

## WORD OF THE WEEK - MATTHEW 25:31-40

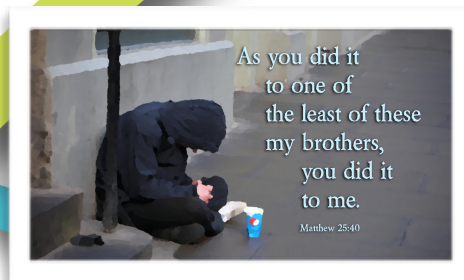
### The Final Judgment

When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all of his angels, he will sit on his royal throne. The people of all nations will be brought before him, and he will separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me."

Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?"

The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."



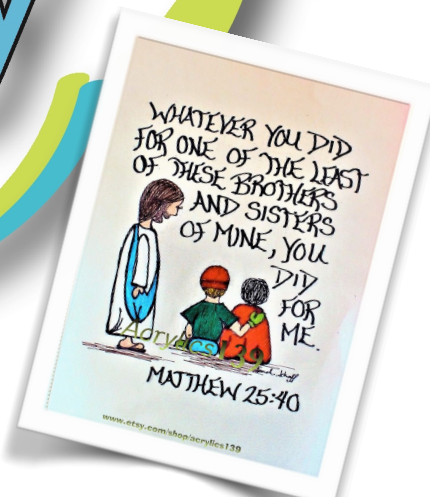
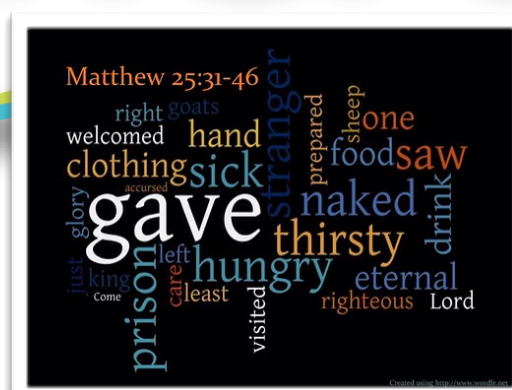
As you did it  
to one of  
the least of these  
my brothers,  
you did it  
to me.

Matthew 25:40



For I was in prison  
and you came to  
visit me.

Matthew 25:36



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## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Last year Pope Francis declared a 'Year of Mercy' and the theme of our Mission Week last November was "Be the face of mercy". Now that the Year of Mercy has finished we should not suddenly forget to be merciful and start to lead selfish lives. As Christians we are continuing reminded to show mercy to others in the way God the Father is merciful to us. In our Gospel reading Jesus gives us specific examples of the work we should do and the people we should show mercy to: feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, take care of the sick and visit the imprisoned. As we approach Advent and Christmas we should remember those in our society who need our acts of mercy.

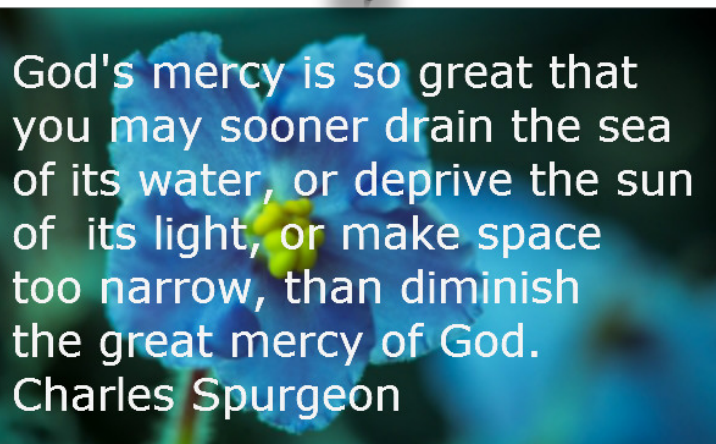


## SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT AND DO

Advent starts next week. Throughout Advent we are asking each form to fill three boxes with donations:

1. A box with items for a man at Fox Street Homeless shelter.
2. A box for a woman in a local Women's refuge.
3. A box of food items for families in the local area who are struggling financially.

What items can you bring in?



God's mercy is so great that you may sooner drain the sea of its water, or deprive the sun of its light, or make space too narrow, than diminish the great mercy of God.  
Charles Spurgeon

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God our Father,  
as we approach the season of Advent,  
hold us in your merciful love so that we may come  
to know you more and more.

Jesus our saviour,  
inspire and teach us by your words and actions  
so that we may be merciful to others.

Holy Spirit our guide,  
be for us a source of energy and life  
so that our community is strengthened by your power.

## **WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

Friday is a busy day.

Come along to Breakfast with God in the Junior Dining Room at 8:35 for tea, toast & prayer.

There is Mass in the Chapel at 12:35am. Get your Advent off to a good start by attending.

Year 8 leave after lunch for their weekend retreat to Castlerigg.