



THEME OF THE WEEK

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

WORD OF THE WEEK

JOHN 13: 34-35



A NEW COMMAND I GIVE TO YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER.



WHAT'S ON?

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs: Beauty and the Beast School Production

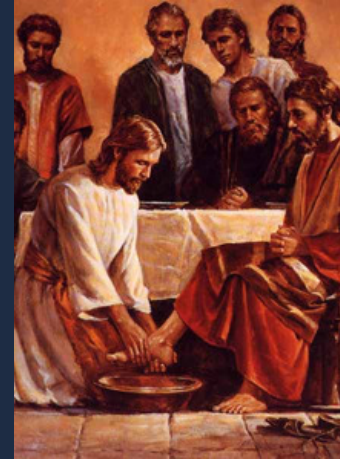
Thursday: St Valentine's Day

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Father of Compassion and God of all grace, I thank you for teaching me to love through the example of Jesus. May my words and actions reflect His love towards Your people today, tomorrow, and until You bring us all home to You. In the name of Christ, our great example, we pray. Amen.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Jesus spoke these words after he had finished washing the disciples' feet. Firstly, He made it quite clear that loving one another was not a suggestion, but a new commandment to people from God. This love we are to have for one another is not optional, but a required mark of being a Christian. Secondly, this love is to be of the same quality as Christ's. He implied that we would judge the quality of our love by His, "just as I have loved you". Jesus didn't just love those that loved Him, those that He felt had done something to deserve His love. Jesus loved all: even those that had not made the right decisions in life, had made mistakes, or had been rejected by society, those seen as sinners.



SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

With the person next to you discuss these questions:

1. Have I treated my love towards others as a commandment, or a suggestion?
2. How do I "wash the feet" (practically serve/do something) of others I spend time with each day to show that I love them?
3. Could I do more to love in the way Jesus loves others? Could I reach out and show love to someone who has been rejected by others?

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John 3:16

SOMETHING TO DO

Thursday is Valentine's day. A day when card shops are trying to sell us lots of gifts and cards, but what we should really remember is the true meaning of showing love to another person. We remember that real love isn't shown in what we buy for others, but how we act.

Think of one thing you can do for another person on Thursday (Valentine's day) to show that you love them.

Remember Jesus didn't just love the people that loved Him, He loved everyone, even those who didn't like Him. Could we reach out to someone we might think is an enemy, in a loving way?

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John 13:34

