



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

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.'

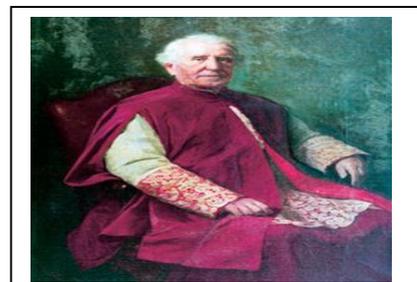
Help us to remember, Lord, that all our actions towards others affect you too.

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

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.



Last year we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Sister Dorothy Stang, Sister Dorothy entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1948 and professed final vows in 1956. Deep in her heart she knew that she really wanted to be a missionary, especially working for the poor. And so the Sisters sent her to Brazil and she began her ministry there in 1966, in a place called Coroata. In June 2004, Sister Dorothy was named 'Woman of the Year' by the state of Para for her work in the Amazon region. Sister Dorothy Stang was shot and killed at point blank range by hired gunmen in Anapu, in the Amazon Rainforest, Brazil in February 2005.



Sister Dorothy Stang

7 June 1931 - 12 February

Loving God, you call us to be in solidarity with those who suffer injustices at the hands of the powerful. You call us to resist, to offer hope, to celebrate even in the midst of suffering. We pray for all victims of injustice and for those helping in the struggle to bring forth righteousness. We ask that your love and your presence be felt by them, be known to them. Give us the courage to stand with them and advocate to bring change where change is needed, to bring compassion where harshness rules, and to bring peace where war is the norm. Amen.

Blessed are You, Holy Creator, Source of all that is good, beautiful and whole.

Where wholeness is splintered or shattered, goodness damaged or marred, and beauty bruised or broken, we ask for healing and deep peace.

Be healing balm for this world: for all people, creatures, places, events, and for the environment.

We welcome the touch of your Healing Love and Gentle Presence.

Inspired by Dorothy Stang, your servant and martyr, we pray in communion with all the saints in glory, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Julie,

through your great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, you were miraculously cured and favoured by many graces. By your powerful intercession obtain for us, above all, great trust in God in all the difficulties of life, the strength to accomplish the Will of God in all things and the special grace we now ardently ask of you . . .

Amen.

Let us take time today to remember and honour the life and witness of Sr. Dorothy Stang.

May the seeds she planted continue to bear the fruit of love, justice, integrity and hope.

May we keep in our prayers this day, all those who labour to bring greater dignity and justice to the poor of this planet even in the face of grave danger and the possibility of death.

Amen