you have been humming?' he asked her, his voice barely audible. 'I don't recognise the tune.' Brigid stopped what she was doing. She knew the chieftain was afraid to die. Brigid told him that she was singing a prayer and that she sometimes did that to keep herself awake when she was very tired. 'I sing to myself about God's love for us all.' The chieftain saw a wonderful light in Brigid's eyes as she spoke. 'That must be a great God that you believe in,' he whispered, for he believed in many different gods. 'Would you tell me about this God of yours?' With that, Brigid took up the cross that she had made. Then, holding the dying man's hand, she began to tell him the story of Jesus, the Son of God, and of how he had come from God to show us how to live our lives with love and compassion. She told him about how Jesus had died to save all people, including him. She pressed the chieftain's hand as she spoke. Soon the man fell into a deep, peaceful sleep. Brigid stayed by the chieftain's bedside till dawn broke across the sky and a new day began.

Week 18:

Lent: A Time for Reflection



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

St Brigid

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
 - Prayer to the Trinity
 - Act of Sorrow
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
 - Prayers from the Mass: Introductory Rites: Penitential Act A

Scripture

Luke 4:1-13, The Temptation of Jesus

IN CLASS

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AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 19:

Jesus Teaches Us to Act Justly



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.121, Lent: A Time for Reflection

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
 - Prayer to the Trinity
 - Act of Sorrow
 - Ár nAthair
 - Act of Love
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
 - Prayers from the Mass: Introductory Rites: Penitential Act A

Scripture

John 4:7-15, Jesus and the Woman at the Well

IN CLASS

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AT HOME

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Gather & Go

Week 20:

Jesus Teaches Us the Beatitudes



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.61, Jesus Teaches Us to Act Justly

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
 - Prayer to the Trinity
 - Act of Sorrow
 - Ár nAthair
 - Act of Love
 - Mission Prayer
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
 - Prayers from the Mass: Introductory Rites: Penitential Act A

Scripture

Matthew 5:3-12, The Beatitudes

IN CLASS

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Gather & Go

Week 21:

We Are Called to Care for Our Common Home



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.65, Jesus Teaches Us the Beatitudes

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
 - Prayer to the Trinity
 - Act of Sorrow
 - Ár nAthair
 - Act of Love
 - Mission Prayer
 - Care for the Earth
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
 - Prayers from the Mass: Introductory Rites: Penitential Act A

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-31, The Story of Creation

IN CLASS

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Gather & Go

Week 21:

We Are Called to Care for Our Common Home



Scripture

Gen 1:1-31, The Story of Creation

In the beginning, when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. Then God commanded, 'Let there be light', and light appeared. God was pleased with what he saw. Then he separated the light from the darkness, and he named the light, 'Day and the darkness 'Night'. Evening passed and morning came- that was the first day. Then God commanded, 'Let there be a dome to divide the water and keep it in two separate places', and it was done. So God made a dome, and it separated the water under it from the water above it. He named the dome 'Sky'. Evening passed and morning came- that was the second day. Then God commanded, 'Let the water below the sky come together in one place, so that the land will appear', and it was done. He named the land 'Earth,' and the water, which had come together, he named 'Sea'. And God was pleased with what he saw. Then he commanded, 'Let the earth produce all kinds of plants, those that bear grain and those that bear fruit', and it was done. So the earth produced all kinds of plants, and God was pleased with what he saw. Evening passed and morning-that was the third day. Then God commanded, 'Let lights appear in the sky to separate day from night and to show the time when days, years, and religious festivals begin; they will shine in the sky to give light to the earth'-and it was done. So God made the two larger lights, the sun to rule over the day and the moon to rule over the night; he also made the stars. He placed the lights in the sky to shine on the earth, to rule over the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God was pleased with what he saw. Evening passed and morning came-that was the fourth day. Then God commanded, 'Let the water be filled with many kinds living beings, and let the air be filled with birds.' So God created the great sea monsters, all kinds of creatures that live in the water, and all kinds of birds.

Week 21:

We Are Called to Care for Our Common Home



Scripture

And God was pleased with what he saw. He blessed them all and told the creatures live in the water to reproduce and to fill the sea, and he told the birds to increase in number. Evening passed and morning came-that was the fifth day. Then God commanded, 'Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life: domestic and wild, large and small'- and it was done. So God made them all, and he was pleased with what he saw. So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female, blessed them, and said, 'Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat; but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food'-and it was done. God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased. Evening passed and morning came-that was the sixth day.

Week 22: Remembering St Patrick



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.69, We Are Called to Care for Our Common Home

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
 - Prayer to the Trinity
 - Act of Sorrow
 - Ár nAthair
 - Act of Love
 - Mission Prayer
 - Care for the Earth
 - St Patrick's Breastplate
 - St..., pray for us
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
 - Prayers from the Mass: Introductory Rites: Penitential Act A

Scripture

Matthew 6:1-18, Teaching about Prayer/Fasting,

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Gather & Go

Week 22:

Remembering St Patrick



Scripture

Matthew 6:1-18, Teaching about Prayer/Fasting

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites! They love to stand up and pray in the houses of worship and on the street corners, so that everyone will see them. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. But when you pray, go to your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you. When you pray, do not use a lot of meaningless words, as the pagans do, who think that their prayers are long. Do not be like them. Your Father already knows what you need before you ask him. This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven: May your holy name be honoured; may your Kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us. Do not bring us hard testing, but keep us safe from the Evil One.’ If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs you have done.”

Week 23:

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.125, Remembering St Patrick

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
 - Prayer to the Trinity
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Scripture

Matthew 26: 20-74, 27:1-61, The Passion of Our Lord

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Week 23:

Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus



Scripture

Matthew 26: 20-74, 27:1-61, The Passion of Our Lord

The Lord's Supper: While they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. "Take and eat it," he said; "this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks to God, and gave it to them. "Drink it, all of you," he said; this is my blood, which seals God's covenant, my blood poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink this wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in my Father's Kingdom." Then he sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial: Then Jesus said to them, "This very night all of you will run away and leave me, for the scripture says, 'God will kill the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised to life, I will go to Galilee ahead of you." Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "I will never leave you, even though all the rest do!" Jesus said to Peter, "I tell you that before the rooster crows tonight, you will say three times that you do not know me." Peter answered, "I will never say that, even if I have to die with you!" And all the other disciples said the same thing.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane: Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there to pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee. Grief and anguish came over him, and he said to them, "The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me. Stay here and keep watch with me." He went a little farther on, threw himself downward on the ground, and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, take this cup of suffering from me! Yet not what I want, but what you want." Then he returned to the three disciples and found them asleep; and he said to Peter, "How is it that you three were not able to keep watch with me for even one hour? Keep watch and pray that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

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Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus



Scripture

Once more Jesus went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cup of suffering cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done.” He returned once more and found the disciples asleep; they could not keep their eyes open. Again, Jesus left them, went away, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then he returned to the disciples and said, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look! The hour has come for the Son of Man to be handed over to the power of sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, here is the man who is betraying me!”

The Arrest of Jesus: Jesus was still speaking when Judas, one of the twelve disciples, arrived. With him, was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs and sent by the chief priests and the elders. The traitor had given the crowd a signal: “The man I kiss is the one you want. Arrest him!” Judas went straight to Jesus and said, “Peace be with you, Teacher, “and kissed him. Jesus answered, “Be quick about it, friend!” Then they came up, arrested Jesus, and held him tight. One of those who were with Jesus drew his sword and struck at the High Priest’s slave, cutting off his ear. “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him. “All who take the sword will die by the sword. Don’t you know that I could call on my Father for help, and at once, he would send me more than twelve armies of angels? But in that case, how could the Scriptures come true which say that this is what must happen?” Then Jesus spoke to the crowd, “Did you have to come with swords and clubs to capture me, as though I were an outlaw? Every day I sat down and taught in the Temple, and you did not arrest me. But all this happened in order to make some true what the prophets wrote in the Scriptures.” Then all the disciples left him and ran away.

Jesus before the Council: Those who had arrested Jesus took him to the house of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where the teachers of the Law and elders had gathered. Peter followed from a distance, as far as the courtyard of the High Priest’s house.

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Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus



Scripture

He went into the courtyard and sat down with the guards to see how it would all come out. The chief priests and the whole Council tried to find some false evidence against Jesus to put him to death; but they could not find any, even though many people came forward and told lies about him. Finally two men stepped up and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to tear down God’s Temple and three days later build it back up.’” The High Priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Have you no answer to give to this accusation against you?” But Jesus kept quiet. Again, the High Priest spoke to him, “In the name of the living God I now put you under oath: tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.” Jesus answered him, “So you say. But I tell all of you: from this time on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right side of the Almighty and coming on the clouds of heaven!” At this, the High Priest tore his clothes and said, “Blasphemy! We don’t need any more witnesses! You have just heard his blasphemy! What do you think?” They answered, “He is guilty and must die.” Then they spat in his face and beat him; and those who slapped him said, “Prophecy for us, Messiah! Guess who hit you!”

Peter Denies Jesus: Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard when one of the High Priest’s servant women came to him and said, “You, too, were with Jesus of Galilee.” But he denied it in front of them all. “I don’t know what you are talking about,” he answered, and went on out to the entrance of the courtyard. Another servant woman saw him and said to the men there, “He was with Jesus of Nazareth.” Again, Peter denied it and answered, “I swear that I don’t know that man!” After a little while, the men standing there came to Peter. “Of course you are one of them,” they said. “After all, the way you speak gives you away!” Then Peter said, “I swear that I am telling the truth! May God punish me if I am not! I do not know that man!” Just then, a rooster crowed, and Peter remembered what Jesus had told him: “Before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you do not know me.” He went out and wept bitterly.

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Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus



Scripture

Jesus Is Taken to Pilate: Early in the morning all the chief priest and the elders made their plans against Jesus to put him to death. They put him in chains, led him off, and handed him over to Pilate, the Roman governor. The Death of Judas: When Judas, the traitor, learned that Jesus had been condemned, he repented and took back the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. “I have sinned by betraying an innocent man to death!” he said. “What do we care about that?” they answered. “That is your business!” Judas threw the coins down in the Temple and left; then he went off and hanged himself. The chief priests picked up the coins and said, “This is blood money, and it is against our Law to put it in the Temple treasury.” After reaching an agreement about it, they used the money to buy Potter’s Field, as a cemetery for foreigners. That is why that field is called “Field of Blood” to this very day. Then what the prophet Jeremiah had said came true: “They took the thirty silver coins, the amount the people of Israel had agreed to pay for him, and used the money to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord had commanded me.”

Pilate Questions Jesus: Jesus stood before the Roman governor, who questioned him. “Are you the king of the Jews?” he asked. “So you say,” answered Jesus. But he said nothing in response to the accusations of the chief priests and elders. So Pilate said to him, “Don’t you hear all these things they accuse you of?” But Jesus refused to answer a single word, with the result that the Governor was greatly surprised.

Jesus Is Sentenced to Death: At every Passover Festival, the Roman governor was in the habit of setting free any one prisoner the crowd asked for. At that time there was a well-known prisoner named Jesus Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate asked them, “Which one do you want me to set free for You? Jesus Barabbas or Jesus called the Messiah?” He knew very well that the Jewish authorities had handed Jesus over to him because they were jealous.

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Scripture

While Pilate was sitting in the judgment hall, his wife sent him a message: “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, because in a dream last night I suffered much on account of him.” The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask Pilate to set Barabbas free and have Jesus put to death. But Pilate asked the crowd, “Which one of these two do you want me to set free for you?” “Barabbas!” they answered. “What, then, shall I do with Jesus called the Messiah?” Pilate asked them. “Crucify him!” they all answered. But Pilate asked, “What crime has he committed?” Then they started shouting at the top of their voices: “Crucify him!” When Pilate saw that it was no use to go on, but that a riot might break out, he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd, and said, “I am not responsible for the death of this man! This is your doing!” The whole crowd answered, “Let the responsibility for his death fall on us and on our children!” Then Pilate set Barabbas free for them; and after he had Jesus whipped, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Make Fun of Jesus: Then Pilate’s soldiers took Jesus into the governor’s palace, and the whole company gathered around him. They stripped off his clothes and put a scarlet robe on him. Then they made a crown out of thorny branches and placed it on his head, and put a stick in his right hand; then they knelt before him and made fun of him. “Long live the King of the Jews!” they said. They spat on him, and took the stick and hit him over the head. When they had finished making fun of him, they took the robe off and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Jesus Is Crucified: As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene named Simon, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus’ cross. They came to a place called Golgotha, which means, “The Place of the Skull.” There they offered Jesus wine mixed with a bitter substance; but after tasting it, he would not drink it. They crucified him and then divided his clothes among them by throwing dice.

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Scripture

After that they sat there and watched him. Above his head, they put the written notice of the accusation against him: “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.” Then they crucified two bandits with Jesus, one on his right and the other on his left. People passing by shook their heads and hurled insults at Jesus: “You were going to tear down the Temple and build it back up in three days! Save yourself if you are God’s Son! Come on down from the cross!” In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and the elders make fun of him: “He saved others, but he cannot save himself! Isn’t he the king of Israel? If he will come down off the cross now, we will believe him! He trusts in God and claims to be God’s Son. Well, then, let us be God’s Son. Well, then, let us see if God wants to save him now!”

The Death of Jesus: At noon the whole country was covered with darkness, which lasted for three hours. At about three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud shout, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why did you abandon me?” Some of the people standing there heard him and said, “He is calling for Elijah!” One of them ran up at once, took a sponge, soaked it in cheap wine, put it on the end of a stick, and tried to make him drink it. But the others said, “Wait, let us see if Elijah is coming to save him!” Jesus again gave a loud cry and breathed his last. Then the curtain hanging in the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split apart, the grave broke open and many of God’s people who had died were raised to life. They left the graves, and after Jesus rose from death, they went into the Holy City, where many people saw them. When the army officer and the soldiers with him who were watching Jesus saw the earthquake and everything else that happened, they were terrified and said, “He really was the Son of God!” There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee and helped him.

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Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus



Scripture

Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the wife of Zebedee.

The Burial of Jesus: When it was evening, a rich man from Arimathea arrived; his name was Joseph, and he also was a disciple of Jesus. He went into the presence of Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate gave orders for the body to be given to Joseph. So Joseph took it, wrapped it in a new linen sheet and placed it in his own tomb which he had just recently dug out of solid rock. Then he rolled a large stone across the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there, facing the tomb.

Week 24:

Pesach (Passover) and the Seder Meal



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.73, Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
 - Prayer to Guardian Angel
 - Prayer to the Trinity
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 - Ár nAthair
 - Act of Love
 - Mission Prayer
 - Care for the Earth
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 - Prayers from the Mass: Introductory Rites: Penitential Act A
 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist- as far as preface dialogue

Scripture

Exodus 12:1-14, The Passover

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Week 24:

Pesach (Passover) and the Seder Meal



Scripture

Ex 12:1-14, The Passover,

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in Egypt: “This month is to be the first month of the year for you. Give these instructions to the whole community of Israel: On the tenth day of this month each man must choose either a lamb or a young goat for his household. If his family is too small to eat a whole animal, he and his next-door neighbour may share an animal, in proportion to the number of people and the amount that each person can eat. You may choose either a sheep or a goat, but it must be a one-year-old male without any defects. Then, on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month, the whole community of Israel will kill the animals. The people are to take some of the blood and put it on the doorposts and above the doors of the houses in which the animals are to be eaten. That night the meat is to be roasted, and eaten with bitter herbs and with bread made without yeast. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled, but eat it roasted whole, including the head, the legs, and the internal organs. You must not leave any of it until morning; if any is left over, it must be burned. You are to eat it quickly, for you are to be dressed for travel, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. It is the Passover Festival to honour me, the Lord. “On that night I will go through the land of Egypt, killing every firstborn male, both human and animal, and punishing all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood on the doorposts will be a sign to mark the houses in which you live. When I see the blood, I will Passover you and will not harm you when I punish the Egyptians. You must celebrate this day as a religious festival to remind you of what I, the Lord, have done. Celebrate it for all time to come.”

Week 25:

'My Lord and my God'



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.137, Pesach (Passover) and the Seder Meal

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- The Serenity Prayer
- Glory be to the Father...
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist- as far as preface dialogue

Scripture

John 20:1-10, "The Empty Tomb", John 20:11-18, "Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene", John 20:19-20, 24-29, "Jesus Appears to His Disciples"

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Week 26:

Jesus' Work Continues Today



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.77, 'My Lord and my God'

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
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Scripture

Mark 3:13-14, Matthew 10:11-12, 14, 16, 40, 42, Jesus Chooses the Twelve Apostles, John 14:15-16, 26, The Promise of the Holy Spirit

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Week 27:

The Holy Spirit



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Recap & Share

p.81, Jesus' Work Continues

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 - The Serenity Prayer
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 - Prayer for those who have died
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 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist- as far as preface dialogue

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17, The Baptism of Jesus

Luke 4:16-22, The Spirit of the Lord

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Week 28:

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



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Recap & Share

p.85, The Holy Spirit

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
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Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Gifts from the Holy Spirit

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Week 28:

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Gifts from the Holy Spirit

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Week 29: Come Holy Spirit



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p.89, The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist- as far as preface dialogue

Scripture

Acts 8:14-17, The Gospel is preached in Samaria

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Week 29:

Come Holy Spirit



Scripture

Acts 8:14-17, The Gospel is preached in Samaria

The apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had received the word of God, so they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for the believers that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit had not yet come down on any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Week 30:

Living a Spirit-Filled Life



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Recap & Share

p.93, Come Holy Spirit

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
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 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist- as far as preface dialogue

Scripture

Acts 2:41-47, Life Among the First Christians

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Week 31:

Exploring Our Diocese



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Recap & Share

: p.97, Living a Spirit-Filled Life

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
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 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist- as far as preface dialogue

Scripture

Luke 22:24-27, The Argument about Greatness

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Week 31:

Exploring Our Diocese



Scripture

Luke 22:24-27, The Argument about Greatness

An argument broke out among the disciples as to which one of them should be thought of as the greatest. Jesus said to them, “The kings of the pagans have power over their people, and the rulers claim the title ‘Friends of the People.’ But this is not the way it is with you; rather, the greatest one among you must be like the youngest, and the leader must be like the servant. Who is greater, the one who sits down to eat or the one who serves? The one who sits down, of course. But I am among you as one who serves.

Week 32:

The Sacrament of Holy Orders



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.101, Exploring Our Diocese

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
 - Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
 - Our Father
 - The Serenity Prayer
 - Glory be to the Father...
 - Prayer for those who have died
 - Prayer of Commendation
 - Act of Hope
 - Morning Prayer
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 - Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist- as far as preface dialogue

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus Appears to His Disciples

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Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20, Jesus Appears to His Disciples

The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, even though some of them doubted. Jesus drew near and said to them, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.”

Week 33:

Mary Mother of Jesus



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.105, The Sacrament of Holy Orders

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- The Serenity Prayer
- Glory be to the Father...
- Prayer for those who have died
- Prayer of Commendation
- Act of Hope
- Morning Prayer
- Prayer to Guardian Angel
- Prayer to the Trinity
- Act of Sorrow
- Ár nAthair
- Act of Love
- Mission Prayer
- Care for the Earth
- St Patrick's Breastplate
- St..., pray for us
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- The Nicene Creed
- Prayer to the Holy Spirit, 'Come Holy Spirit...'
- Prayer to the Holy Spirit, 'Holy Spirit help me, guide me, teach me.'
- The Apostles' Creed
- The Memorare
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Before and After the Gospel
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Word: Prayer of the Faithful
- Prayers from the Mass: Introductory Rites: Penitential Act A
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist- as far as preface dialogue

Scripture

John 19:25-27, Jesus is Crucified

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Week 33:

Mary Mother of Jesus



Scripture

John 19:25-27, Jesus is Crucified

Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there; so he said to his mother, "He is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "She is your mother." From that time, the disciple took her to live in his home.

Week 34:

On the Road to Emmaus



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p.129, Mary Mother of Jesus

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- The Serenity Prayer
- Glory be to the Father...
- Prayer for those who have died
- Prayer of Commendation
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- Prayers from the Mass: Introductory Rites: Penitential Act A
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist- as far as preface dialogue
- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist: Mystery of Faith (all 3)

Scripture

Luke 26:13-35, The Walk to Emmaus

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Week 35:

The Table of the Lord



Gather & Come

Recap & Share

p. 109, On the Road to Emmaus

Prayer

- Sign of the Cross
- Prayer on Opening and Closing the Bible
- Our Father
- The Serenity Prayer
- Glory be to the Father...
- Prayer for those who have died
- Prayer of Commendation
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- Prayers from the Mass: Liturgy of the Eucharist: Sanctus

Scripture

**1 Corinthians 11:23-25, p.106 of the Children's Textbook,
The Lord's Supper**

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FORMAL PRAYERS

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

Comhartha na Croise: In ainm an Athar, agus an Mhic, agus an Spioraid Naoimh. Áiméan.

Glory be to the Father: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Glóir don Athair: Glóir don Athair, agus don Mhac, agus don Spiorad Naomh, Mar a bhí ó thús, mar atá anois agus mar a bheas go brách, le saol na saol. Áiméan.

Morning Prayer: Father in heaven, you love me, You're with me night and day. I want to love you always In all I do and say. I'll try to please you, Father. Bless me through the day. Amen.

Night Prayer: God, our Father, I come to say Thank you for your love today. Thank you for my family, And all the friends you give to me. Guard me in the dark of night, And in the morning send your light. Amen.

Grace before Meals: Bless us, O God, as we sit together. Bless the food we eat today. Bless the hands that made the food. Bless us, O God. Amen.

Grace after Meals: Thank you, God, for the food we have eaten. Thank you, God, for all our friends. Thank you, God, for everything. Thank you, God. Amen.

Prayer to Guardian Angel: Angel sent by God to guide me, Be my light and walk beside me; Be my guardian and protect me; On the paths of life direct me. Amen.

Our Father: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

An Phaidir: Ár nAthair, ata ar neamh, Go naofar d'ainm, Go dtaga do ríocht, Go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh Mar a dhéantar ar neamh. Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu, Agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha, Mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin, Agus ná lig sinn in gcathú, Ach saor sinn ó olc. Áiméan.

Hail Mary: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Sé do Bheatha, a Mhuire: Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire, Atá lán de ghrásta, Tá an Tiarna leat. Is beannaithe thú idir mhná, Agus is beannaithe toradh do bhroinne, Íosa. A Naomh Mhuire, a mháthair Dé, Guigh orainn, na peacaigh, Anois agus ar uair ár mbáis. Áiméan.



Hail, Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn, then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Prayer to the Trinity: Praise to the Father, Praise to the Son, Praise to the Spirit, The Three in One.

Prayers to the Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, I want to do what is right. Help me. Holy Spirit, I want to live like Jesus. Guide me. Holy Spirit, I want to pray like Jesus. Teach me.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful By the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise And ever to rejoice in his consolation, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Faith: O my God, I believe in you and in all that your holy Church teaches because you have said it and your Word is true. You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are my Lord and my God. Lord, I believe; increase my faith. Amen.

Act of Hope: O my God, I put my hope in you because I am sure of your promises. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil and grant us peace in our day, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Act of Love: O my God, I love you with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my strength. Lord, increase our love. Help us to love one another. Amen.

The Angelus: The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary ... And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ... Behold the handmaid of the Lord ... Be it done unto me according to thy Word. Hail Mary ... And the Word was made flesh ... And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ... Pray for us, O holy Mother of God ... That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and death to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



FORMAL PRAYERS

Mysteries of the Rosary: The Joyful Mysteries 1. The Annunciation 2. The Visitation 3. The Nativity (Birth of Jesus) 4. The Presentation in the Temple 5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries 1. The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan 2. The Wedding Feast of Cana 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God 4. The Transfiguration of Our Lord 5. The Institution of the Eucharist

The Sorrowful Mysteries 1. The Agony in the Garden 2. The Scourging at the Pillar 3. The Crowning with Thorns 4. The Carrying of the Cross 5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries 1. The Resurrection 2. The Ascension 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost 4. The Assumption of Mary 5. The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin as Queen of Heaven and Earth

Care for the Earth: God, our Creator, you have given us the earth, and the sky and the seas. Show us how to care for the earth, not just for today but for ages to come. Let no plan or work of ours damage or destroy the beauty of your creation. Send forth your Spirit to direct us to care for the earth and all creation.

Prayer on Opening the Bible: Bless me, O God, so that in opening this Bible I may open my mind and heart To your Word. May it nourish me As it nourished Jesus. Amen.

Prayer on Closing the Bible: Bless me, O God, so that in closing this Bible I may enclose your Word In my heart and in my mind As Jesus enclosed it in his. Amen.

Apostles' Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



FORMAL PRAYERS

Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Benedictus (Song of Zechariah): Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel! He has come to the help of his people and has set them free. He has provided for us a mighty Saviour, a descendent of his servant David. He promised through his holy prophets long ago that he would save us from our enemies, from the power of all those who hate us. He said he would show mercy to our ancestors and remember his sacred covenant. With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham he promised to rescue us from our enemies and allow us to serve him without fear, so that we might be holy and righteous before him all the days of our life.

You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God. You will go ahead of the Lord to prepare his road for him, to tell his people that they will be saved by having their sins forgiven. Our God is merciful and tender. He will cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us and to shine from heaven on all those who live in the dark shadow of death, to guide our steps into the path of peace.



FORMAL PRAYERS

The Magnificat: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant, and from this day all generations will call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me: holy is his name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and has sent the rich away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Memorare: Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come. Before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer for those who have died: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Prayer of Commendation: To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of (name) your servant; in the sight of this world he/she is now dead; in your sight may he/she live for ever. Forgive whatever sins he/she committed through human weakness and in your goodness grant him/her everlasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St Francis: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

St Patrick's Breastplate: Christ be with me, Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, Christ be at my right hand, Christ be at my left hand, Christ be with me wherever I go, Christ be my friend, for ever and ever. Amen.

Act of Sorrow: O my God, I thank you for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins; for not loving others and not loving you. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again. Amen.



Prayer for Forgiveness: O my God, help me to remember the times when I didn't live as Jesus asked me to. Help me to be sorry and to try again. Amen.

Prayer after Forgiveness: O my God, thank you for forgiving me. Help me to love others. Help me to live as Jesus asked me to. Amen.

Prayer before Holy Communion: Lord Jesus, come to me. Lord Jesus, give me your love. Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.

Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.
Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer after Holy Communion: Lord Jesus, I love and adore you. You're a special friend to me. Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome, Thank you for coming to me.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you For giving yourself to me. Make me strong to show your love Wherever I may be.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all of us children in your loving care
And bring us to heaven to live with you there.

I'm ready now, Lord Jesus, To show how much I care. I'm ready now to give your love
At home and everywhere. Amen.

Journey Prayer: Arise with me in the morning, Travel with me through each day, Welcome me on my arrival. God, be with me all the way. Amen.

Mission Prayer: May all the children In the world Share love Share friendship and live In the peace Of God's love Now and forever.

Ár bPaidir Misiúnta: Go roinne Gach páiste ar domhan Grá agus cairdeas, Agus go maire siad I síocháin ghrá Dé Anois agus choíche.

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