

10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Value of the month – Appreciation

Dear Pupils and Parents,

As this will be the last RE Newsletter for a while, I'd like us all to reflect on a very appropriate message from **CAFOD**.

Over the last few months, there has been so much change and hardship around the world. What we have for so long taken for granted, has suddenly become very valuable to all of us: playing in the park, sharing a picnic with friends, hugging family members who are not part of our household etc.

We have realized that it is indeed the simple things in life that give us great pleasure, and that we must strive from now on to appreciate these simpler pleasures.

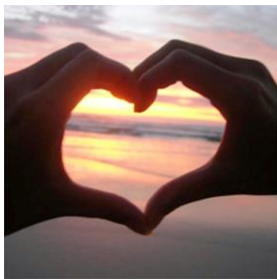
CAFOD's message to us to "Live simply, so that others may simply live" is very powerful: we need to look after our planet, use just the resources and food we need so that there is enough for others, too, and above all, in all we do and say, we must remember to always be kind and thoughtful.



**Live simply**

**...so others may simply live**

### Special 3-minute reflections to share (from Loyola Press)



In **Matthew 22:37-39**, Jesus asks us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves, but who is our neighbour? What did he mean? How are we doing this every day? In fact, are we doing it?

Take a few minutes to watch this "mini-reflection". Beautiful music accompanies these reflections, and they are designed to calm us and to help us to consider the words in the Gospel. If you'd like to receive them daily, just sign up – it is well worth doing.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/>

**The Gospel Reading for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020**



*“Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”  
(Matthew 13: 1 – 9)*

The end of the school year provides a perfect opportunity in this assembly to reflect on the things we can be thankful for and look back with eyes of faith on all the wonderful gifts that God has given us during the year.

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**“Big Questions”**

Our final RE topic this year is “The Universal Church”. Discuss these questions at home to encourage deeper understanding; they are so appropriate to the situation we are all finding ourselves in right now:



Reception	“Our World”: What makes our world so wonderful?
Year 1	“Neighbours”: Who is my neighbour?
Year 2	“Treasures”: Is the world a treasure?
Year 3	“Special Places”: What makes a place special?
Year 4	“God’s people”: Why do some people do extraordinary things?
Year 5	“Stewardship”: Can I be a steward of creation?
Year 6	“Common good”: How can we work together to build a just and fair world?

**Our Prayer to focus on this month is the “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.*

Jesus taught this prayer to his disciples almost 2,000 years ago when they asked him how we should pray (Matthew 6:9).

Can you identify the words that tell God that we pray that what He has asked us to do will be done on earth, just as it is done in Heaven? Are we always forgiving “those who trespass against us”? If we aren’t, are we entitled to expect God to forgive us?

*I hope that you will all keep safe; please remember to take care of yourselves and of others at all times. I wish our Year 6s good luck in their new schools – we will really miss them, but they are ready to move on. Have a happy and peaceful Summer, and I look forward to seeing you in September.*

*Mrs Fawcett*