



Justice



Word of the Week

Matthew 20: 1-16



As Jesus was telling what the kingdom of heaven would be like, he said: "Early one morning a man went out to hire some workers for his vineyard. After he had agreed to pay them the usual amount for a day's work, he sent them off to his vineyard. About nine that morning, the man saw some other people standing in the market with nothing to do. He said he would pay them what was fair, if they would work in his vineyard. So they went. At noon and again about three and five in the afternoon,

he returned to the market. And each time he made the same agreement with others who were standing around with nothing to do. That evening the owner of the vineyard told the man in charge of the workers to call them in and give them their money. He also told the man to begin with the ones who were hired last. When the workers arrived, the ones who had been hired at five in the afternoon were given a full day's pay.

The workers who has been hired first thought they would be given more than the others. But when they were given the same, they began complaining to the owner of the vineyard. They said, "The ones who were hired last worked for only one hour. But you paid them the same that you did us. And we worked in the hot sun all day long!" The owner answered one of them, "Friend, I didn't cheat you. I paid you exactly what we agreed on. Take your money now and go! What business is it of yours if I want to pay them the same that I paid you? Don't I have the right to do what I want with my money? Why should you be jealous, if I want to be generous?" Jesus then said, "So it is. Everyone who is now first will be last, and everyone who is last will be first."

Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord, let us never give up praying for justice, or the oppressed in this world will one day ask us 'why?'

Let us never give up praying for fairness, or the hungry of this world will one day ask us 'why?'

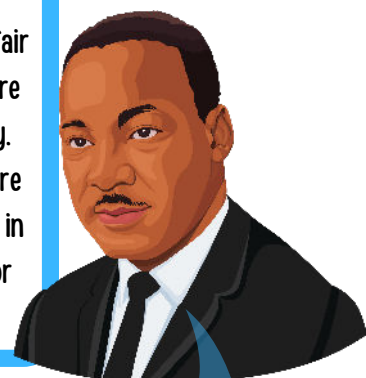
Let us never give up praying for healing, or the sick in this world will one day ask us 'why?'

Let us never give up praying, for to give up is to deny our faith in God who answers prayer.

Amen

This week's theme is 'Justice'.

How much do we want to live in a fair and just world? What injustices are you aware of in our society today. During your prayer time today share with each other in justices you see in the world around you and pray for those situations.



"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Martin Luther King





St Vincent de Paul

Next week we celebrate St Vincent de Paul, one of our form saints.

He was a social justice warrior. Social justice is the mindset of equality and justness between human beings within a society. This simply means that all beings within a society should be treated fairly and with respect. St Vincent was inspired to work with those who are less fortunate than others. St Vincent urged his followers to bring God's justice and love to people who were unable to live a full and happy life.

"Love the poor. Honour them, my children, as you would honour Christ himself."



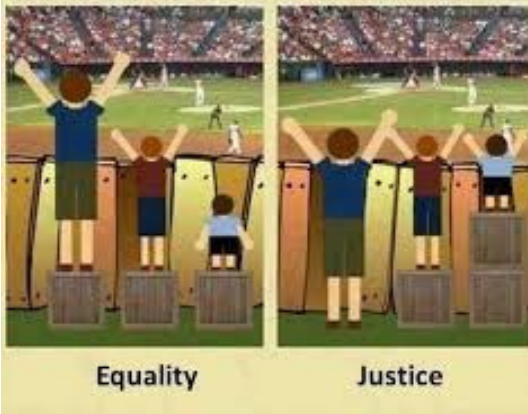
Building a Kingdom of Justice

What injustices are we aware of in our society and is there anything we can do about it?

How committed to Justice are you?

One of the characteristics of the kingdom of God is a world that is just. So following on from our whole-school assembly recently about building God's kingdom, have you thought about joining groups such as the SVP or CAFOD? Have you decided to sign up to the Faith in Action Award?

Equality doesn't mean Justice



TAKE A LOOK AT THIS IMAGE, WHAT DO YOU THINK IT IS TRYING TO TEACH US ABOUT JUSTICE?



Listen and Pray

Justice- The Revelation Room

[CLICK HERE](#)

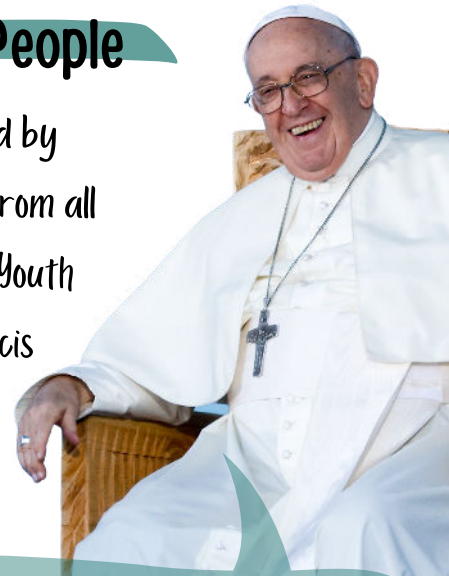
Pat Barrett – Act Justly, Love

Mercy, Walk Humbly

[CLICK HERE](#)

Pope Francis to Young People

This summer Pope Francis was joined by millions young Catholics who travelled from all over the world to take part in World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. Pope Francis encouraged all young people to fight for justice. He said...



"Yours can be the generation that takes up this great challenge." "Getting an education should not be seen merely as a licence to pursue personal well-being, but as a mandate to work for a more just and inclusive society."

Lunchtime Prayer

God is great, God is Good,
let us thank Him for our food;
by His blessings we are fed,
give us Lord, our daily bread,
Amen

