



This week's theme is:

**Faith
Grows**



Peace be with you
And with your spirit

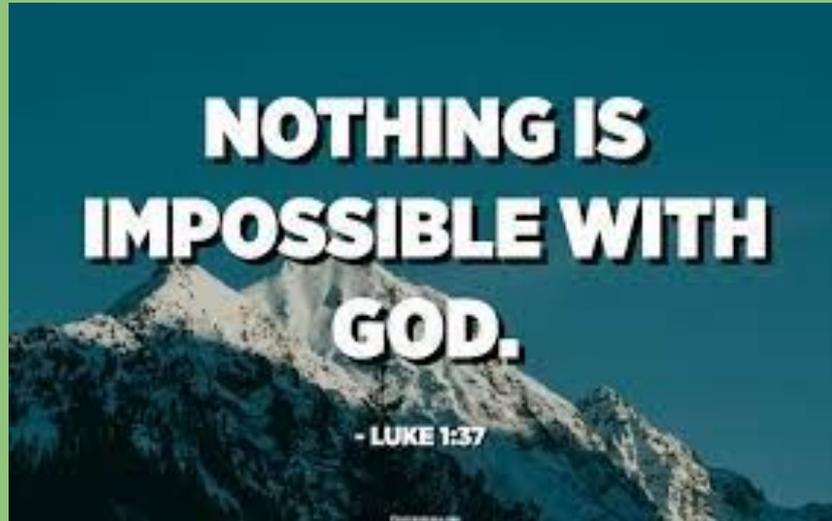


We light our candle to remind us of Christ's
presence with us as we gather
+ In the name of the Father ...

**Faith as small
as a mustard seed
will move mountains
move mountains**



Today, Jesus tells us how powerful faith is. How, if we have faith we can do anything we want to, even if at first it seems impossible. Let's think some more about this now.



Opening Prayer

God of light, help us to see that even with the smallest amount of faith, we can do anything you ask of us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Lord Jesus,
you ask us to put others before ourselves. For the times we
have been selfish and thought of ourselves as the most
important,
Lord, have mercy.

LORD HAVE MERCY

Christ Jesus,
you teach us to accept others for who they are. For the
times we have walked passed and not acknowledged those
who need our help,
Christ, have mercy.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Lord Jesus,
you have called us to serve. For the times we have
disobeyed your commands,
Lord, have mercy.

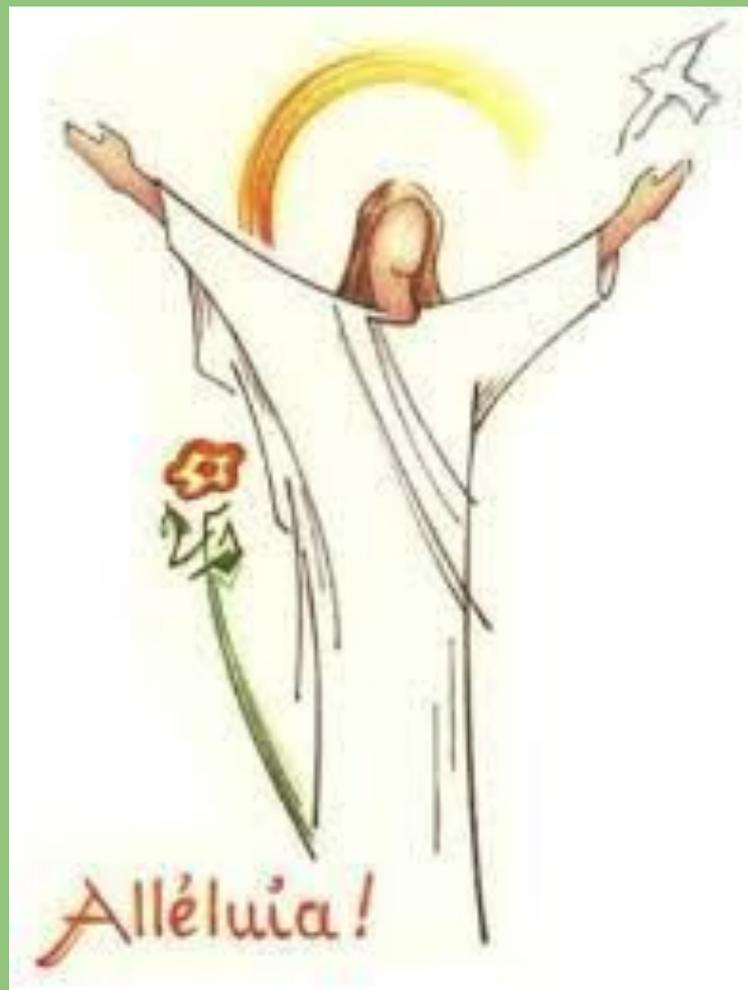
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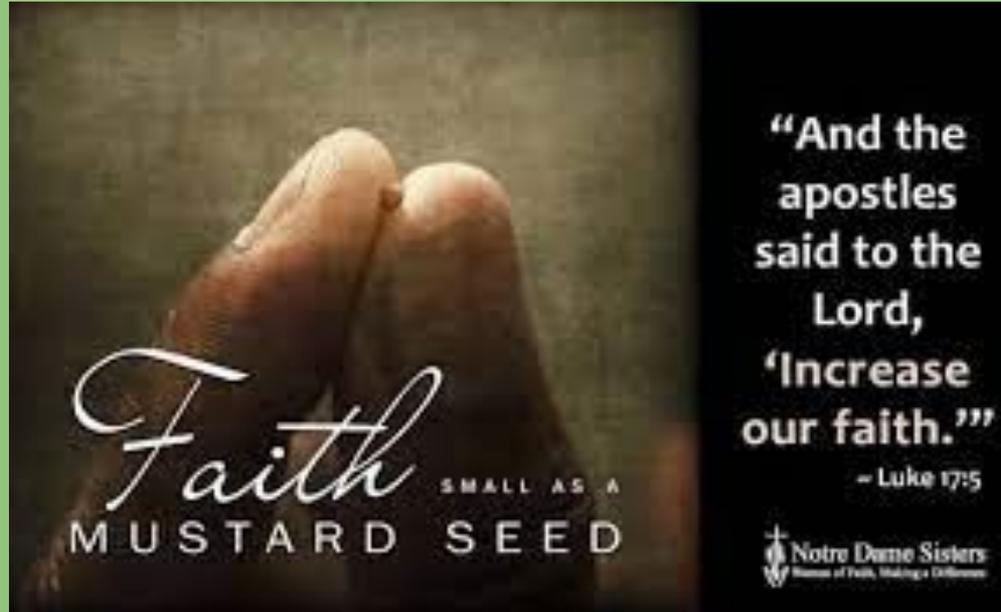
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A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord



The apostles said to the Lord, “Make our faith greater.”

The Lord answered, “If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!’ and it would obey you.

“Suppose one of you has a servant who is ploughing or looking after the sheep. When he comes in from the field, do you tell him to hurry and eat his meal? Of course not! Instead, you say to him, ‘Get my supper ready, then put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may have your meal.’ The servant does not deserve thanks for obeying orders, does he? It is the same with you; when you have done all you have been told to do, say, ‘We are ordinary servants; we have only done our duty.’”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Time to reflect on God's words for us
today.



Today the disciples ask Jesus to give them more faith.

Can you remember what Jesus says?

Jesus says that even if they had faith like a mustard seed they could tell a mulberry tree to move from where it is in the ground and plant itself in the sea.

What do you think Jesus was trying to say here?

How big is a mustard seed?

Is it easy to get a tree to move itself into the sea?

A mustard seed is really tiny. So, Jesus is saying that even if we only have a small amount of faith we can do amazing things and make big changes to the world.

When we look at the world we can see that it is not very fair.

What do you think is unfair in our world? How does this make you feel?

It is getting harder for families to get the food that they need. In fact, nearly 1 in 3 people around the world do not have enough safe and healthy food. There are many reasons for this, such as the climate crisis, COVID and the war in Ukraine. These problems often have the worst effects for some of the poorest people.

We all have times when things are really difficult. It can be hard to keep our faith in God at these times. Even the disciples had moments when they did not think that they had enough faith.

Yet this reading gives us hope – that even if we just have a tiny little bit of faith, with God’s help, we can make real changes to the world.

What changes do you think you could make in our world?

We could raise money to help families around the world have enough to eat. This Friday is Family Fast Day, when we might eat a simple meal and give the money that we save to CAFOD.

If we have more than we need, we can share what we have with others.

Bidding Prayers

We know that everything is possible with faith and God's help, and so we pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that they may see that real change is possible and act to make the world a fairer place for everyone to live. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all people throughout the world who do not have enough food or water: that they may have hope, faith and the support that they need, as they work to change their lives for the better. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may have the faith and courage to try to make a real difference to our world so that it becomes a fairer place for all. Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer**

In the quiet of our hearts let's say our own prayer to God. We ask you Mother Mary to pray with us as we say:



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is
with thee,
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy
womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for
us sinners now and at the hour of
our death.

Amen

Closing Prayer

God of life, give us the courage to try to make a change to our world, no matter how small, and the faith to know that with you all things are possible

Amen

This week, let us show our faith in action

by:

- Donating whatever we can to CAFOD.
- Try to do one small thing this week that makes a positive difference to someone else.
- Each planting our seeds to see how we can improve a small part of our World when we come together.



THANKS BE TO GOD

Our faith in action



Last week, we were focusing on the Gospel Value of **Integrity** and the Virtue of **Charity**. We celebrated those children who had shown them through their actions and choices.

This week, let us show
the Gospel Value of
Peace.



Our Virtue this week is
Faith.



**In the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit**

Amen

