## Communication





"The next day, after Jesus had decided to leave for Galilee, He met Philip and said, 'Follow me'. Philip came from the same town, Bethsaida, as Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth'. Nathanael said to him, 'From Nazareth'? Can anything good come from that place?' Philip replied, 'Come and see".



## WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY

World Communications Day 2021 is celebrated on Sunday 16th May. This year's theme is "Come and see" which we hear in this week's Word of the Week. This line from our Gospel reading invites us to think about communication as more than talking at people. Pope Francis says: "We do not communicate merely with words, but with our eyes, the tone of our voice and our gestures." This year we are invite to think about how we communicate God's love through our actions. Pope Francis continues by saying that Jesus communicated effectively with others in "how he looked at others, from how he acted towards them, and even from his silence. The disciples not only listened to his words; they watched him speak." How can you communicate with others without words? How can you communicate God's love to others through your daily interactions with others? Sometimes actions speak louder than words. Come and See.



Loving Father, you sent your son, Jesus, into our world to be Good News for us. When the world presents us with bad news, help us to be Good News, by communicating the truth of your great love to those we meet day by day. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord.

Amen.



We heard last week Jesus asking us, as disciples, to share the Good News, the Gospel. Below is a list of Gospel values, values which we should try to live out in our every day lives.



With the person next to you, work through the list of values and talk about how you can communicate these values to others.

## **FAKE NEWS!**

In this week's Word of the Week Nathanael doesn't believe that Philip has met the Messiah because he said Jesus was from Nazareth. Nathanael has heard some 'FAKE NEWS' that Nazareth is a place where nothing good comes from, and it certainly isn't going to be the home town of the Son of God. If it wasn't for Philip's invitation to 'Come and see', Nathaniel would never have met and become a follower of Jesus, and seen for himself that good things do come from Nazareth.

Pope Francis says: "All of us are responsible for the communication we make, for the information we share, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it. All of us are to be witnesses of the truth: to go, to see and to share."

Have there been times in your life when you have been affected by fake news or rumours? How did it make you feel? Did it stop you from experiencing something amazing, or stop you from taking up amazing opportunities?

This week I invite you to call out fake news, wherever you hear it.

Like Pope Francis says we all have a responsibility to

communicate the truth.



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Christ has no online presence but yours,
No TikTok, no Instagram page but yours,

Yours are the tweets through which love touches this world,

Yours are the post through which the Gospel is shared.

Yours are the updates through which hope is revealed.

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What do you think this poem is trying to tell us about how we communicate with others?

