



FAITH IN ACTION



This week's theme is about putting our faith into actions. Living a Christian life is not just about belief in God but it is about listening to His words and teachings and acting on them for the good of others.

"Faith in action is love, and love in action is service."

-Mother Teresa



**How can you love others?
How can you serve others?**

WORD OF THE WEEK

James 2: 14-26

My friends, what good is it to say you have faith, when you don't do anything to show that you really do have faith? Can that kind of faith save you? If you know someone who doesn't have any clothes or food, you shouldn't just say, "I hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat." What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help? Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead. But what about the seed that fell on the good ground? That is like the people who hear the Word and understand it. They grow and produce a good crop, sometimes 100 times more, sometimes 60 times more, and sometimes 30 times more.





"Dear young people, we didn't come into this world to 'vegetate,' to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark! The times we live in do not call for young "couch potatoes", but for young people with shoes, or better, boots laced. The times we live in require only active players on the field, and there is no room for those who sit on the bench."

Pope Francis at World Youth Day, July 2016



To be a good Christian all you have to do is go to Church every week...
True or False? Why?



When it comes to putting faith into action, would you call yourself an "active player" or do you "sit on the bench"?



What difference does our Catholic identity make to our community?



Would you say your faith was alive or dead? What could you do to bring it to life?



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

God our Father,

We thank you for the gift of your love which you give to every person in the world. We thank you that because of your love, we are never alone and should never feel afraid.

We thank you for the gift of faith which allows us to know you, one God, three persons. We thank you that because of that faith, the whole of our lives are directed to living for other people.

Through your son, Jesus Christ, our friend and brother, you show us how to love.

Give us the strength we need to live lives of love and faith, so that the world might come to know your son more and more through our actions and words as we seek to live lives which help to build your kingdom here on earth.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL

On Friday we celebrate St Vincent de Paul's feast day. And we wish all our Vincent forms a **HAPPY FEAST DAY!**

"Charity is the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another."

**Faith
and
Action
go
Hand in Hand!**



Either reflect on these questions in silence on your own or have a chat with the person next to you.

WWJD= What would Jesus do?

You see someone drop litter on the yard at lunch time...What would you do? What would Jesus do?

You see someone on their own at break and they look sad...What would you do? What would Jesus do?

You are walking home from school and walk past a homeless man asking for spare change...what would you do? What would Jesus do?

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"How much our hearts should be on assisting the poor people and for devoting ourselves earnestly to it because the need is so great and God expects this of us."