

Weekly Prayers (Psalter Week 1)

Catholic Social Teaching:

Dignity

Subsidiarity

Solidarity

The Common Good

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Remember: Rosary in the Chapel at 1:45 (A1) today!

Monday 2nd December

Welcome to Advent! This week we pray for Hope:



Let us Pray:

Dear God, Thank you that Christmas is a time of hope. Thank you that you sent Jesus at Christmas to give us the hope that the world can be a better place. Please help us to play our part in bringing hope and peace to the world.
Amen.

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Remember: Mustard Seed Bible Study Group continues today, A2, in the Chaplaincy!

Tuesday 3rd December

Today is the Feast Day of St Francis Xavier,
Founder of the Jesuit Order of Priests. Let us pray.

O my Lord Jesus!
Teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve You as you deserve;
to give, and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to ask for rest;
to labour, seeking no reward,
save that of knowing that I do Thy will. Amen.

(By St Francis Xavier)

... St Francis Xavier, Pray for Us ...



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Wednesday 4th December

Today's Gospel

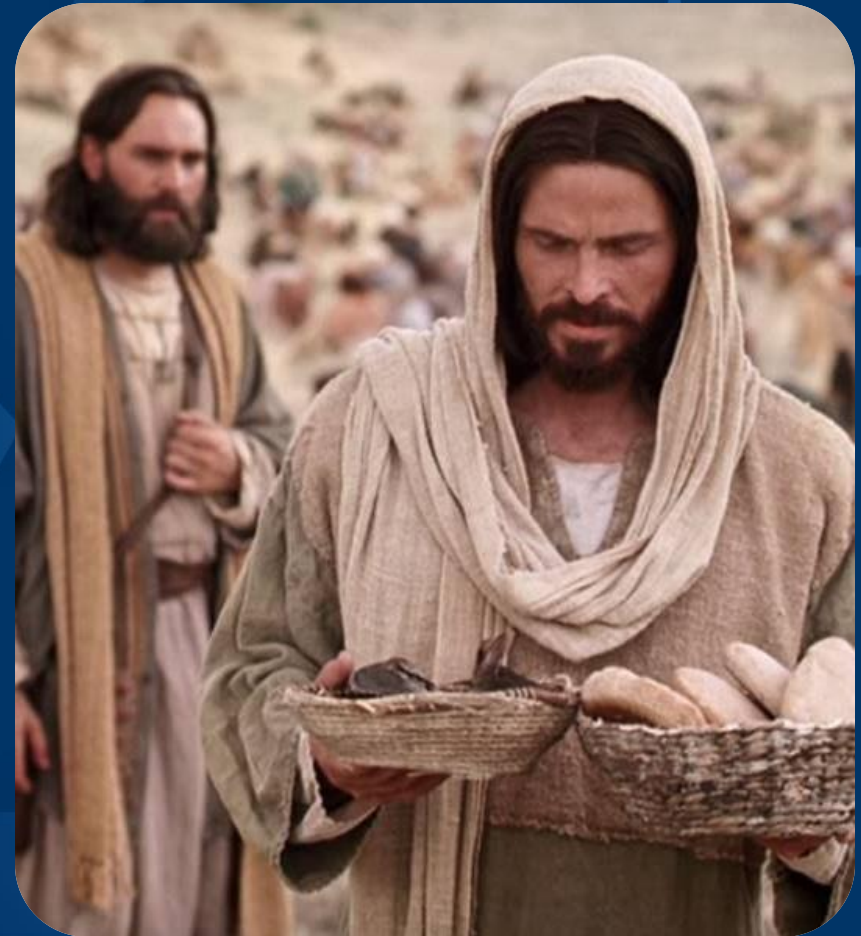
Think about some of the problems we face in our world.

There are staggering levels of poverty, violence, and hunger. Just as the crowds sought to be fed by Jesus, so millions seek to be fed and clothed by us.

We cannot fill every stomach and quench every thirst, but we can offer our "*seven loaves and a few fish*." We can make a difference.

Think of this year's Advent Appeal- simply by bringing in some old, warm clothes, or non-perishable foods, or period products *you can make a difference*.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, during this season of Advent, fill us with your gift of compassion, and send us out to make a difference. Save us from pity as a substitute for action. Teach us to use everything we have been gifted in the service of others. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Remember: Young Christian Women club today A2! (inc Hbt chocolate & biscuits..)

Thursday 5th December

Tomorrow (Friday) is the feast of St Nicholas- The OG Santa!

He is thought to have been born on 15 March 270 AD in the village of Patara, once part of Greece but now in Turkey.

He was born to wealthy parents and brought up as a devout Christian.

When his parents died in an epidemic, he is said to have given away his inheritance to the poor and sick.

He is then said to have dedicated his life to God and was made the Bishop of Myra while still a young man.

While a bishop, he was exiled and imprisoned by the Roman Emperor Diocletian. After his release, there is a record of him attending the Council of Nicaea in 325AD.

A vast array of “miracles” have been attributed to him, which led to him becoming the patron saint of sailors, merchants, archers, repentant thieves, children, brewers, pawnbrokers and students.

He died on 6 December 343 AD in Myra and that date has now become known as St Nicholas Day.

Q: Why has St Nick become associated with gift giving?



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Friday 6th December

CST FRIDAY: Solidarity

Check out the Matthew 25 Mission in Eastbourne. This is one of the local initiatives we hope to support through our Advent Appeal.

Question: What is the significance of the name 'Matthew 25'?

How does Matthew 25 help us to understand the Principle of Solidarity?

Prayer: Dear Lord, We pray that you help us to see the needs of those around us, especially the least of our brothers and sisters. May we be moved with compassion to serve and love them as we would serve and love you. May our actions reflect your love and grace, and may we be a light in this world. Amen.

