

# This week's theme:

<p>27<sup>th</sup> January</p> <p>Ordinary Time</p>	<p><a href="#">Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21</a></p> <p>'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.'</p>	<p>CST: Human Dignity</p>	<p>In this reading we see Jesus explaining His mission. He came to bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Jesus' mission is to help and save everyone, showing God's love for all people. This reminds us that Jesus cares deeply for those in need and wants to bring hope and healing. We need follow Jesus' example by caring for the poor, oppressed and those in need.</p> <p>Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to listen to Your word and understand its message. Fill us with the Holy Spirit to live out our mission and bring Your love to others. Guide us to use our gifts for the good of the Church and the world. Amen.</p> <p>Prayer for Holocaust Memorial Day: Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the millions of souls murdered during the Holocaust. In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart. Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us. Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good will triumph over evil. Amen (written by religious leaders in UK for Holocaust Memorial Day.)</p>	<p>27<sup>th</sup> – Holocaust Memorial Day (for a better future)</p> <p>Christian Unity Week</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup> – Saint John Bosco Feat Day (year 10 saint)</p>
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Don't forget - there are additional resources for you to use with your form saved on the K Drive in chaplaincy  
Each form should also have a paper copy of the prayer booklet (there are spare copies in the sacred time resource box in the staff room)

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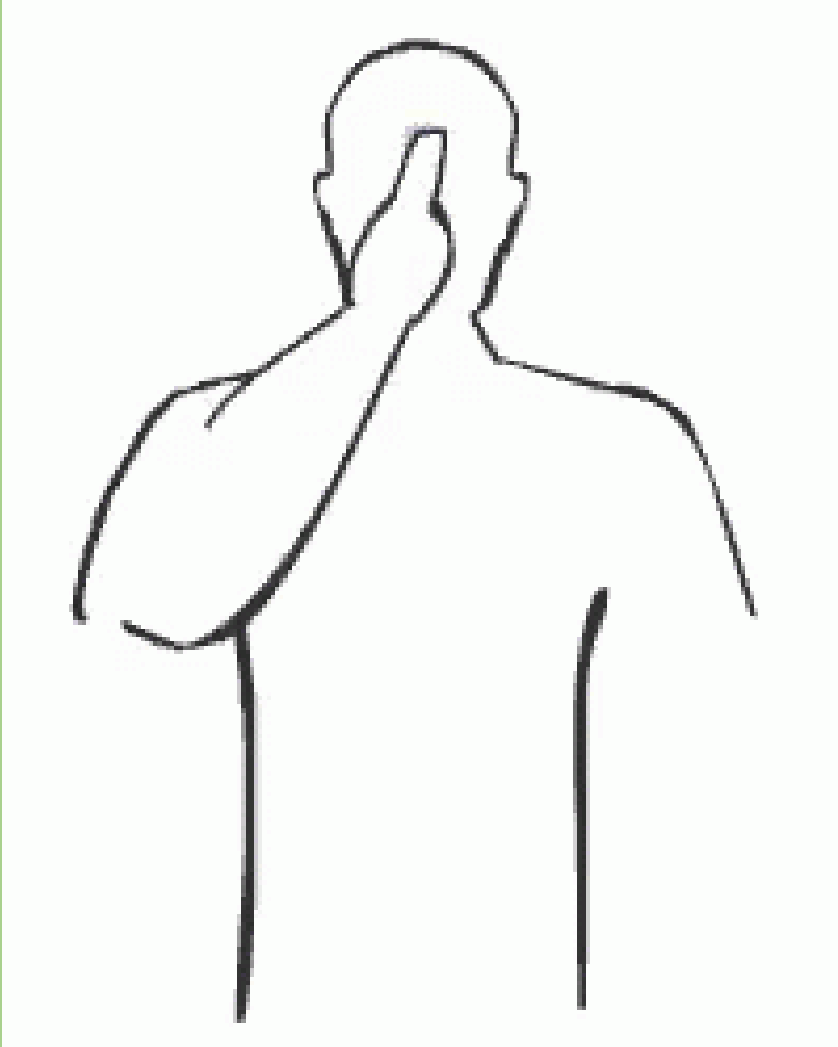
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The resources and activities in this powerpoint are suggestions, and intended to support, and / or offer a starting point.

They are not prescriptive - please feel free to adapt for your form, or create your own resources as appropriate

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Sign of the cross: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Let us make the sign of the cross together.

# Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Holocaust Memorial Day

- Holocaust Memorial Day is marked each year on 27th January, the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.
- On and around this day, schools, communities, faith groups and others across the UK join together in national and local events to commemorate the six million Jewish men, women and children murdered in the Holocaust by the Nazis and their collaborators, as well victims of other acts of Nazi persecution and of subsequent genocides.
- Each year has a different theme, chosen by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust, as a focus for educational and commemorative events. The theme for 2025 is *For a Better Future*.

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- The word ‘Holocaust’ comes from ancient Greek: ‘holos’ means ‘**completely**’ and ‘kaustos’ means ‘**burnt**’.
- Some prefer to use the Hebrew word ‘**Shoah**’, which means ‘catastrophe’.



Shoes displayed at Auschwitz museum. Each pair belonged to a Jewish person who was killed in the concentration camp.

While reading the poem consider:

- Why has the author used past tense?
- What does the author want us to remember?

Look carefully at the two pictures

- What happened to Jewish communities during the Shoah?
- Why should we remember this tragedy?

## The Jewish Shtetl (Town)

And once,  
there was a garden,  
and a child,  
and a tree.

And once,  
there was a father,  
and a mother,  
and a dog.

And once,  
there was a house,  
and a sister,  
and a grandma.

And once,  
there was life.

A Jewish town in Poland pre-WW1.



The Warsaw Ghetto – The Nazis forced Jewish people to live in poverty and destroyed all they had.



Loving God,

we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust.

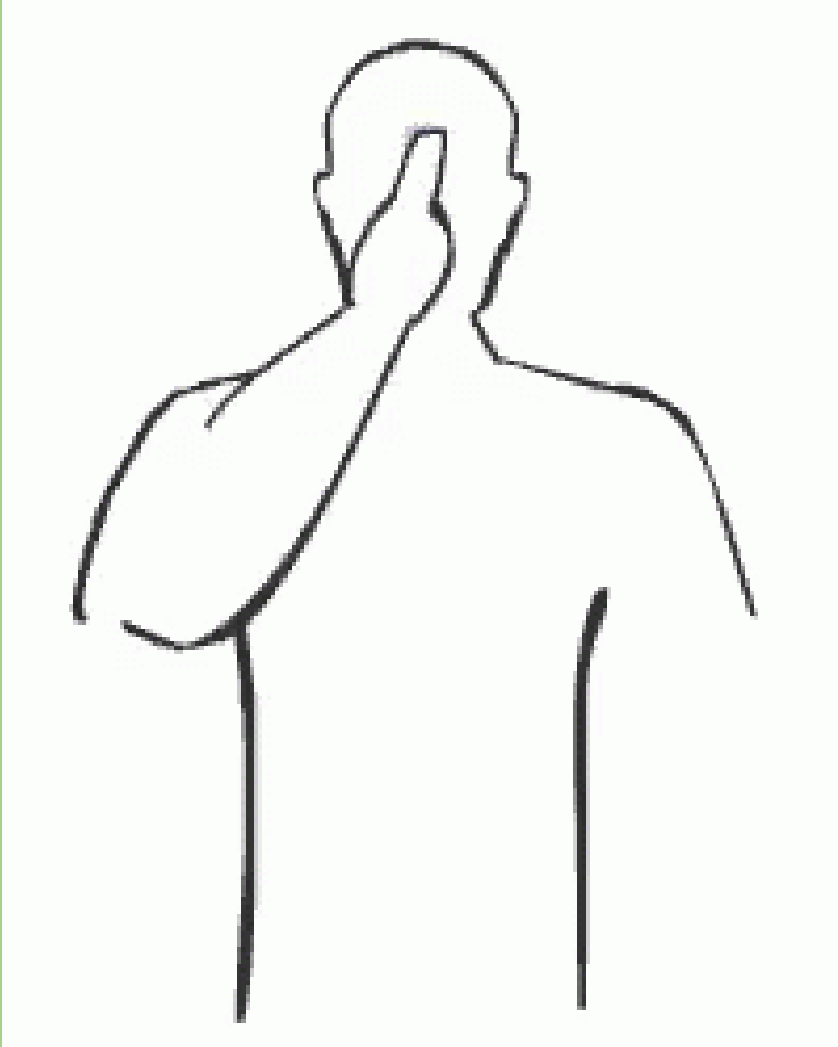
In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart.

In the light of God, we see everyone as equally sacred, and can know the courage to face hatred.

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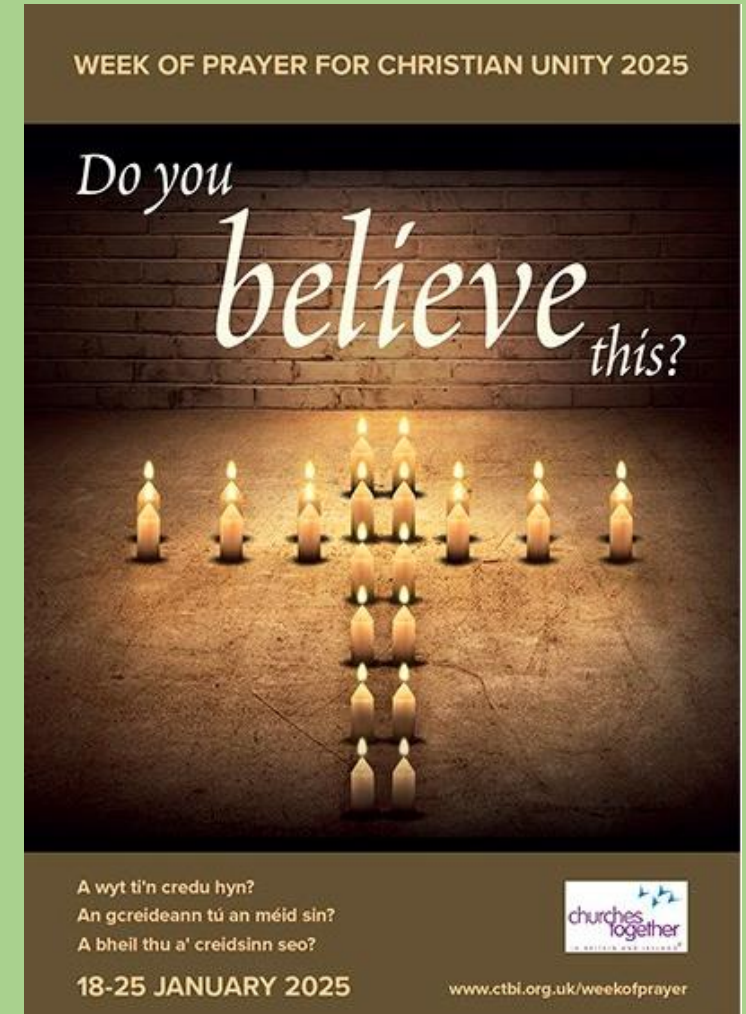
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# 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 - Christian Unity Week

- Christian Unity Week encourages different types of Christians to pray together for each other.
- It's like if all the football supporters came together for one week...
- to wish every team good luck and remember that they all equally love the game!





All Christians believe in the one God and read the Bible. They believe slightly different things based on how they read it!

Think about these questions:

How many of these groups can you name?

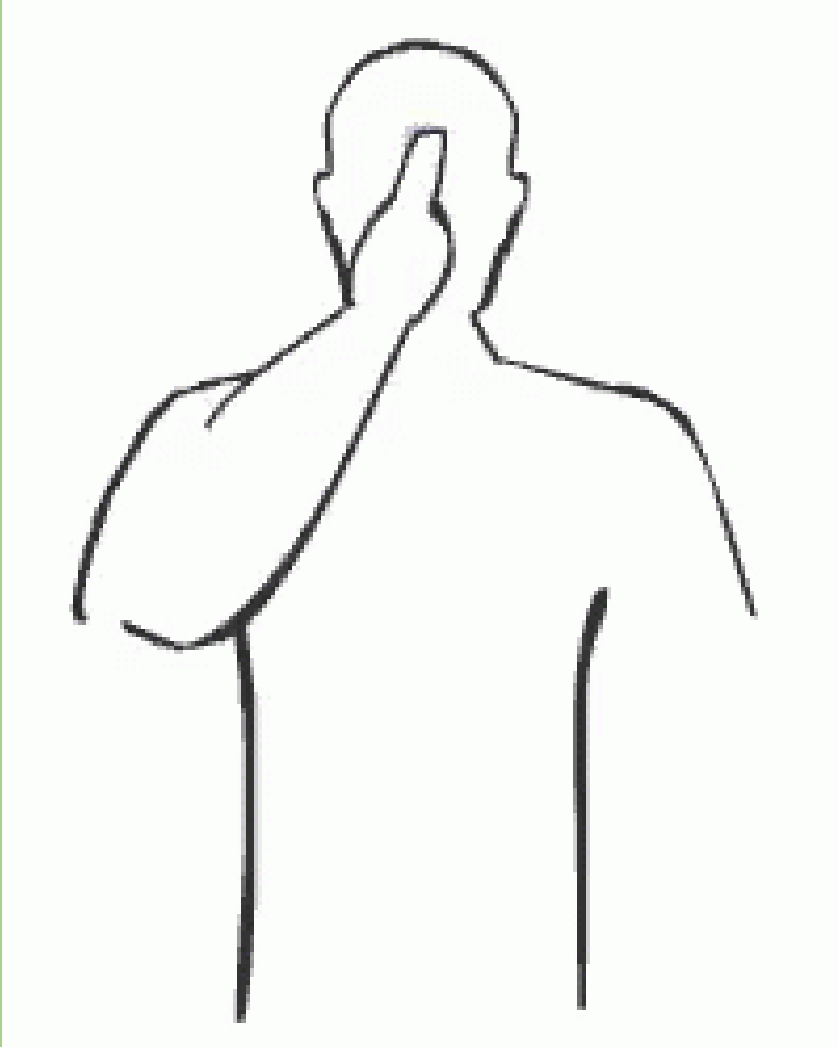
Why is it important for them to remember unity?

What is one way you can work well with others today?

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Lord Jesus,  
who prayed that we might all be one,  
we pray to you for the unity of Christians,  
according to your will,  
according to your means.  
May your Spirit enable us  
to experience the suffering caused by division,  
to see our sin  
and to hope beyond all hope.  
Amen.

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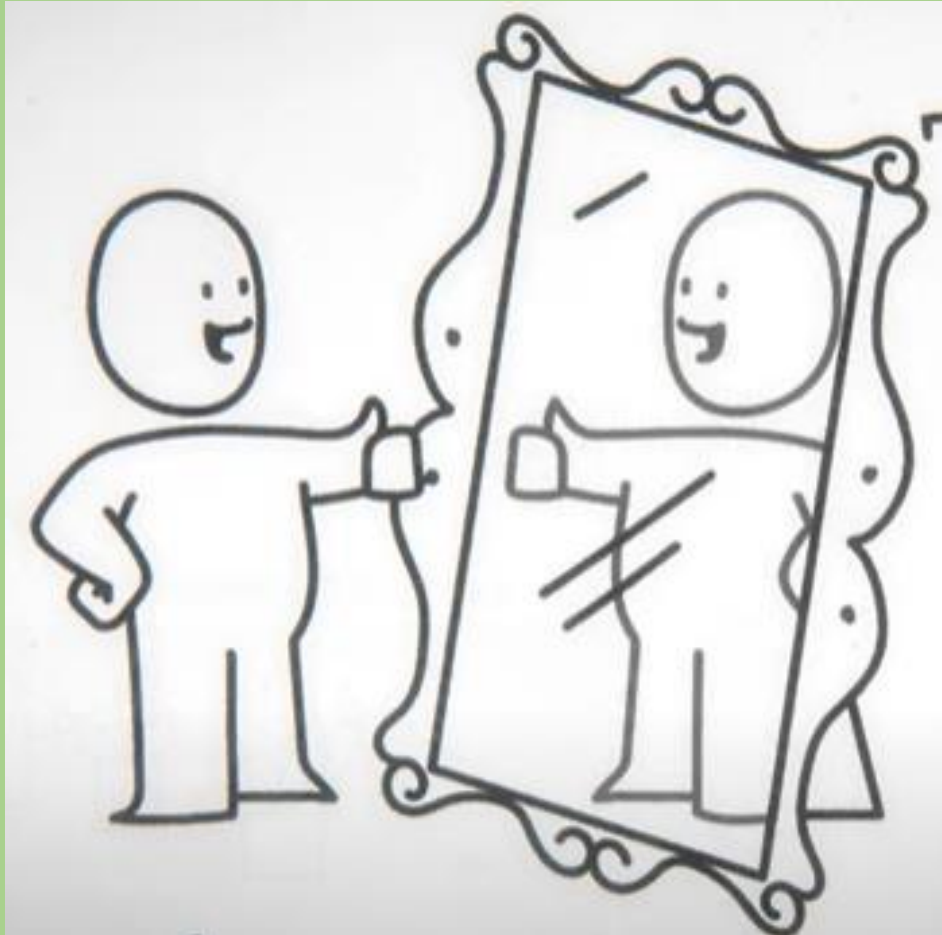
# Catholic Social Teaching (CST) – Human Dignity

- The word "dignity" comes from the Latin word dignus, which means "worthy" or "**valuable**".
- Catholics believe every human has **dignity** regardless of religion, culture, nationality or any other qualities.
- This is because we are all made in the **image of God** and are all loved by our Creator.

How might this impact a Catholic's worldview?



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While watching this video, think about these questions:

- **What is the goal of Catholic Social Teaching?**
- **What does human dignity mean?**
- **What is one thing you could do today to live out Catholic Social Teaching?**

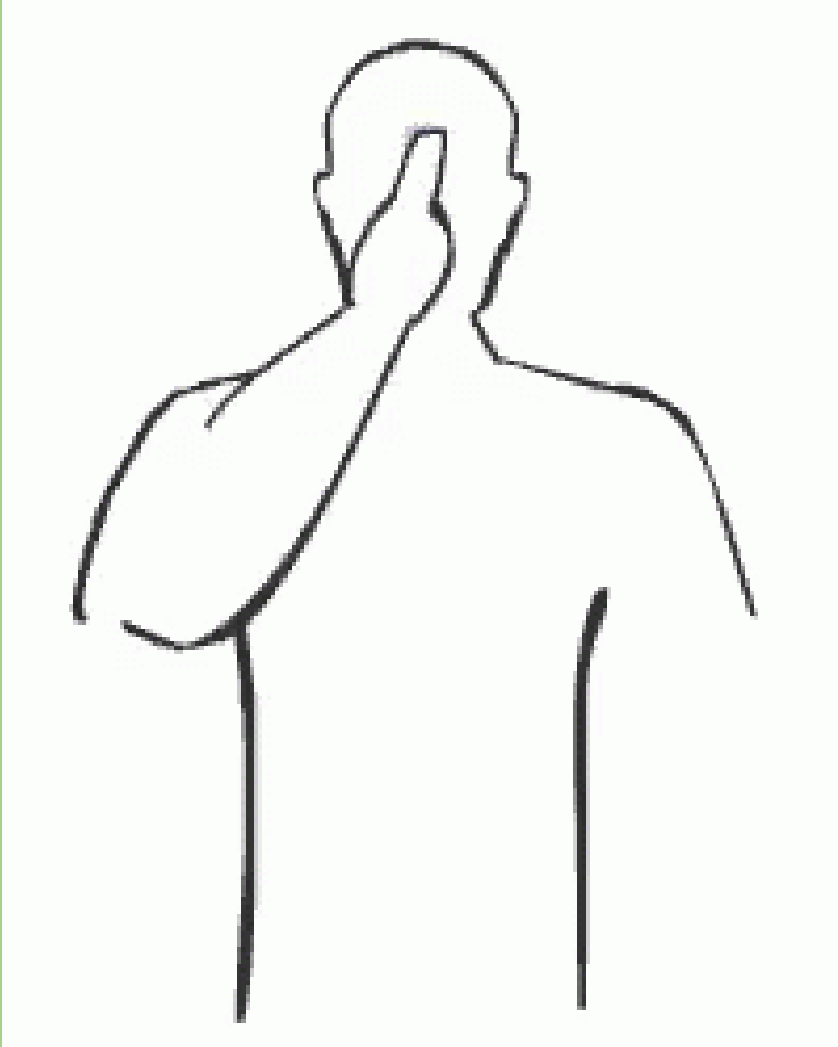
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Loving God,

We believe that every person is created in your image and that all life is sacred. May we work to end poverty and injustice so all people can live life in dignity.

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# Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Saint John Bosco Feast Day

- St. John Bosco is our Year 10 saint and formed the **Salesian order** which educates and cares for young people all around the world.
- Salesian brothers run hundreds of retreat centres around the world including **Savio house** that Year 8 have recently visited!



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- John helped many boys and young men who lived on the streets, many of whom were without work or education.
- How does this link to modern Catholic Social Teaching?

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Dear God,

Help me to work for a better world,  
where the young are given the chance to flourish,  
where the poor's dream for justice can come true,  
and where God's compassion is shown to be real.

Amen