



# Title: Nugent Care



## Scripture

Matthew 5: 38-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Dear Lord,

We are the seed of Notre Dame and we can grow together as a family if we love our neighbours the way God taught us to.

Our college Mission Week helps us to have faith to accept that with his gift nothing will be impossible so we can truly live out St Julie's message to "do small things with great love".

St Julie and Françoise pray for us, protect us and bless us.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, guide us through the difficult times in our lives and help us to keep on the right path. Give us the courage to follow you, this day and always.

**Amen**

## Prayers

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, Thank you for loving and guiding us, and for being there to bring us back when we stray from the right path. You know and love each of us individually and call each of us by name. Help us to respond to the sound of your voice.

**Amen**

We ask Lord, for your blessing on all those who work for Nugent Care: through them many of the most vulnerable in our local area feel your love and we are grateful that they are prepared to live out your Gospel message through their work. May they find the strength to continue their great works and may we be inspired to make a difference in our own ways.

**Amen**

**Reflect:** Lent for us as Catholics is putting ourselves out to help others—we do this in College by raising money for Nugent Care. Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and we, his sheep, strive to follow, knowing that he will love, protect and care for us. Our Archdiocesan charity Nugent Care acts in that caring roll on our behalf - they tend to the vulnerable in the North West, those who need a little help or support, sometimes those who have lost their way. They need our help - we are called to help them to help others. Jesus calls us to love, even our enemies by making the effort to be involved we show that we are capable of loving people who need our help, even if we don't know who they are.

## Pray for:

- young people in need of a positive role model
- those who work and volunteer for Nugent Care.
- those who rely on the help and support of Nugent Care.
- people who are homeless.
- those who are out of work.

Focus on one each day

## Prayer in action this week:

- Lead by example.
- Love as Jesus asked you to.
- Show care for someone you don't know very well.
- Be kind.

Lord, may we, the sheep of your flock, be attentive always to the sound of your voice. At times when we wander from the path, at times when we are lost or when we struggle to know which way to turn, may we be strong in the knowledge that you love us all and will strive always to protect us.

**Amen**

Lord, help us to love those around us by showing care and consideration. You made us all in your image and likeness and we are all special in your eyes, help us to reflect this in our actions towards all those we meet today.

**Amen**

God our Father,

Where would we be without the love, care and dedication shown by the millions of people who give their time, and skills to help advance the work of so many wonderful charities?

Millions of people both at home and abroad benefit from the generosity of spirit shown by paid workers and volunteers.

May we, be blessed with the same spirit of generosity and love so that when Lent begins we are truly ready to go out of our way to care for others.

**Amen**

Father James Nugent took the Gospel messages very seriously and all his work reflected this:

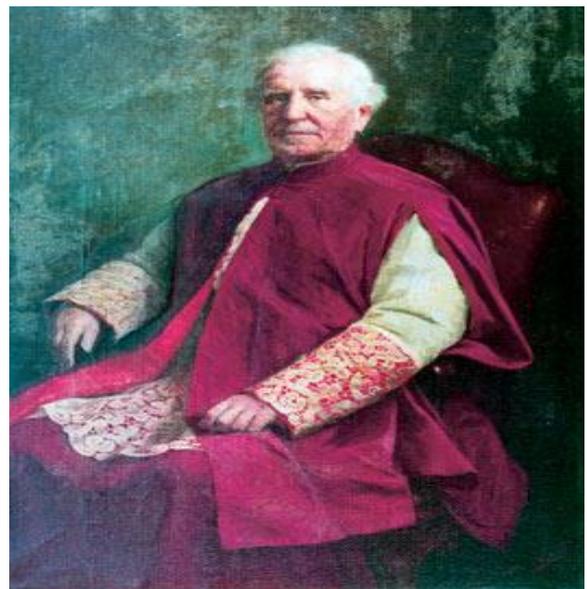
'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Help us to remember, Lord, that all our actions towards others affect you too.

If we are kind to others, we show kindness to you too; if we are hurtful towards others, we hurt you too.

May all our thoughts, words and actions show others that we are Christians in more than just name.

**Amen**



The origins of Nugent Care date back to Victorian Liverpool and the pioneering work of Father James Nugent (1822-1905) in relation to child welfare, poverty relief and social reform.

Today Nugent Care is one of the leading charities in the North West of England, caring for children, disabled and disadvantaged people of all ages. This is the charity that we all help to support.

The messages at the heart of this important charity are identical to those that drive us here in this community. We also aim to make a difference to people's lives. Nugent

Care do this by running adoption agencies, community projects, care homes, schools for the deaf and for people with learning disabilities; all of these help the most vulnerable people in the North West. We do this by thinking of others during the college day, being polite, caring for friends and members of staff, raising money for different charities, being aware of our brothers and sisters in need throughout the world.