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Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading:

Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 127(128): 1-5

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel:

Matthew 25: 14-30

"Well done good and faithful servant you have shown you can be faithful in small things. I will trust you with greater"

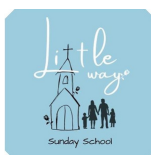


Image: Parable of the Talents (Andrey Mironov, <http://artmiro.ru>)

Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find the text [here](#).

Visit the [Little Way Sunday School](#) on Youtube for a reflection on this week's Gospel.



Pray

Read the Gospel passage again. What caught your attention in the reading? What word, image or action from the reading has stayed in your memory? What is it about this that strikes you? Does it resonate with something in your own life? Share what comes to mind with one another as a family.

Talk

As a family, reflect on the different gifts and qualities that people have. Help each other grow in your giftedness by taking turns and affirming one another's talents.

- What possessions has God blessed you with?
- How do you take care of what God has entrusted to you?
- What can you do to ensure you are continuously growing your talents?
- How can you share your gifts and talents so that others can be blessed by them?

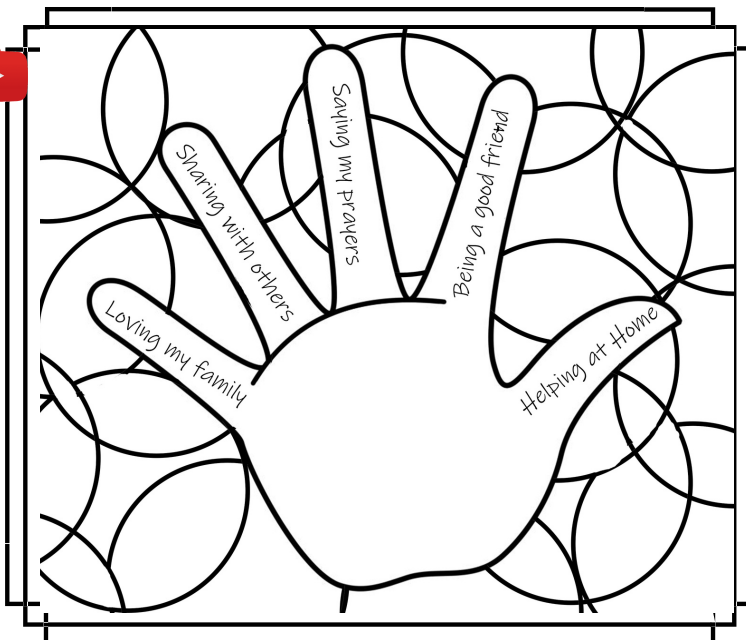
Family Challenge!

Take the time to acknowledge when a task or chore is done well and don't forget to say "Thank you" for doing it so well!

LEARN A NEW SONG
"EVERYTHING I AM"
(CLICK HERE!)

Kids' Corner

Jesus trusts you with a mission too!
Colour these ways of building up his kingdom,
and see if you can think of even more!



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Today, the Church marks 'World Day of the Poor'. In highlighting his purpose for instituting the World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis said: 'We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life' (Message for the First World Day of the Poor, n. 3).

With these challenging words, the Holy Father says that while occasional acts of charity are good in themselves, we as Christians cannot content ourselves with sporadic acts of charity towards the poor while remaining distant from their plight. If such a distance continues to exist, even if alms are given in good faith, their transformation and ours, will be minimal.

What Pope Francis is calling for is something more radical. He calls for a deep solidarity with the poor and a culture of encounter which leads to sharing with those who no longer remain strangers but become a brother or sister who needs me. When this encounter happens, true evangelisation takes place where there is giving and receiving in both directions.

We become good news for the poor but the poor in turn evangelise us. Only then can we be truly transformed and united in our joy in the praise of God. Pope Francis offers guidance on how the poor evangelise us and what they can teach us: "Let us never forget that, for Christ's disciples, poverty is above all a call to follow Jesus in his own poverty".

By Fr Michael Toomey

EVENTS

"The Joy of Anticipation"

Free Online Advent Series:

Dec 1, 8, 15, 22: 7.30 - 8.30pm

Based on the Sycamore video series, an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today.

Register before Nov 27th by emailing events@waterfordlismore.ie or by calling 085 8623705



Family Prayer

"O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world lies hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last."

Carlo's Corner



Blessed Carlo Acutis
- Pray for us!

YOU HAVE BEEN

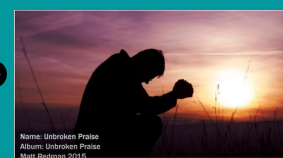
BLESSED

"Not me, but God."

Blessed Carlo was gifted in many ways, but knew God was the source of all his blessings. He found ways to give glory to God, through his I.T. skills especially, and share God's love through that gift.

What has God blessed you with?

What can you do with those blessings, to give glory to God this week?



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