



## WORD OF THE WEEK

I have loved you, just as my Father has loved me. So remain faithful to my love for you. If you obey me, I will keep loving you, just as my Father keeps loving me, because I have obeyed him.

I have told you this to make you as completely happy as I am. Now I tell you to love each other, as I have loved you. The greatest way to show love for friends is to die for them. And you are my friends, if you obey me.

You did not choose me. I chose you and sent you out to produce fruit, the kind of fruit that will last. Then my Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. So I command you to love each other.

John 15:9-17

**LOVE** IS PATIENT, *To Kind.*

It does not *envy*. It does not **BOAST**,

IT IS NOT **PROUD**. It does not **DISHONOR** others,

IT IS NOT { *self-seeking* } { *easily angered* }

it keeps *No Record* of wrongs.

**LOVE** ← does not delight in evil  
← BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

IT *always trusts*, always protects,

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always hopes, *always perseveres*.

## Something to think about

What is love? There are so many different types of love - love for our family, love for our friends, love for our teachers, love of the life we are living. We are all loved by so many people and we in turn love others. We are encouraged to love rather than hate and our greatest inspiration has come from the words that Jesus spoke throughout His life...Love God and love your neighbour....Love one another as I have loved you..... These words are sometimes easy to follow yet they can be difficult at times. Is it realistic to think that we can love every person, even those we do not like, at all times? Or is Jesus asking too much? Can we expect to be loved even when we are being mean to others? Do we always love God or are there times when we don't even think about him? We should remember that God loves us unconditionally and that we should aspire to love and treat others as we ourselves expect to be loved and treated.



## Something to talk about

A man asked Jesus which of the Ten Commandments was the greatest. Jesus replied 'Love The Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.

- How can we show love of God?
- In what ways can we show love of neighbour in our school and in our local community?

Lord,  
Make me an instrument of your love.  
May I see each circumstance in my life  
As an opportunity to grow in your love.  
May I see my environment  
As a place to grow in your love.  
May I then take this love to other people...  
When I am tempted to become impatient,  
help me to be patient.  
When I am tempted to become unkind,  
help me to be kind.  
When I am tempted to become jealous,  
help me to be tolerant.  
When I am tempted to be rude or selfish,  
give me the gift of gentleness.  
When I am tempted to become angry with  
someone,  
give me the gift of forgiveness.  
When I am tempted to become resentful,  
give me your power to love.  
Amen.

God's  
Love  
Never  
Fails



## Something to do

May is traditionally the month when Catholics pray the Rosary. It is a way of living out the commandment to show love of God. As a form you could say a decade of the Rosary together - one 'Our Father' and ten 'Hail Mary's'.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

On Thursday Year 11 have their Leavers' Assembly. We wish them well as they get ready to start their final GCSE exams.

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord where we remember how Jesus was lifted up to rejoin his Father in heaven. For Catholics it is a special holy day of obligation so there will be Mass at 12.35pm in the Arts Theatre. Please make an effort to come along.

Chapel Cafe takes place at Break on Friday!

### Love Prayer

God, my Father,  
May I love You in all things and above all things.  
May I reach the joy which  
You have prepared for me in Heaven.  
Nothing is good that is against Your Will,  
and all that is good comes from Your Hand.  
Place in my heart a desire to please You  
and fill my mind with thoughts of Your Love,  
so that I may grow in Your Wisdom and enjoy Your Peace.

Amen.

Love

