

St Bede's Weekly Theme - 10th October 2022

Faith and Friendship



St.
Augustine

What is friendship?

Friendship is having someone or a group of people **who make it easy to believe in yourself.** "A good friend is like a four-leaf clover; hard to find and lucky to have." "The language of friendship is not words but meanings.

What is Faith?

For Catholics faith means we believe in God even though we can't see Him, hear Him or touch Him.

The chief teachings of the Catholic church are:

- God's objective existence;
- God's interest in individual human beings, who can enter into relations with God (through prayer);
- The Trinity; the divinity of Jesus; the immortality of the soul of each human being, each one being accountable at death for his or her actions.

St. Augustine — whose heart was as warm as his mind was bright — spoke beautifully about friendship. He said that Friends love one another; they share one another's joys and sorrows. "They enkindle themselves and they inflame one another." They find joy in being together to share ideas and enrich one another by exchanging their experiences.

This is similar to Faith, having faith enables us to share in experiences, to support one another and to live as one of God's family. There are times when we need our friends to support us and help us to keep our faith in ourselves and in God.