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Our Liturgy theme is Transformation

“Change is inevitable, but transformation is by conscious choice.”

– HEATHER ASH AMARA

We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

Maya Angelou



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Peace be with you
And with your spirit



We light our candle to remind us of
Christ's presence with us as we gather
+In the name of the Father ...

Opening Prayer

God our Father,

As we begin our new school year, be with us. Unite us, energise us and fill us with your fire.

Transform us to be our best selves and help us all to thrive, grow, flourish and learn. Walk beside us in our daily challenges. When we are tired, or find our work hard, be the energy that renews us. Support us in our friendships and relationships as we support each other over this next year.

We ask that you walk beside us in all things O Lord and transform our lives so we can transform those of others.

Amen

Lord Jesus,

You have blessed us all with the vocation and the desire to transform and make a difference to the lives of others.

For the times we have found this hard.

Lord have mercy. **LORD HAVE MERCY**

Christ Jesus,

You show us how to love others and ask us to share that love with the families and children in our daily care.

For the times we have struggled.

Christ have mercy. **CHRIST HAVE MERCY**

Lord Jesus,

You show us how to change our lives for the better.

For the times we have been afraid of change.

Lord have mercy. **LORD HAVE MERCY**



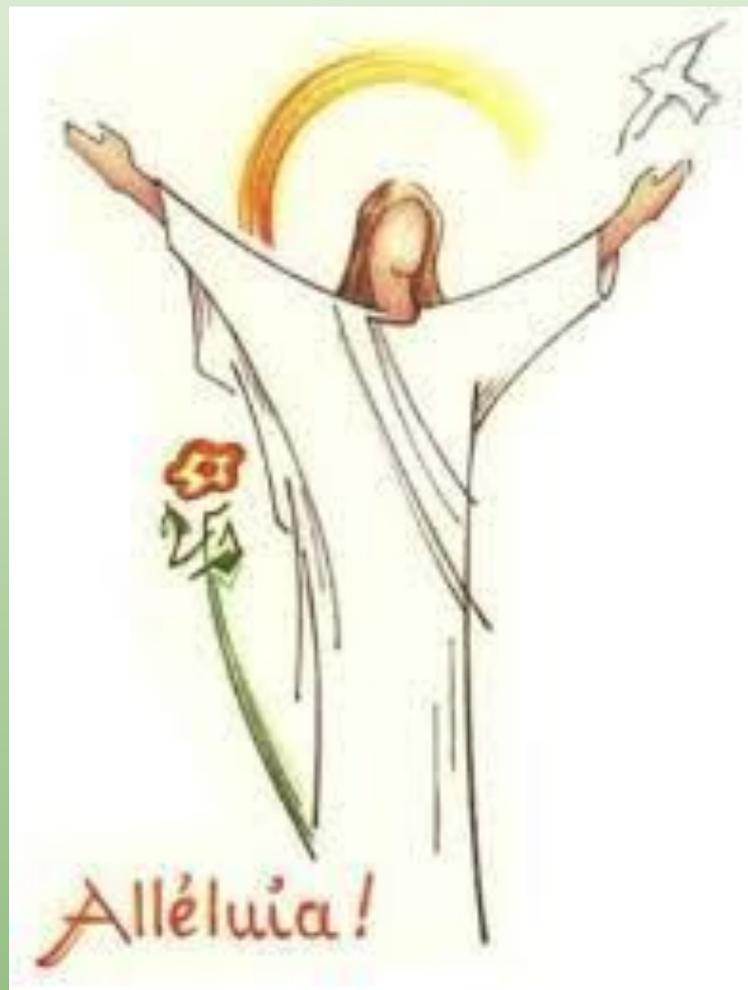
OH ALLE...ALLE



ALLE...ALLE...



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Transformation

Our Gospel is the Wedding Feast at Cana, one of the luminous mysteries of the Rosary.

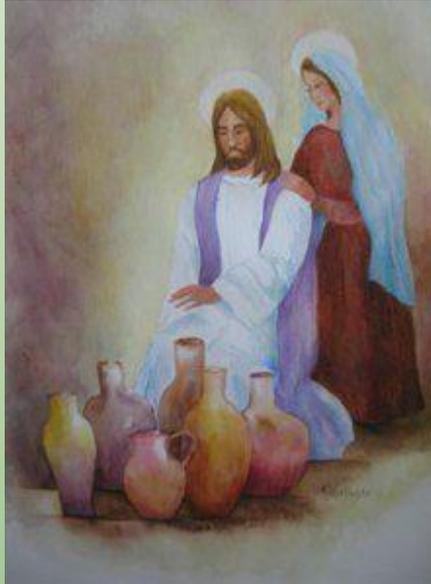
Jesus is revealed as having the power to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary.

As we listen to the reading, pay attention to the words, thoughts, images and feelings that come to your mind.

What is God saying to us in this Gospel?

What is His message to you?

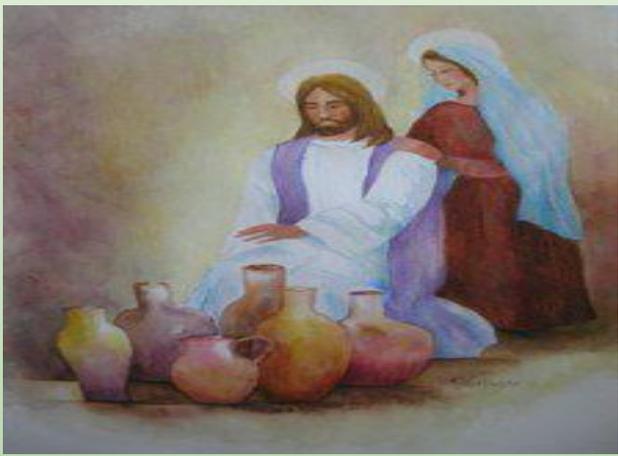
A reading from the Gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord



This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Time to reflect on God's words for
us today.





In this Gospel, it is Jesus' mother who is the catalyst. Initially Jesus resists and tells Mary his time has not yet come but Mary's faith and belief in Jesus begins a chain of events that leads to Jesus' first miracle; a miracle of transformation

When Christ changes water into wine, he opens the door to faith, belief and its possibilities.

It is no accident that this miracle is echoed in The Last Supper.

Two thousand years later and it is again echoed every time we go to Mass where a transformation happens and Jesus is present in the bread and wine.



Picture some of the children we are here for.

How can we help them to transform their lives?

Take a moment to reflect upon the power of transformation.

Our chosen vocation means that transforming the lives of others gives us purpose and meaning.

What action can we take for the children we serve?





*What do we want to transform in ourselves?
Think about your work;
Your home and family;
Yourself;*

What do you hope for this year?

What area of your life would you like to transform?

What conscious actions can you take towards this?



In a moment, collect a sunflower seed from the focal point.



Take it back to your seat and gently plant it in the soil.

As you plant your seed, plant with it all your hopes and dreams for this year.



Ask God to help you transform all the areas of your life you want to change; to walk beside you when you fall and to help you celebrate your successes.



Collect your seed and in the silence of your heart, spend a moment responding to God's call to transformation.

What will you commit to this year?

Make a promise to yourself as you plant your seed.

It's yours to keep and nurture as a reminder.



"You and I possess within ourselves - at every moment of our lives, under all circumstances, the power to transform the quality of our lives. Knowing that is what the work is all about."

- Werner Erhard

Let us Pray

Dear Lord,

You have shown us we have the power to transform our lives and ourselves if only we believe. Help us to nurture our hopes and dreams within ourselves and to make a conscious choice to transform our lives today. Let us be open to your transformational love and power.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Dear Lord,

We have committed to a vocation of transforming the lives of others. It is a vocation filled with many challenges and difficulties. It is not an easy path we have chosen but it is one you have guided us to. Education has the ability to totally transform children's belief in themselves and their belief in what they could be capable of. It can truly transform lives. Help us in our daily interactions to make conscious choices to enable, empower and entrust the future to all those in our care. We can either build or crush a child's dreams with a word, look or gesture. Help us to always build.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Dear Lord,

Our world needs you. We ask you to help us care for our common home; this beautiful gift you have given us. Walk beside our businesses and leaders and open their ears so they too hear the message of caring for your creation. We pray that we all take action together.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer



We commit all our prayers to Mary our mother, she whose request meant so much to you. We ask her to join her prayers with ours, as we say,
Hail Mary....

Heavenly Father,

Help us to be open to the transformational power of your love. As Mary trusted in you, help us to trust in you and to choose conscious transformation..

We ask you to walk with us through this year; through the hard times and the many light-bulb moments that make our days.

May we be a support to each other and a stronger family together, joined in a shared vision, a shared faith and a shared commitment to transformation in you.

Amen

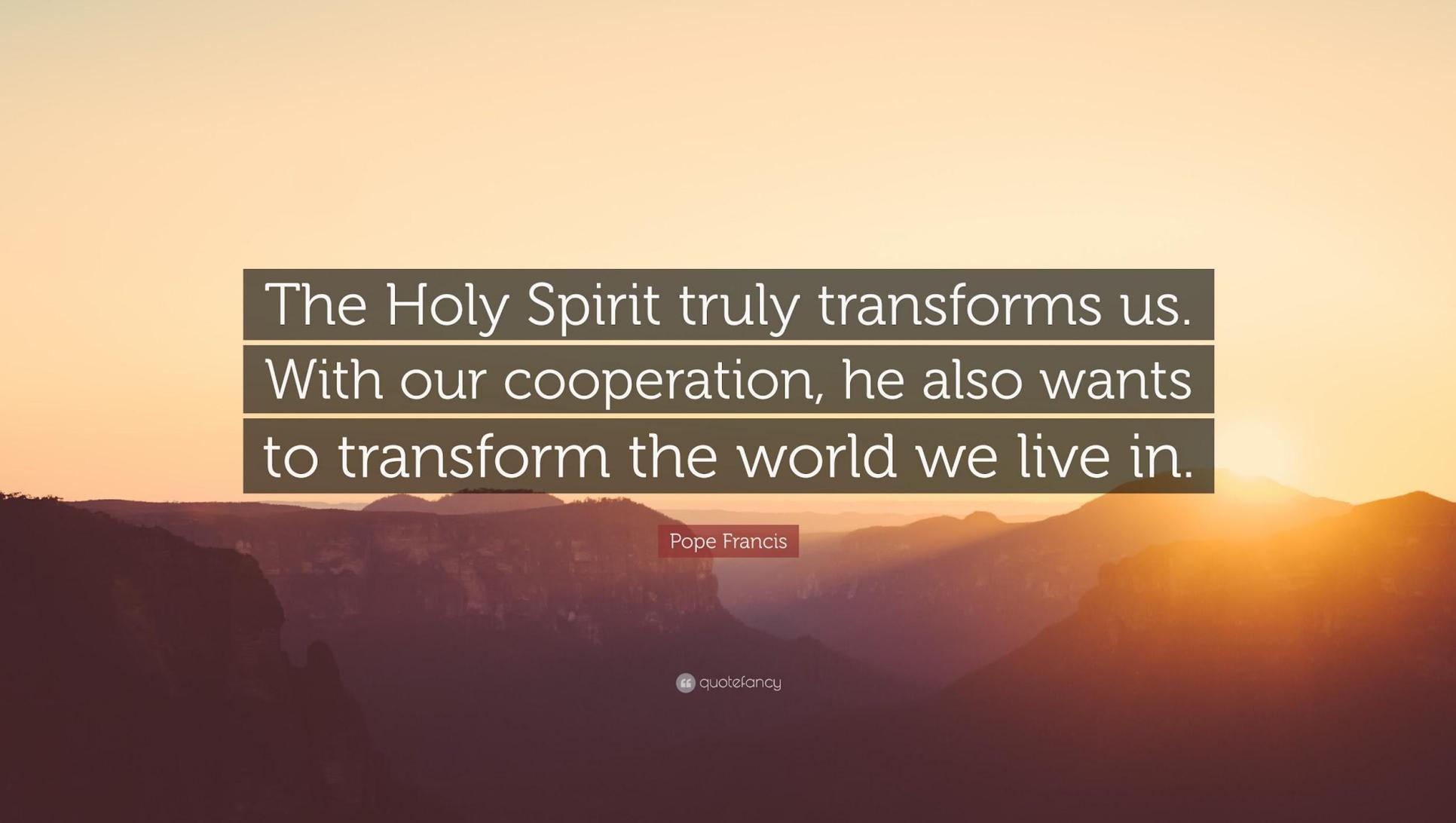


In the term ahead let's commit to...



- Consciously transforming our lives. Help us to identify where we want to change and give us the courage to take the next step.
- Consciously transform the lives of the children in our care by sharing with them the potential we see in them.
- Be there for each other when things are hard.

We say together: THANKS BE TO GOD



The Holy Spirit truly transforms us.
With our cooperation, he also wants
to transform the world we live in.

Pope Francis

