

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for Francis our Pope,
for our Bishop Peter and all priests and religious that
they may act from a spirit of courage and right
judgement.

We pray for parents and carers
that they may undertake their responsibility of
educating their children with gentleness and love.

We pray for our children
that they may grow in love of God and neighbour.

We pray for our governors
that they may guide our schools
with wisdom and discernment.

We pray for our teachers
that they may strive to live lives of witness
to the children in their care.

We pray for all those involved in the work of our schools
that they may carry out their work
with generosity of spirit.

We pray for Catechists that they may share the faith
with enthusiasm and joy.



For Mass on Sunday



Education Week 9 - 13 October 2017

**'How happy are the merciful
They shall have mercy shown them'
(Matthew 5:7)**



**The Beatitudes
– the identity card of a Christian**

Introduction

Today is Education Sunday.

It is a diocesan day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the work of education.

Teaching and learning takes place in many different ways and in a variety of settings.

We thank God for all those who live out the good news in our parishes, homes and schools.

We thank God for all those who have supported us in our faith throughout our lives.

We thank God for our parents, teachers and catechists who show us how to live following the example of Jesus.

We are given an opportunity today to begin anew to foster, build, improve and enhance relationships between parish, school and home.

Reflection

As parents, children, teachers, catechists, clergy, governors, directors and the whole community, we are invited to reflect on how we can incorporate the values of the Kingdom into our own lives.

Pope Francis tells us that:

'Living according to the Beatitudes should fill each of us with joy because together they make our Christian life a beautiful and credible witness to the love of God for all the brothers and sisters we meet each day'

The Penitential Rite

Suggested symbolism to be incorporated in the Mass: Highlight the penitential rite as an action that shows our desire for God's forgiveness and mercy and our desire to show mercy to others.



Scripture Readings for today

In the first reading, from the Book of Exodus we hear how Aaron and Hur supported Moses
(Ex. 17: 8 - 13)

St Paul, in his second letter to Timothy writes:
'Keep to what you have been taught and know to be true and remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures'
(1 Tim 3.14 – 4.2)

In the Gospel, of Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes.
'The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart to draw us to the one who alone can fulfill it. God alone satisfies'
(The Catechism of the Catholic Church 1718)