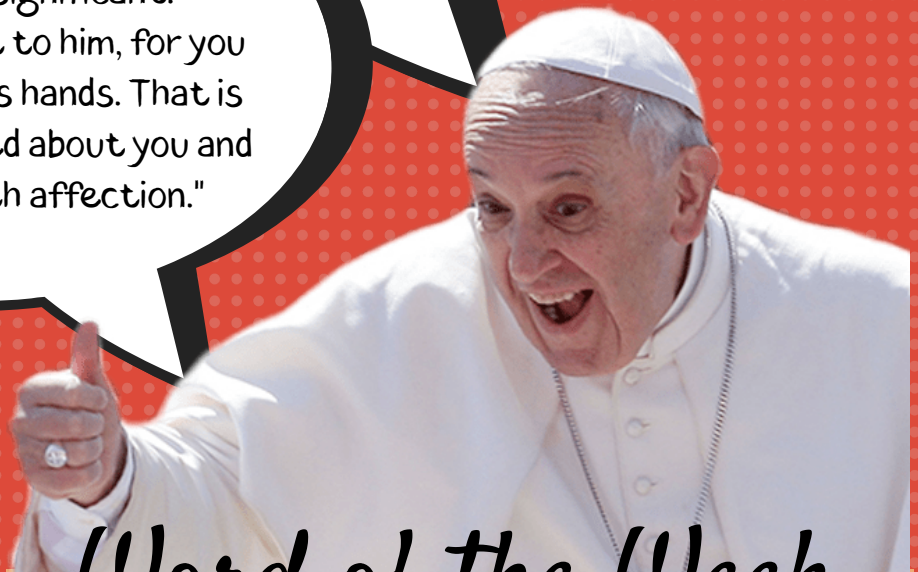


# Significance

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY  
2019**

"For him, you have worth;  
you are not insignificant.  
You are important to him, for you  
are the work of his hands. That is  
why he is concerned about you and  
looks at you with affection."



## Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father we know of your greatness and majesty, and of your grace and your compassion; may we come to acknowledge and realise our own value and worth as your creation, the work of your hands.

You do not count our sins or make note of our mistakes. You hold your arms wide open to us regardless of our flaws and failures, and rejoice in our very being.

You knew us before we were formed in the womb, you have set us apart. For each of us you have created a unique and individual purpose and have tasked us to build your kingdom.

Help us to recognise how significant and valuable our lives are, so that we may use this knowledge to love and serve others.

Amen

## Word of the Week

*1 Timothy 4: 12-14*

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given to you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

**National Youth Sunday celebrates you! It is a day where Catholics across England and Wales celebrate the role and significance of young people.**

**One of the special intentions for this day is to pray for all young people- so know that you were prayed for by people in churches all over England and Wales.**

**Head over to the staff shared area to hear a special message directly to you from Cardinal Vincent Nichols.**

**As young people, Jesus speaks to you directly calling you to live a life of purpose. "We are not called to live lives of survival, or even lives of success, as the world sees it, but a life of significance.**

*A Life of Significance*

**God calls us not to be successful, but to be significant. When we focus on significance, success is often part of the package.**

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**No matter the situation, you are significant now! How will you choose to live a life of significance?**

**Are there times in your life when you feel insignificant? Talk to the person next to you and discuss these times and talk about what you could do to change this?**

**Are there ways you could support yourselves and other young people to know that they are significant?**

  
There is a great video on the shared area of young people sharing times in their lives when they felt insignificant.

## *People of Significance*

**Head over to the shared area to find profiles of people of significance. Their profiles include their story and a prayer which you can pray together to help you recognise your significance in the world today.**

## *A Letter from God*

**Do people treat you differently because you are young?  
Do you think your life has a significance or purpose?**

**Does the knowledge that God created you in His image and likeness change how you view yourself?**

**Does fear of making mistakes prevent you from doing something?**

**Is there a difference between existing and being alive, between surviving and being significant?**

**Once you have reflected on these questions write a letter from God to you, his beloved child. What life advice and expectations does God have for you, as your loving Father?**

