



# PEACE SUNDAY 2022



Education, work and dialogue between generations:  
tools for building lasting peace

## What is Peace Sunday?

We celebrate Peace Sunday in January each year. On Peace Sunday, Pax Christi England and Wales, a Catholic peace movement, shares the Pope's World Peace Day message. Each year the message is different, and this year the message is called 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

- Why do you think the Pope talks about peace?
- What do you think the message might say?
- What do you think it means to have 'tools' for building peace?

Some words to help you are:

- Dialogue: talking to someone, having a conversation
- Generations: People of different age groups





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## What do you think peace is?

Peace can mean lots of different things to different people.

What comes into your head when you think of peace?

- Do you think it is a feeling?
- Do you think it's something you do?
- Do you think it's about being nice to your friends?
- Do you think it's about being nice to people who you don't know?



Often we talk about different kinds of peace, like inner peace (feeling peace inside yourself), interpersonal peace (being at peace with other people) and global peace (no war or conflict in the world).



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## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

In the second reading, we hear that we all have different gifts and talents, and we can all use our unique gifts and talents to do what God wants us to do. In the Pope's message, he talks about the skills and knowledge needed to work for peace. These are the skills and knowledge that we can use to live together peacefully, to help one another and to be kind to one another.

- What are you good at?
- How can you use your skills to be kind and to help people?
- What can you do to make the world more peaceful?





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## The Gospel: John 2:1-11

In this Gospel reading we see Jesus and his disciples at a wedding. Whilst they are there, the wine runs out. Jesus' mum, Mary, tells the servants to listen to Jesus. Jesus performs a miracle and turns water into wine, even though at first he didn't think the time was right.

Mary trusts Jesus and Jesus listens to his mother. Jesus and Mary are from different generations, that means they are different ages. In this story we can see that by listening and trusting one another, we can do good things. If we want to work for peace, we need people to listen to one another and to trust one another.

- What can we learn from listening to someone who is different to us?
- Why is it important to work together?





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## Activities

- Draw a picture that shows you being a peacemaker.
- Find a small stone or a piece of cardboard. Paint a peace message on it and put it somewhere for people to see.
- Talk to someone else about what peace means to them. What do you have in common and what is different? What can you learn from each other?
- Send a card to someone who you think works for peace, thanking them for what they do. You could use the card from our shop: <https://tinyurl.com/tcdm7wfz>
- Have a look at the activity sheet on our website for more ideas: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8up3ww>





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## Prayer

Dear God

We thank you for giving us your peace.

Help us to spread peace at home and at school  
by loving and caring for one another  
even when we don't agree.

Help us to spread peace  
by sharing our time with those  
who are lonely and who need a friend.

Help us to spread peace  
by thinking and praying for  
children who have no food  
or who are frightened and live in fear.



Let us pray every day for  
peace  
for our families, our friends  
and ourselves.

Amen