

# Parent Newsletter

Living faith  
within our families

October 2019



## Mustard Seed Faith

During the w/c 7th October, children watched a film about having faith in God's incredible power. A version of this is below, which you might like to read with your child:

'There was once a little girl whose bedroom was very dark because of a tree right outside her window. She dreamed of sunlight waking her up every morning!

One Sunday at Mass, she heard this Scripture: "If your faith was the size of even a tiny mustard seed, you could say to a mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

The little girl was astonished and thought, "I have faith far greater than a tiny mustard seed! That means I can move my tree!"

That night, she stood outside and said firmly, "By morning, tree – I want you to be gone." However, in the morning, the tree was still there. The little girl was sad, and that night her big sister asked why.

"After hearing the Gospel about having faith like a mustard seed, I tried to banish that tree from the garden, so sunlight can brighten my room. But the tree isn't listening to me!"

"Hmm," her sister said, "what matters is that you believe that God has the power. Everything is possible with God!"

"So, if I ask God to move that tree, will He do it?"

"Well," said her sister, "that depends if it is God's will for the tree to move! Maybe God planted that tree where it is so you would be protected from the sun waking you up every morning!"

The little girl smiled. She prayed for God's will to be done and fell asleep.

The next morning, her room was still dark and the tree was still there, but she had had a very restful night! Miraculously, a glimmer of light shone through the tree's branches and onto her open bible: 'The Lord will be your everlasting light.' Suddenly, the little girl knew she didn't need to try to move the tree! She just needed to follow whatever God wanted for her.

In her heart, she said, "All powerful God, you are my light and I am your faithful servant."

## Praying the Rosary

The month of October is a traditional time to pray The Rosary: a set of prayers to God, our Lady and the Holy Spirit.

Children have been learning that, after reflecting on a passage of scripture (called a 'mystery'), we say a set of prayers (called a 'decade') including the Our Father, ten Hail

Marys and a Glory Be. We use the beads of the rosary to help us keep count, but fingers can work too! You might like to pray the rosary with your child this October:



### Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

### Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.  
  
Blessed art thou amongst  
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.

### Glory Be

Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
  
As it was in  
the beginning,  
is now and ever  
shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.