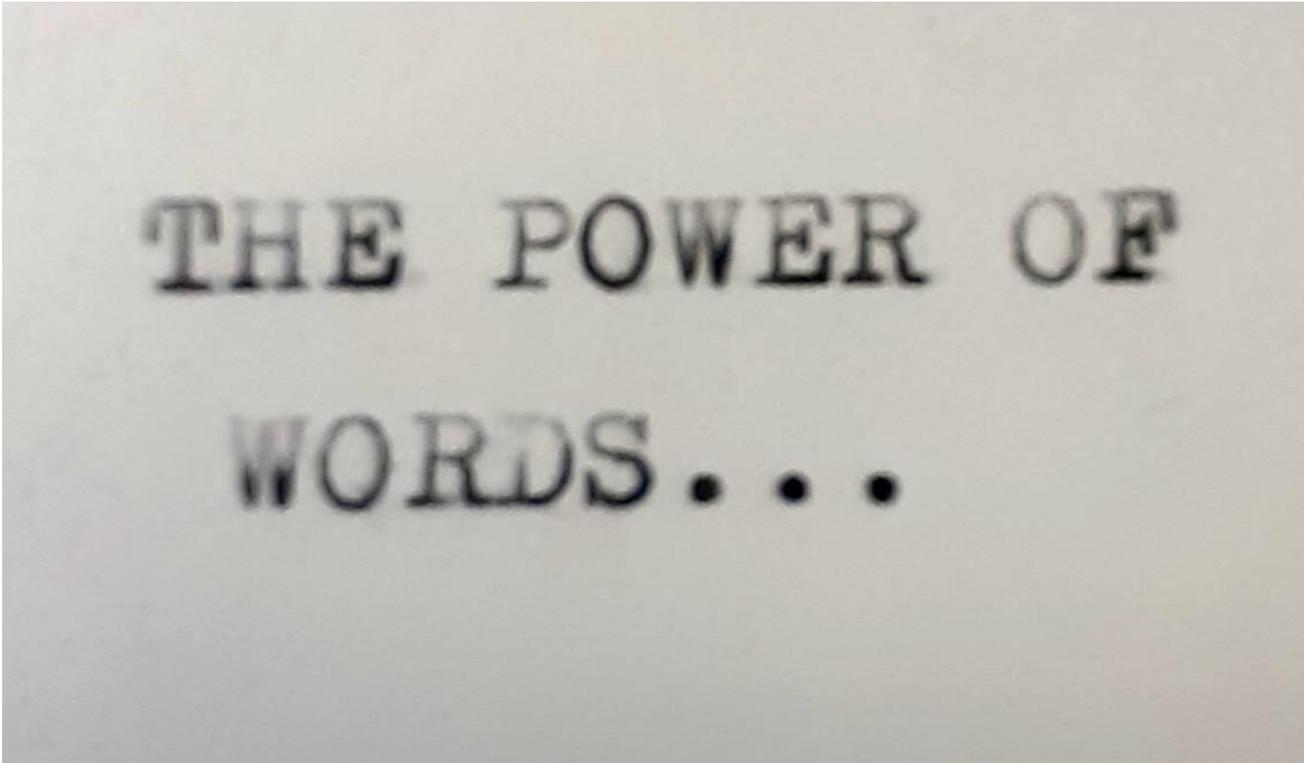




Prayer for the week - Words

Monday 23rd May



THE POWER OF  
WORDS...

Lord,

In this week let us think about the words we use. Every day we hear thousands of words, some positive, some negative. Let us always think about the words we use in all ways.

Let us listen to the words of whatever our belief system is and live them into our lives.

St Joseph – Pray for us

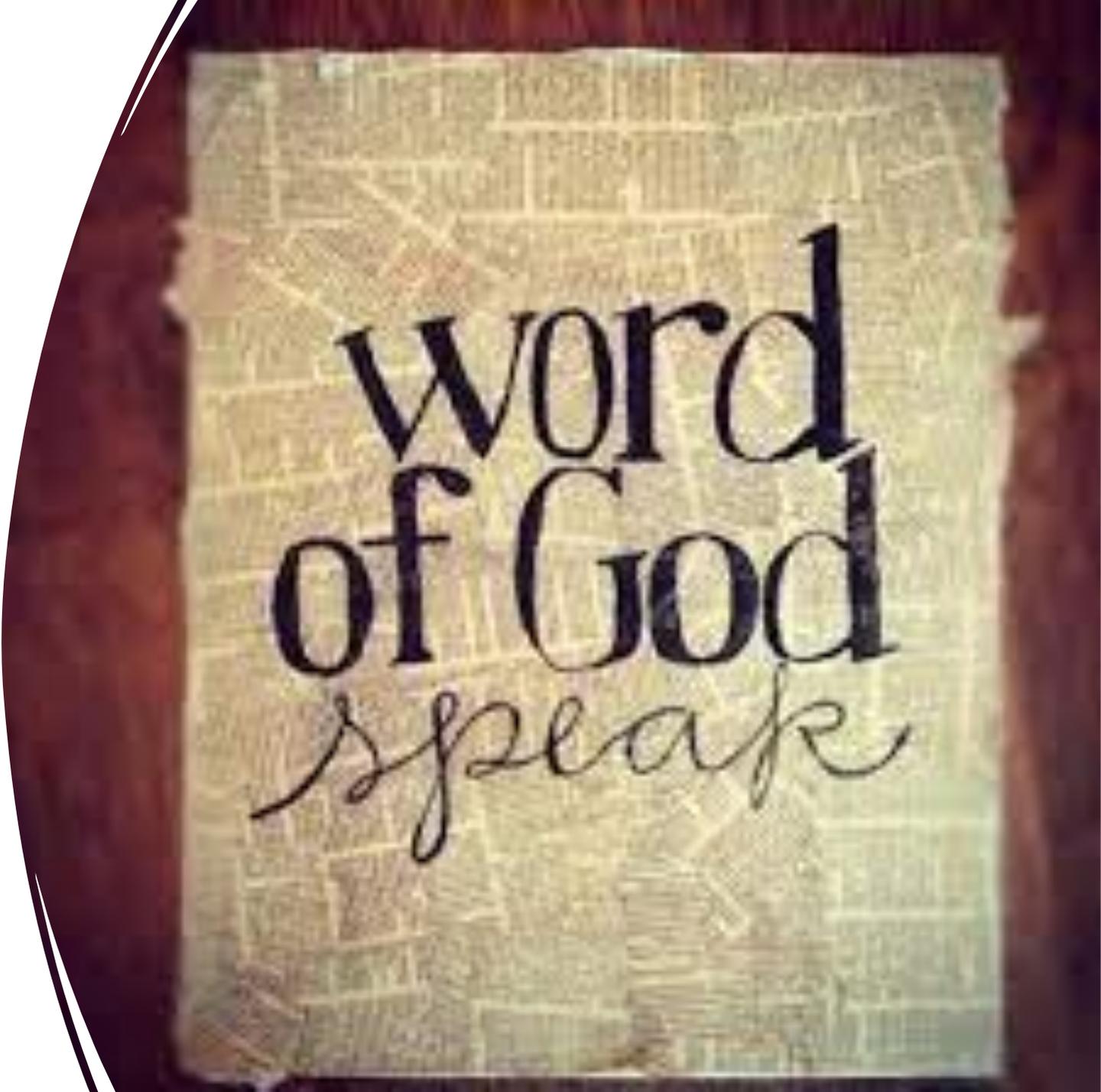
Tuesday 24th May

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Father,

There are times when I am afraid to speak. Please remove the fear that prevents me from speaking on behalf of the weak, the oppressed and the helpless. Please remove the fear that prevents me from speaking when someone needs to hear of Your love for them. Help me never to miss an opportunity to speak for You.

St Joseph – Pray for us



word  
of God  
speak

Wednesday 25th  
May

Lord

Inspire the year 11's to be able to find the resilience to write the correct words in their exam season. When they are feeling tired or stressed, give them the strength to continue and see the benefits of what they are doing and what they can and will achieve.

St Joseph – Pray for us

**Father,  
I know all things  
are possible  
with You!**

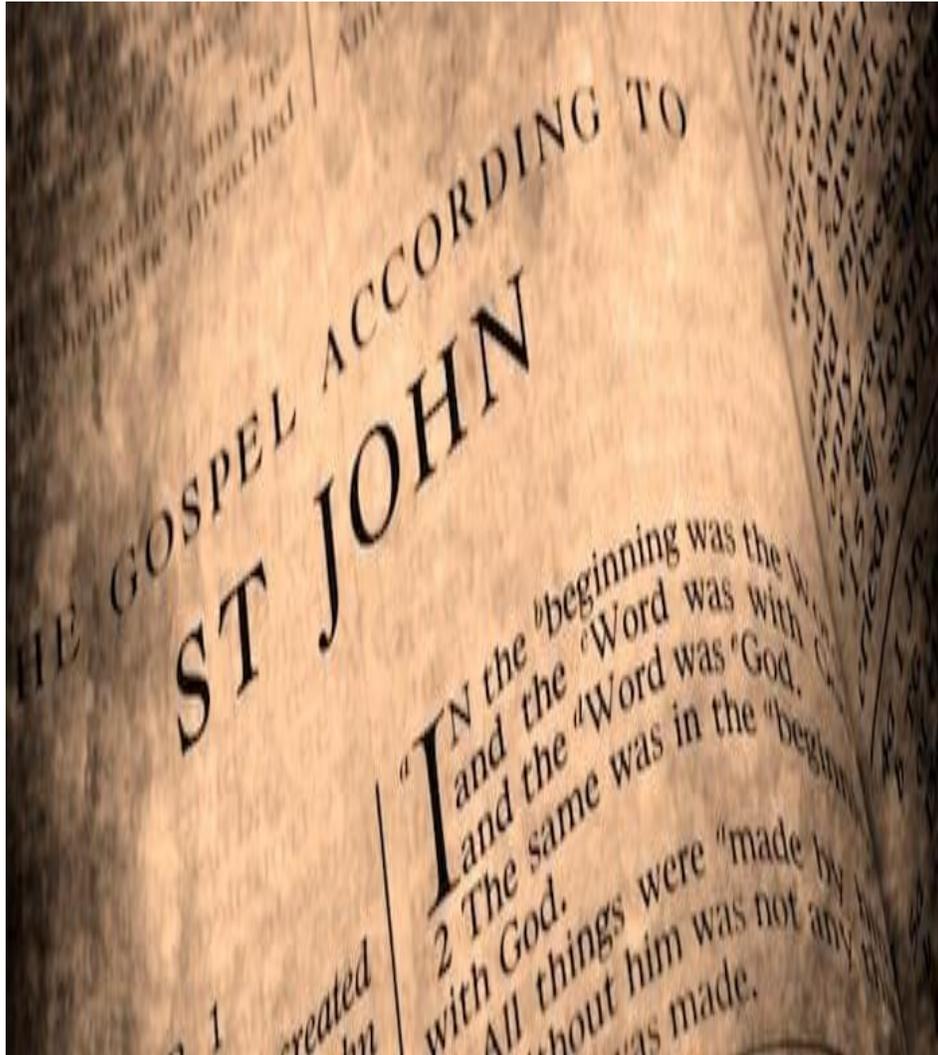
# Thursday 26th May

Let us use the words Christ gave us;

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



# Friday reflection



Jesus replied: Anyone who loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make a home in him.

<sup>24</sup> Anyone who does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not my own: it is the word of the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> I have said these things to you while still with you;

<sup>26</sup> but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

<sup>27</sup> Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

<sup>28</sup> You heard me say: I am going away and shall return. If you loved me you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

<sup>29</sup> I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.



In today's Gospel we hear a later section of what is known as the Farewell message, those words and messages of reassurance that Jesus wanted to give to his disciples before he was to be crucified.

Jesus was helping prepare them for a time when he would no longer be with them physically, but reminding them that they would not be alone, because the Father would send the Holy Spirit to teach them and be with them.

Let us allow the Holy Spirit to guide us to build a better world. Let the Holy Spirit guide our thoughts, words and actions.

Final thought..



It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.

— *Pope Francis* —

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