



St. Bede's Catholic School &
Byron Sixth Form College

Monday 29th January

Faith ~ Excellence ~ Determination

Racial Justice



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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



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Opening Prayer

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

Father, you created each one of us in your own image.

Yet yours is a world made glorious by its rich diversity. This we sometimes misunderstand,
sometimes fear.

Give us the patience to build on what unites us, to celebrate our differences and to learn from
them.

Grant us the wisdom to recognise your Church, beyond the walls of a building, reaching out across
all communities, countries and cultures.

Give us the courage to offer refuge to those in need, to challenge prejudice and seek justice for all.

Help us see that you created us in your image.
Neighbour or stranger, always our brother or sister.

Amen.



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This weeks theme is Racial Justice. Yesterday was Racial Justice Sunday and the theme was 'A time to act'.

It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of race and background. Action is needed to stop racism and further the cause of racial justice. This week we will listen to scripture readings in which we are told that we need to be accepting of others, no matter who they are or where they come from and that we are all part of the same family – God's family.

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Reading: A reading from Leviticus 19: 33-34

When an alien stays with you in your land, do not ill-treat him. He shall be to you as the native among you. Therefore, love him as yourself, for you have been aliens in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord, your God.

The Word of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection

In this reading the importance of treating strangers with fairness and kindness is emphasized. It instructed the Israelites not to wrong the strangers living in their land.

In the Old Testament 'strangers' referred to individuals from other nations who had settled among the Israelites. In modern terms this would be an individual moving from one country and settling in another.



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Opening Prayer

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

**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.**

Amen



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Reading: A reading from Exodus 22:20

You shall not wrong or
oppress a resident alien,
for you were resident
aliens in the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection:

In the reading today the message from Exodus is very similar to that of yesterday. 'Alien' refers to someone who has come from one country to live in another - (refugee/migrant). It tells us that we should welcome people from others places or those who are different in someway to us and not cause any harm or oppress them in any way.



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Wednesday 31st January

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

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



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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



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Reading: - A reading from Galatians 3:28

There is no longer any distinction between Jew and Greek, or between slave and freeman, or between man and woman; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Reflection:

In today's scripture, the meaning of Galatians 3:28 is quite clear. Paul is making the point that in Christ we are all the same - so therefore we are all equal, no matter whether we are male or female, colour of skin, ethnicity or religious belief.



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Reading: A reading from John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give you, love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection:

In this passage, John describes what a disciple of Christ looks like. He tells us that when we love God and our hearts are turned to him and his heart, then we will have his love for the people around us.



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Friday 2nd February 2024

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

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



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This week you have listened to scripture readings which were all focused on the Word of God and the messages within that scripture.

For a moment, think about the messages that were given and try to think about how they relate to you and your everyday life.

Let us join together in prayer.

Let us pray for our church leaders: the Holy Father, Cardinals, Bishops and priests as they continue to build the community of God here on earth, that the Lord God will strengthen them and that through their sacrifices and encouragement, the people of God will come to live in peace and harmony.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for all organisations and individuals dedicated to bringing about racial harmony in our workplaces, parishes, communities and in our world; that they will be diligent in their duties and courageous in the face of the challenges and experiences they encounter in their work.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Let us pray for ourselves for the courage to speak out in communities where racial tensions persist; that the Lord will help us to support the work of Racial Justice through our prayers, time, skills, talents and resources.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer



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Closing prayer

Lord Jesus, we pray for all those
who are suffering from racial injustice in our community in our nation
and throughout the world.

Help us to act now to build God's kingdom on earth so it is a place of
racial justice, equality and diversity.

Amen

St Bede,
Pray for us



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Amen