

World Religion Day

Monday 'Meaning'

This week's **Sacred Time** theme is World Religion Day.

This is an opportunity for us to reflect on our lives and a time to make positive changes.

What do you think this theme is about?

Watch this [Clip](#) and discuss

Tuesday 'Talks'



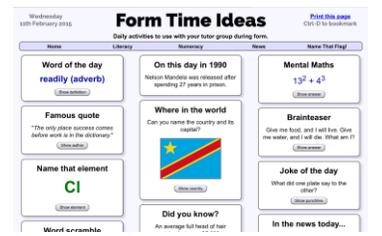
World Religion Day is celebrated every January on the third Sunday of the month. It's aim is to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. The first such day was observed in 1950.

World Religion Day is celebrated in lots of ways. However, most people attend special services, which focus on respecting other religions, and reflecting on their universal message. That is, we should all treat each other with respect and understanding, so that we can create a better world for everyone.

'Try it' Tuesday



Each week for 'Try it' Tuesday, we will get an opportunity to put sacred time into action and be the 'Good Samaritan'. It will also be a chance to have a personal pause. This week let's think of one thing that we would like to have a fresh start for this year. It could be taking up a new hobby, helping a friend in need, speaking kind words, trying hard at spellings, being more patient, reading more - the list is endless!



Wednesday 'Words of Wisdom'



Each week, we link the theme to sources of wisdom and authority. **Mark Ch12**

32 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Read today's specific Bible reading [HERE](#).



Thursday 'Thoughtfulness'

Our thoughtfulness for today is a prayer:

Dear God,

We pray for all those in our world suffering from racism, sexism and religious discrimination. For the individuals who are silenced for expressing their beliefs. For the people who feel marginalized within society.

Amen

Listen to the BBC Radio 4 'Thought for the Day' [HERE](#).



'Find out' Friday



What is happening in the world around us?

Watch Newsround to find out more [HERE](#).



Key questions



What is happening in your world?

What is happening in St Helens and our local area?

Can we relate our theme this week to what is going on in the world?

Can we do anything to help any issues that our facing the world this week? Should we help?

