

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Faith ~ Excellence ~ Determination**

## If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.





#### **Mission Statement**

With the Lord's help, we are united in **faith**, we strive for success and **excellence**, we are **determined** to be the best that we can be.

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## We take a few moments of stillness to ready our hearts and minds.

# In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



#### **Opening Prayer**

As we gather this morning, we ask the Lord to be with us as we begin a new week.

God our Father, through our prayers, fasting and acts of kindness this Lent, may we share your message and love with everyone, everywhere. Help us to trust that through your Son, there is always new life and new hope. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord





## This weeks theme is If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

We will look at a piece of scripture split into two parts. The first part is Jesus foretelling his own death and resurrection. The second tells us that we need to make good of our lives and respect what we have and follows in the ways of God. Wednesday, you can watch a short video that depicts this weeks theme.



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A reading from the Gospel of John Glory to you O Lord

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

The Word of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

#### Reflection

In this scripture, the forthcoming death of Christ is signified by the corn of wheat falling into the ground. The corn of wheat apparently dies but then actually springs up again. This is what scripture tells us happened to Christ. He died on the cross and then rose again on the third day and now lives forever.



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Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou amongst 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.



#### Reading: A reading from John

Jesus told them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you truly that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain of wheat; but if it does, it brings a good harvest. The man who loves his own life will destroy it, and the man who hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. If a man wants to enter my service, he must follow my way; and where I am, my servant will also be. And my Father will

honour every man who enters my service.

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

#### Reflection:

In the reading today which is an extended version from yesterdays, as well as Jesus predicting his own death and resurrection he is telling his disciples that if they follow his ways then God will honour each person who follows the way of the Lord.



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#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

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Let us put ourselves in the presence of God as we make the sign of the cross.

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#### **Opening Prayer**

As we gather this morning, let us pray together the prayer Our Father taught us:

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 This short video portrays the scripture from Monday and Tuesday.



https://youtu.be/GOhkeaHLZDk



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#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

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#### Friday 21st March

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Let us begin our day together in the presence of the Lord.

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This week you have listened to scripture readings which were all focused on the theme of If a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Jesus often spoke in riddles and it can be difficult to work out what the real meaning is. Jesus is predicting his own death and his resurrection using the analogy of seeds. The seeds appear to die but later after some time they produce corn and continue to do so. This is Jesus, he appears to die but lives on in all of us.

Could you try and live out this scripture and use your skills and talents. Think about what you can leave behind so that something new can emerge.

Let us join together in prayer.

We pray for missionaries around the world, who share your love and the new life you bring with everyone, everywhere. We ask you to help us to be missionaries in our school and homes too.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all those who have died. We remember especially people from our home, school, and parish family. We pray that those we remember are now with you in heaven, held in your love forever. Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for children overseas: those who are poor, hungry, sad or scared. May they find hope in your love and may we always be ready to help them. Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer



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#### Closing prayer

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

- St Bede,
- Pray for us



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