

“Virtues to Live by”

“Our educational work should have a purpose: to elicit a change in our students, to make them grow in wisdom, to help them undergo a transformation, to provide them with knowledge, with new feelings and, at the same time, achievable ideals.”

(Pope Francis 2013)

Autumn Term 2:

HOPE

Hope:

I trust that God’s love has no end and that He is at work in my life and in the world.

BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him
Our hope is in the Lord, alleluia.

Jesus died and rose again to new life and it will be the same for those who put
their hope in Jesus
Our hope is in the Lord, alleluia.

May your hope be overflowing by the power of the Holy Spirit
Our hope is in the Lord, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER:

God our Father,

Increase our confidence in You so that our hope renews our strength to
work at making the world a better place

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READING:

We wait in hope for the Lord;

He is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice,

For we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope
in you.

Psalm 33:20-21

or

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. The Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matt 28:16-20

REFLECTION

"Hope is not a spiritual consolation, a distraction from the serious tasks that require our attention, but a dynamic force liberating us from all determinism and every obstacle in order to build a community of men and women finally free from the usual chains of selfishness, inaction and injustice." (Pope Francis)

LIVING OUR VIRTUE

Inspire each one of us that we may help our children to:

- Recognise that, hope is rooted in prayer.
- Recognise that when they face difficulties they should have hope that things will get better.
- Recognise that hope of better things prompts us to take action to improve our community.
- Recognise we all hope for eternal life with God.
- We all live for something greater than our ourselves.

- Have hopes and dreams that the world can be a better place for everyone.
- Recognise that hope drives us to take action.

May we support our children in recognising opportunities for growth so that they can make the most of the opportunities life presents.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God our Father inspire us with hope as we place all our trust in you. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

VIRTUE TO LIVE BY

I trust that God's love has no end and that He is at work in my life and in the world.