



17th June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Celebration of the Word

This week's Celebration of the Word focuses on the Parable of the Mustard Seed, giving children an opportunity to reflect on the many messages that are still relevant today. There are so many parables in the Bible linked to the theme of sowing seeds and growth and Jesus often told parables to allow the people to understand and to share with them the secrets of the Kingdom of God.

The mustard seed is small, tiny in fact, like many amazing plants in creation. The seed, like a prayer, an act of kindness, or words spoken in love, may seem insignificant, but this is what grows to create a home for many to rest and find comfort in. A small start leads to the unending kingdom of God. This is a reminder to us that nothing is impossible for God, in His great plan.

The children will be asked to reflect on this parable and write down some of the worries that lay on their heart, or dreams that they feel are too big for them or for God. They will pray for faith to believe in that which they cannot see.

This week's Celebration of the Word links to the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of the Common Good; we can all do things for the Common Good, even if it is as small as the mustard seed.

Our end of the day prayer for June and our lunchtime prayer are as follows.

End of day prayer for June:

June is the month in the church's year which is dedicated to the sacred heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.

Amen

Lunchtime prayer:

Bless us, Oh Lord,
and these thy gifts which
we are about to receive from thy bounty,
through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



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We are always happy to receive feedback so please do get in touch if you have any comments or queries, my email address is c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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