

Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

7th Sunday
of Easter

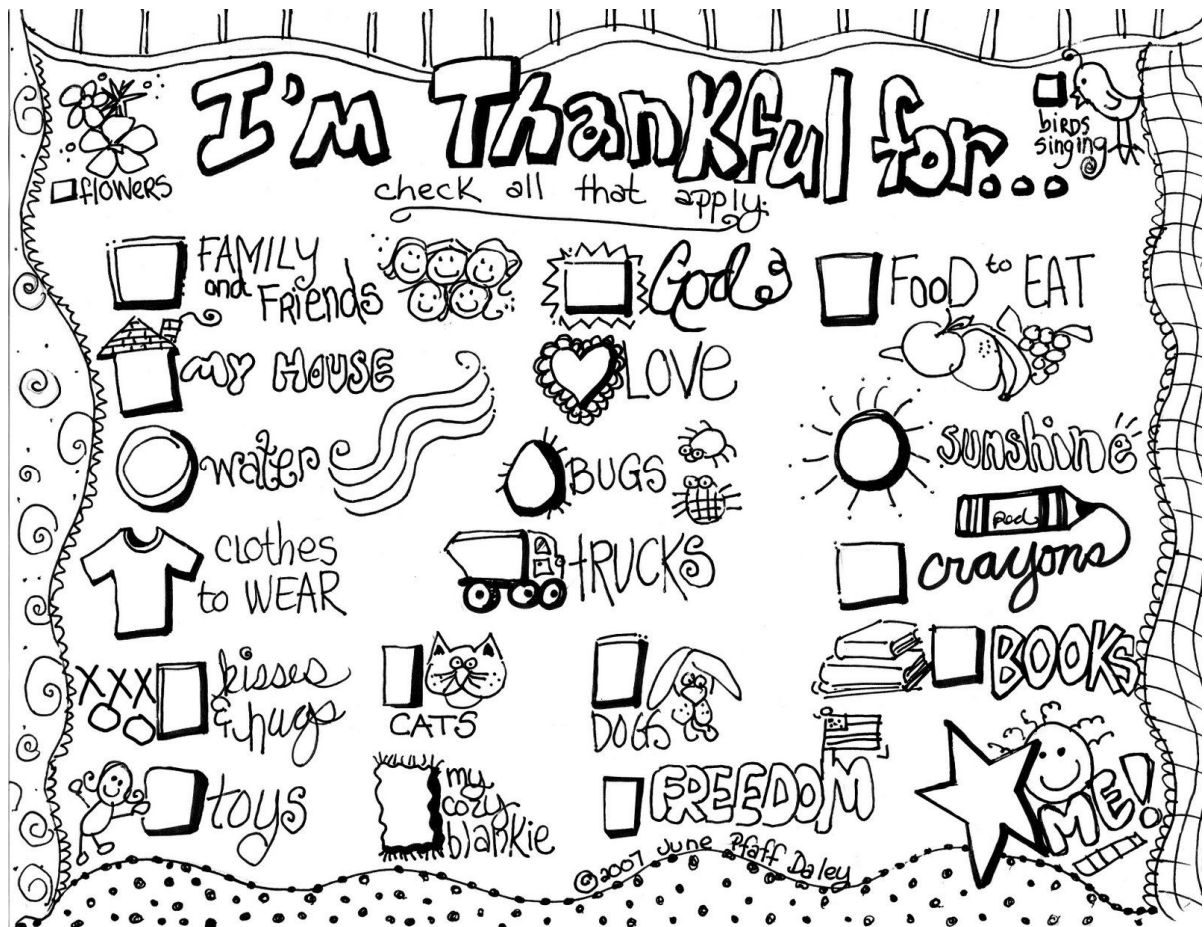
John 17:1-11

Jesus prays to His Father and says that He has finished His work on Earth and is returning to His Father. He has told his followers about the Father and taught them everything the Father wanted them to know.

It is great to know that Jesus is looking after us all.

Giving Thanks

When you pray, how often do you thank God for things? Sometimes we are so busy asking for things that we forget to say thank you for what we have. Have a look at the picture below and see what else you can add so that the next time you pray there will be lots to say thank you for.



Prayer

After Jesus went back to heaven, the apostles gathered in an upper room in Jerusalem to wait for the messenger Jesus had promised them.

They might have been afraid or worried but they put their trust in God and spent the time in prayer.

Sometimes, when things are going wrong or we are worried we can feel like we the only ones feeling like that. Sometimes it is hard to tell others how bad we feel.

That is when we should pray. God will always hear and answer our prayers. We are never alone if we remember that God is with us and put our trust in Him.

We can pray anywhere and at any time, but it is important to pray regularly. When we get up in the morning we can offer God our day ahead, when we go to bed we can thank Him for the day we have had. Use the prayers you know, make up your own or simply just talk to God.

St Matthias

How does someone become an apostle? After the Resurrection, there were only eleven apostles, one more was needed.

Twelve was a very important number in Jewish tradition, there were twelve tribes of Israel and as the Jews were the first to hear the news of Jesus, the other apostles wanted to have twelve apostles to carry on the work. But who to choose?

It had to be someone who had been with the others since the beginning, who stayed with Jesus throughout his teaching, believed in him when things went wrong.

After much prayer and discussions, Matthias was chosen to be one of the twelve.

It has been said that Matthias was chosen not for what he was but for what he was going to become. Just like us, we need to think about what Jesus wants us to become.

His feast day is May 14th.



A hymn to Our Lady

As I kneel before you
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours,
And fill me with your love,

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
present them to my Lord,

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

As I kneel before you,
And I see your smiling face,
Every thought, every word
Is lost in your embrace,

*Ave Maria, Gratia plena
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.*

The chorus is in Latin. It means,

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with you, blessed are you.*

These are the first words of the special prayer to our Lady.