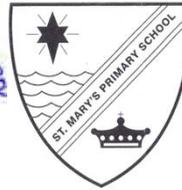


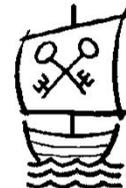
Chaplaincy Deanery Prayer Bulletin

Theme of the week: Information, ideas and prayers

**Week beginning
3rd Oct 2016**



Faith



The readings on Sunday 2nd October tell us about faith. The disciples ask Jesus to help them increase their faith. The Gospel story shows us that Jesus tells the disciples that if they have as much faith as a mustard seed then they will bear much fruit because a mustard seed produces a massive tree even though it starts off from small beginnings as a tiny seed. Last week was *Grandparent's Week* and I asked if we could all do something that would make a big difference to those we love. An example is smiling and saying hello or sending a card or phoning our grandparents. I always had great faith in my grandparents and in fact it was they who passed on the Catholic Faith to me as I was growing up in Ireland. How can we praise and thank God in the coming weeks for our faith? Perhaps we can think of all the good things that we have received from God (like the beauty of nature and creation, our grandparents, our friends, for our homes, food and clothing and for each other) and say a quiet prayer of thanks and praise. Can you think of any other ways?

Try to encourage and invite everyone to reach out to others with the love of Jesus Christ. Do something simple for someone else this week and let's continue to enjoy being with our grandparents or remember them in our prayers with fondness again during the coming week. If you have as much faith as a tiny mustard seed and it will spread into a huge prayer of love during the week ahead.

Scripture reading

Luke 17: 5

“Increase our faith..... Have faith the size of a mustard seed.”

I will praise you, Lord,
with all my heart;
I will tell of all your
wonders.

I will rejoice in you and
be glad, and sing
psalms to your name,
O Most High.

Amen.

Dear Lord, help us to be
good listeners this
week. Give us the
wisdom and faith to take
time to listen to our
family and friends in
order to hear their
difficulties so we can
support them. Amen.



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