

Children's Activity Sheet

The Cathedral Church of St Marie
welcomes

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to Mass today.



“Love Your Enemies!”

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Love Your Enemies

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year A.

I've just been sorting out our clean washing; everything has been washed and dried, and it's ready to put away. My favourite clothes to fold and put away are the soft clothes – I like the way they feel. Some of the other items can feel very rough and scratchy, and I don't like the way they feel in my hands. This is also true of the different kinds of people we may meet each day. Some are rough, irritating, and unkind. They may rub us the wrong way and we probably don't like to be around them. Others are gentle and kind and it is very easy to get along with them. We enjoy being around people like that, don't we?

Jesus had a lot to say about how to treat other people. He said we should love others and that means even loving those who are unkind as well as our friends. Just because they are not as easy to love doesn't mean we shouldn't love them. In fact, Jesus said we show that we are God's children by loving those who do not love us.

Can you think of a time when someone was nice to you even though you had not been nice to them? How did that make you feel? When someone is nice to us, it usually makes us want to be nice in return. If we are nice to those who are unkind to us, we might just turn an enemy into a friend!

Jesus set the example for us to follow. He was rejected, ridiculed, and crucified. But when he was on the cross, he prayed for his enemies. “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” Wow! That is a huge amount of love and forgiveness and that is the kind of love that Jesus wants you and me to have for others – friends and enemies alike!

Word Search

"In the past you have learned to 'love your friends and hate your enemies'. But now I tell you that you must love your enemies and pray for anyone who wishes you harm. It is easy to love someone who loves you back, but it is hard to love someone who hurts you... You must try to become perfect like your heavenly Father".

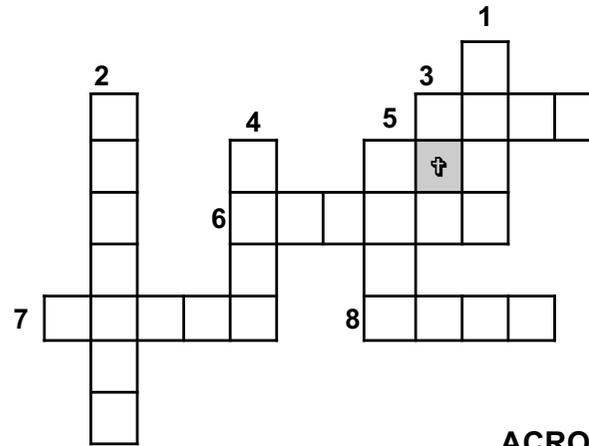
This week's word search is based on Matthew 5: 43-48

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FATHER	NEIGHBOUR	PRAY
PAGANS	PERFECT	LOVE
REWARD	EVIL	HATE
GREET	RISE	SUN
GOOD	BROTHERS	ENEMY

Crossword Puzzle



DOWN

1. Something that is pleasing; morally upright
2. Persons you know and like very much
4. To talk to God
5. A strong feeling of dislike for someone or something

ACROSS

3. A warm feeling of affection for another person
6. Something good received in return for good behaviour
7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
8. Something that cause harm; morally wrong; wicked

Enemy	Evil	Reward	Hate
Good	Love	Friends	Pray

Children's Prayer

Dear Father, please help us to follow the example that Jesus set for us. Help us to love everyone, friends and enemies alike, so that they will know that we are true children of God. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

