



FAMILY PRAYER

At Home

All Saints
Catholic Academy Trust

Thursday 24th September 2026

Getting Ready

We are about to gather together as a family, in a time of shared prayer.

What can we do to prepare space for this?

How can we make sure that there are no distractions so that for the next few minutes we can focus on being together as a family with our Lord?

Opening Prayer

Heavenly father,
You see everything that happens here on earth.
Be with us as we gather together to pray.
Help us to be open to you,
To listen for your voice,
And to be willing to say 'Yes' to your plans for us.

Amen

It's not fair!

When my own children were small there was a book that we used to read together that I would like to share with you. It's all about a very common phrase that we hear in schools and in our families from time to time!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6U68VUis8Q>

What does fairness mean?

Are there ever times when you think things are unfair?

How does it make you feel when things aren't fair?

What does Jesus say about Fairness?

At Mass on Sunday we heard a Gospel reading from St Matthew's Gospel that was all about fairness. Watch the following animation of this famous parable that Jesus told:

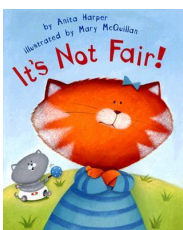


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Reflect

How do you think that people who had worked for the longest felt?

Why did the vineyard owner pay everyone the same amount of money?





Fairtrade Fortnight

This week and next, we are thinking about issues of fairness in our world. This links to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching that we talk about and try to put into action at school. In particular we remember that all people are called to participate and share in God's Kingdom and also that there should be dignity for all within and through their work.

Sadly our world is not entirely fair at the moment. Did you know that some of the foods that we enjoy, and some of the products that we use in our everyday lives are not always produced in a way that is fair. For example, the workers that pick the bananas that we eat are almost always paid less than the person who sells the banana in the supermarket.

During Fairtrade fortnight we pray for the dignity of all workers and we pray for fairness in trade.

We also think about some of the changes that we might be able to make to our own shopping habits that will help our world to become a little more fair.



Let us pray together

Father God, as we reflect on our responsibilities as Christians, help us to understand the impact our choices and actions have on others.

Help us to be true disciples of Jesus, living the Gospel and helping to make our unfair world and fairer one.

Give us courage to challenge things that are unfair and help us pray for those who work hard to grow the food that we enjoy in our home.

Fill our hearts with love for all people, everywhere and to treat them as our brothers and sisters.

Help us to make good choices about how we spend our money.

You have called us to care for the poor and needy and help us to take that responsibility seriously.

Help us to be generous with our time and money so that we can honour you through serving others.

Amen

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