

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### The workers in the Vineyard

As Jesus was telling heaven would be like, Early one morning a some workers for his agreed to pay them day's work, he sent vineyard. About nine saw some other market with nothing to pay them what was work in his vineyard.



what the kingdom of he said: man went out to hire vineyard. After he had the usual amount for a them off to his that morning, the man people standing in the do. He said he would fair, if they would So they went.

At noon and again about three and five in the afternoon, he returned to the market. And each time he made the same agreement with others who were loafing around with nothing to do. That evening the owner of the vineyard told the man in charge of the workers to call them in and give them their money. He also told the man to begin with the ones who were hired last. When the workers arrived, the ones who had been hired at five in the afternoon were given a full day's pay.

The workers who had been hired first thought they would be given more than the others. But when they were given the same, they began complaining to the owner of the vineyard. They said, "The ones who were hired last worked for only one hour. But you paid them the same that you did us. And we worked in the hot sun all day long!"

The owner answered one of them, "Friend, I didn't cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on. Take your money now and go! What business is it of yours if I want to pay them the same that I paid you? Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Why should you be jealous, if I want to be generous?"

Jesus then said, "So it is. Everyone who is now first will be last, and everyone who is last will be first."

Matthew 20:1-16

## Something to think about...

Are we sometimes too quick to complain? Do we feel that are badly treated compared to others, when really we are treated very well? Do we sometimes give in to jealousy too easily? Are we like the workers

in the vineyard who resent seeing others get treated well? Should we not be content with what we have? The Parable shows us how God treats us all equally. Just because the workers who came later got paid generously, does not mean that the first workers were badly treated.



**GRUMBLING  
OR  
GRATEFUL?**

(Matthew 20:1-16)

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

WEDNESDAY .... is the feast of St. Vincent de Paul...happy feast day to all those in Vincent forms!



FRIDAY.... Breakfast with God in the Junior Dining Room before registration. Come along for tea, toast and a time of prayer.



Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord.

— Mother Teresa —

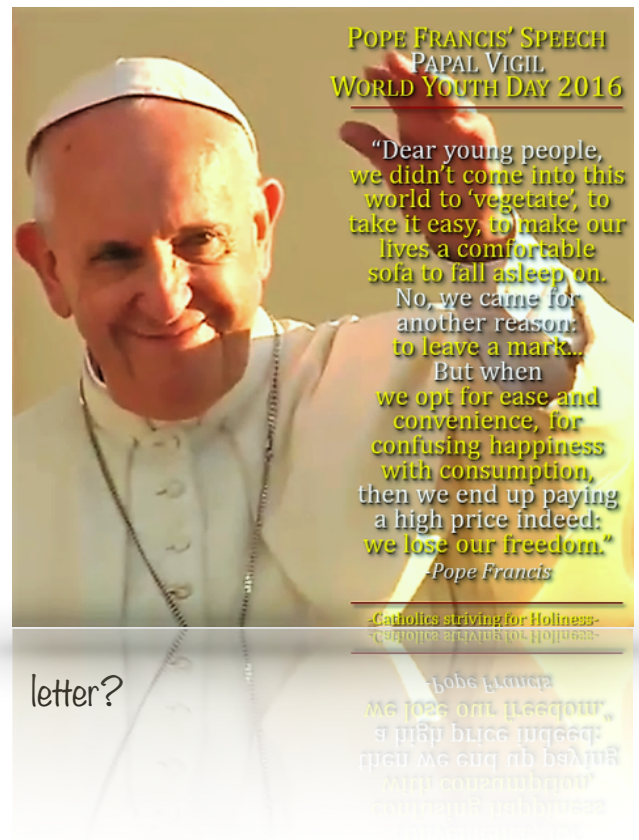
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## Something to talk about...

This week's theme is 'Justice'. How much do we want to live in a fair and just world? What injustices are we aware of in our society and is there anything we can do about it? How committed to Justice are you? Following on from our whole-school assembly recently, have you thought about joining groups such as Justice & Peace, SVP, Peer Support? Have you decided to sign up to the Faith in Action Award?

## Something to do...

Have you, as a form, come up with a pledge? Something that you are going to work together on this year? Have you written it on your year group



letter?

## Prayer for the week...

Let us never give up praying for justice, or the oppressed in this world will one day ask us 'why?'

Let us never give up praying for fairness, or the hungry of this world will one day ask us 'why?'

Let us never give up praying for healing, or the sick in this world will one day ask us 'why?'

Let us never give up praying, for to give up is to deny our faith in God who answers prayer.

Amen

