

St Joseph's RC High School

Prayer Resources Autumn 2020 Part 2

ADVENT

2nd Tachwedd 2020 31st Week of Ordinary Time Cycle A

Gather Casglu

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.

Listen Gwrando

1 John 3:1-3

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know hím. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.

> Leader: The Word of the Lord ALL: Thanks be to God

Reflect Adlewyrchu

Theme of the week: Serving others People remember surprises! The friends of Jesus never forgot their surprise when, at the height of his fame, as massive crowds were flocking to see him, he said, 'I have come to serve people, not to be served.' Almost his last action was to get up from the dinner table and wash his friends' feet: 'Now you serve one another, like that,' he said. The true friend of Jesus is, then, the person who, without being asked, helps others.



Reflect Adlewyrchu

"The service that counts is the service that costs" - Howard Hendricks What do you think is meant by this quote?



Why do you think this writing from St. Teresa of Avila Inspires so many Christians to serve others?

Respond Ymateb

Prayer of week God of power and mercy, Only with your help can we be generous and humble In helping and serving one another. Help us to imitate the loving service Of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen



ESU **Term TWO** Intentional & Prophetic

Focus: The intentional Christian

Being an intentional Christian means providing a daily dedication of our lives to living for our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. It doesn't mean that we will always follow through. Sometimes we may even fail miserably. But an Intentional Christian lives with the goal: "Today, I give my all for my Lord and saviour Jesus Christ." An Intentional Christian should consider making this phrase your daily mission statement. If we think about it, the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength" so in other words, we much try our hardest to Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

Intentional Challenge

- 1. What is the schools Mission Statement? What does it mean to you?
- 2. Create your own 'Mission Statement'. Think about one thing you want to do every day and see how you can achieve it.



Papal Plenary

"We asked the Lord to cheer this Church in her service to the Word, to be the voice of this Word, preach this Word."



Go Forth Mynd allan

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.

9th Tachwedd 2020 32nd Week of Ordinary Time Cycle A

Gather Casglu

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.



1 Thessaloníans 4:13-14

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

> Leader: The Word of the Lord ALL: Thanks be to God

Reflect Adlewyrchu

Theme of the week: Be prepared If you are going out for the evening to be with a friend, you spend time getting ready; if you are going on a Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition you have to prepare carefully It is exactly the same with the Christian life we are preparing now to be with the Father one day. The Way to prepare, is given to us by Jesus: live and act lovingly and humbly, he says; then you 'will be exalted'.



Reflect Adlewyrchu

Go around the class and say who you would like to pray for. Remember that Christ's presence is stronger when we pray together.

At this time of year we remember those who gave their lives in the war. We continue to pray for their souls.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=e4NtSqZcT_4

Respond Ymateb

Prayer of the week Father, God of power and mercy, Help our everyday efforts to live a good life. Faith gives us the promise of unending joy and peace And makes known the demands of love. Remove all selfishness from our hearts That we may live as you would have us live. Amen



ESU **Term TWO** Intentional & Prophetic

Focus: Intentional Living

Living intentionally is not about stepping away from the world but is rather about trying to achieve a balance where you know what is important for you and what you want to spend your time and energies doing. Living intentionally can only happen if one is attentive to one's experience, noticing the influences which drive us along and discerning which are good and which not so good, guided by conscience. It means living ethically, with a set of values. Intentional living is about the choices you make and the ethical code you set yourself. But this can have a positive impact on others if you share it.

Intentional Challenge

- 1. Create a set of Charitable goals for next September. See how many you can achieve by the following year.
- 2. Research a charity that focuses primarily on Poverty **or** the environment in the U.K.



Papal Plenary

"If we wish to follow Christ closely, we cannot choose an easy, quiet life. It will be a demanding life, but full of joy."

Pope Francis



Go Forth Mynd allan

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.

16th Tachwedd 2020 33rd Week of Ordinary Time Cycle A

Gather Casglu

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.

Listen Gwrando

Matthew 25:14-30

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

> Leader: The Word of the Lord ALL: Thanks be to God

Reflect Adlewyrchu

Theme of the week: Using your talents

We have pupils who are excellent musicians; we have good athletes; we have fluent linguists and talented artists. Some are good at making us laugh and cheer us with lovely smiles, while others are reliable and generous in offering help. A community like ours needs everyone; we all have a part to play and talents to use for the good of all. God has given us talents to use, first for the good of others, then ourselves.



Reflect Adlewyrchu

November 21, 2017 is the 45th annual World Hello Day. Anyone can participate in World Hello Day simply by greeting ten people. This demonstrates the importance of personal communication for preserving peace. World Hello Day was begun in response to the conflict between Egypt and Israel in the Fall of 1973. Since then, World Hello Day has been observed by people in 180 countries. People around the world use the occasion of World Hello Day as an opportunity to express their concern for world peace. Beginning with a simple greeting on World Hello Day, their activities send a message to leaders, encouraging them to use communication rather than force to settle conflicts.

Challenge

Learn how to say 'Hello' in 10 different languages. Ask your language teachers to help you.
Contact a friend you haven't spoke to in a while. A simple hello could restart a friendship.



Respond Ymateb

Prayer of the week Almighty Father, Protect us in the burdens and challenges of life. Help us to become more aware of your loving plan, That we may more willingly share our gift and talents To build our community and support one another. Amen Go Forth Mynd allan

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.



ESU **Term TWO** Intentional & Prophetic

Focus: Loving intentionally.

It should be every Christian's desire to live actively and intentionally for Jesus. Our conduct reflects on our Lord; and we should want to be the best representatives for Jesus we can be. Surely, there are other important facets of living the Christian life, but loving God and loving our neighbour starting point for living the full sanctified life of a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is worthy to be worshiped.

Intentional Challenge

- 1. What does the word Sacrifice mean to you? Discuss with the class.
- 2. What could you go without this weekend which may benefit another person?



Papal Plenary

"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love"



23rd Tachwedd 2020 34th Week of Ordinary Time Cycle A

Gather Casglu

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.

Listen Gwrando

Matthew 25:31-46 The Sheep and the Goats

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' "The did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'" The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Leader: The Word of the Lord ALL: Thanks be to God



Theme of the week: Christ the King

The last Sunday of the church's year (we start a new year next week) is celebrated with a day dedicated to Christ the Universal King. It is to remind us of the Christian belief that the victorious and triumphant risen Christ will come, again in glory at the end of the world. On this day We celebrate Youth , our hope for our future.



Reflect Adlewyrchu

Think back to the Gospel. As a class, try to think of at least 15 things we can do in our everyday lives to act more like the sheep in the Gospel.

What makes a great King? Think of at least 3 virtues that every king should have.



Respond Ymateb

Prayer of the week Father, all-powerful God of love, You raised Jesus from the death of life And he is now with you, in glory, As king of creation. May all the world rejoice in his peace, Glory in his justice, and live in his love. Amen

Go Forth Mynd allan

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.



ESU **Term TWO** Intentional & Prophetic
Focus: Intentional Rituals

Our hearts are so easily distracted; we are prone to wander, even from what we love. The only way to live a life of intention rather than a life of wandering is to live our days with intention, to think about what we do each day, to implement rituals that will help us grow. Above all else, as Christians we are lovers of God, for he has made us so. As 1 John 4:19 says, "We love because he first loved us." What better way to spend your days than in growing in this truth and responding to it in love!

Intentional Challenge

- 1. Think of 3 'habits' that you could adopt to make yourself a better Catholic e.g Pray every night, say the Rosary once a week etc
- 2. One of the best things we can do as Catholics is attend Mass regularly. Why not create a 'Mass Group' where you meet up and attend Mass together every Sunday.



Papal Plenary

"We cannot live as Christians separate from the rock who is Christ. He gives us strength and stability, but also joy and serenity." Pope Francis



30th Tachwedd 2020 1st Week of Advent Cycle A



Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.

Listen Gwrando

Mark 13:33-37

Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back —whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"

> Leader: The Word of the Lord ALL: Thanks be to God

Reflect Adlewyrchu

Theme of the week: Stay awake

This is 'Happy New Year' week, because Sunday saw the beginning of a new year in the Christian calendar. Advent — the 'Coming Season' — has begun and all Christians are asked to 'wake up' and 'stay awake' to the real meaning of Christmas. This is the season of preparation, for the Coming of Christ as a babe; as the Good News and as judge at the end of

tíme.



Reflect Adlewyrchu

Think & reflect

What happens when you are not alert in class? What effect could this have?

Advent in 2 minutes https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=S02KOlw7dlA





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Respond Ymateb

Prayer of the week Father in heaven, Our hearts desire the warmth of your love. Increase our longing for Christ our saviour And give us the strength to grow in love As we wait for his coming



Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.



ESU **Term TWO** Intentional & Prophetic

Focus: Being Prophetic

Intentional living is about the choices you make and the ethical code you live by. But this can have a positive impact on others if I share it. Being prophetic is about being seen to do good and about speaking out for what is right. Good news is only good news if it is announced. Being prophetic isn't about telling the future; it is about living out God's future for me today.

Prophetic Challenge

- "Be the change you want to see in the world". What will you change to make the world a better place?
- 2. As a form class, discuss what change you would like to see in your Year group.



Papal Plenary

"Look to the future with humble audacity and to be prophets of hope." **Pope Francis**



7th Rhagfryr 2020 2nd Week of Advent Cycle A

Gather Casglu

Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.

Listen Gwrando

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah,the Son of God,as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you who will prepare your way" "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with[e] water, but he will baptise you with[f] the Holy Spirit."

> Leader: The Word of the Lord ALL: Thanks be to God

Reflect Adlewyrchu

Theme of the week: Change of heart

John, called 'the Baptiser', was a startling sight; people flocked out from the city to see him. When he got the crowds there he told them that they had to behave better, if they wanted the Messiah to appear among them. A change of heart was necessary or the Christ would not come. Every one of us could make a good preparation for the coming of Christ this Christmas, by improving our behaviour at home, at school and with our friends.



Reflect Adlewyrchu

Think & reflect

"It is better to light a candle than to complain about the darkness" - what do you think is meant from this statement?

At this time of year, it is important to remember the poor and lonely. Please watch the following video and pray for those in need this Christmas. https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XvzOFYcext8



Respond Ymateb

Prayer of the week Father in heaven, your Son's birthday draws near, May the greed and selfishness, Which tempt so many people at this time of the year, Not blind us to the real meaning of his coming. Amen



Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.



ESU **Term TWO** Intentional & Prophetic

Focus: A revealing word

In the Old Testament, two words are used to describe the prophet. The earlier of the two is the word *ro'er*, which roughly means, 'the one who sees'. Later, the more common word used for a prophet is *nabi*, which can be loosely translated as, 'the one who speaks', particularly, on behalf of another. A prophet is one who sees a different world, and says a different word. Specifically, a prophet is able to speak a revealing word because he sees something others don't, something hidden to others.

Prophetic Challenge

- 1. Go around the class and state one interesting fact about yourself that others may not know about.
- 2. Has your opinion on some of your class mates changed since knowing more about them?



Papal Plenary

"Prophecy is saying that there is something truer, more beautiful, greater, of greater good to which we are all called" **Pope Francis**



14th Rhagfryr 2020 3rd Week of Advent Cycle A



Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.

Listen Gwrando

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

1Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

> Leader: The Word of the Lord ALL: Thanks be to God

Reflect Adlewyrchu

Theme of the week Be happy at all times.

Human beings come in all different ages, shapes, colours and sizes, but they all share one ambition: everyone wants to be happy. But how to find happiness? And then, how to keep it? When Nelson Mandela visited our country, we experienced a happy man; a sincere man who had suffered that others might be free; a man who had found happiness through working for others. This is the message of this week; if you want happiness, seek it for others, then you will find it; and that happiness will remain.

REJOICE! If there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. (Philippians 4:4.8)



Think & reflect

Go around the class and each try to finish the sentence: HAPPINESS IS.....

Joy! http://www.worshiphousemedia.com/mini-movies/48304/Joy



Respond Ymateb

Prayer of the week

Father, the whole world looks with eagerness to the celebration of the birthday of Jesus.
May we, in our lives, know the real meaning of happiness and find it in the peace that your Son promises to all who follow him.
Amen.



Yn enw'r Tad, a'r Mab a'r Ysbryd Glan.



ESU **Term TWO** Intentional & Prophetic

Focus: A measure of faith

Growing in faith will also help us grow in the area of prophecy.We have each been assigned a measure of faith. It is our responsibility to exercise and grow that faith. Every day we face challenges where we need God's grace and power. We should look as these challenges as opportunities to walk by faith. We must learn to ask, "What does it mean to trust God in this situation?" And we should also ask, "What does Scripture say about this situation? What promise of God can I look to and meditate on and trust in?" Faith comes from hearing the word of Christ. As you sow to the Spirit by feeding your heart and mind with God's Word, you will find yourself empowered to grow in trusting God in everyday life.

Prophetic Challenge

 Discuss with the class where you see yourself in 10 years time. Your teacher must join in too!
 When do you think you will need God during these times?
 Create a "Life Goals" chart. Think about careers, travel, fitness goals etc



Papal Plenary

"Where there is no prophecy in the Church, the very life of God is lacking and clericalism prevails" **Pope Francis**

