



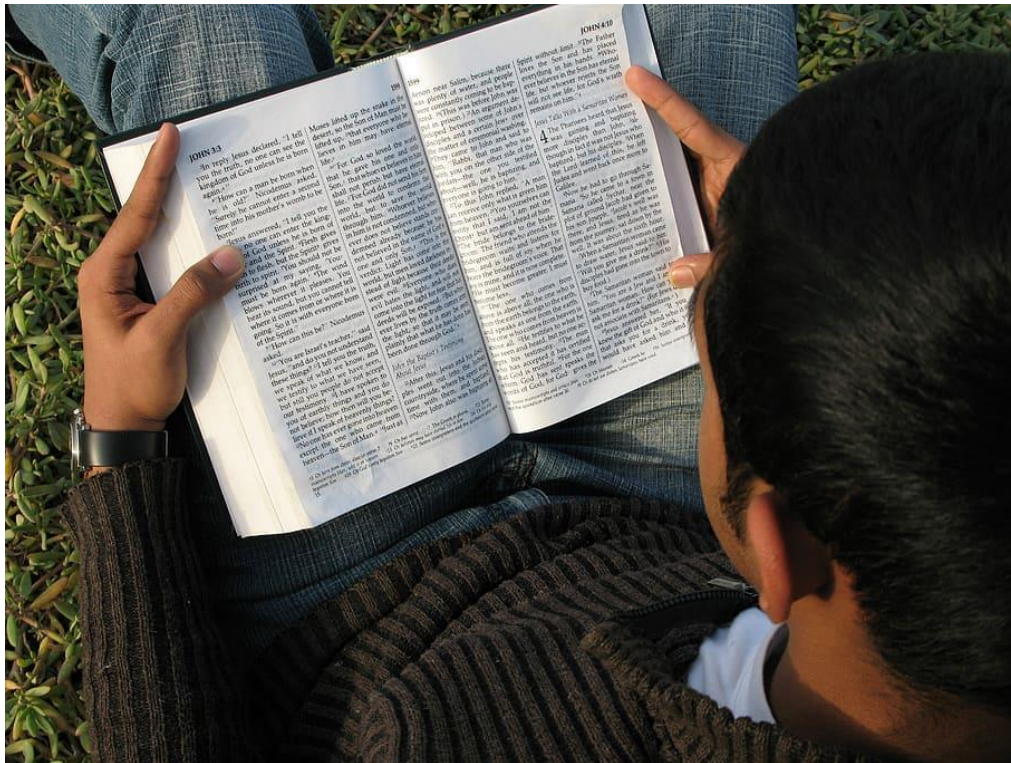
BLESSED BE THE PEACEMAKERS

FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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GATHER



Father,
Thank you for your word.
Help us to listen
And show your love.
Amen



LISTEN



Jesus knew what brings real happiness so he taught us how to be truly happy or 'blessed'.

He did this when he spoke to a large crowd on a mountain.

It is called '**The Sermon on the Mount**'.

He taught us about 8 attitudes which are called the **Beatitudes**.

[Click here to watch the Sermon on the Mount](#)

Or read Matthew 5:1-12 in your Bible or from the next slide.



LISTEN



Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

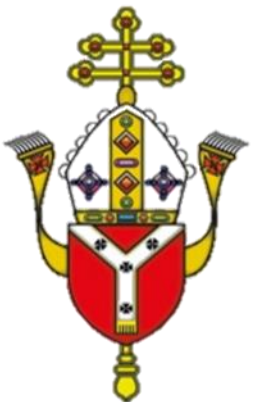
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



What is peace?



Where do you feel at peace?



What makes you feel at peace?



What disturbs your peace?



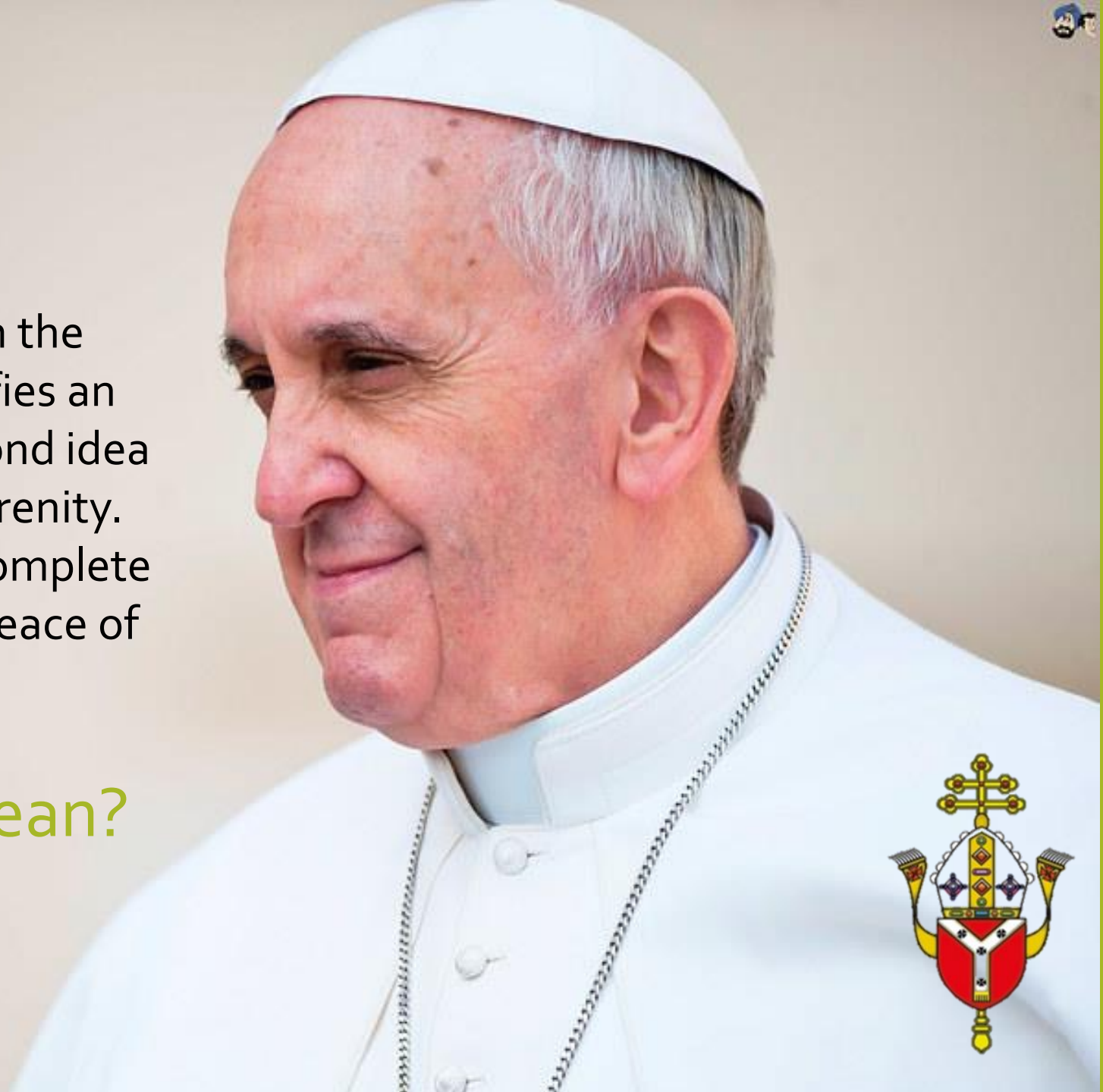
What is peace?

One kind of peace can be seen in the Biblical term 'shalom' which signifies an abundant, or flourishing life. A second idea is the modern notion of interior serenity. But this second type of peace is incomplete without spiritual growth with the peace of Christ.

What does the Pope mean?

POPE FRANCIS

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LISTEN: Be a peacemaker

The seventh beatitude tells us:

*'Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.'*

What does it mean to be a peacemaker?



A peacemaker....



... deals with issues

... seeks reconciliation (makes up with people)

... does not make trouble

... brings people back together

...spends time in quiet prayer and reflection

This takes: time, effort, bravery, humility and honesty **and** requires great personal confidence.



RESPOND : 'Blessed are the peacemaker'

What does this mean
for you?

How can you be a
peacemaker?



RESPOND : 'Blessed are the peacemakers'

DO

- ✓ Be gentle with others and yourself
- ✓ Be ready to say sorry and also to forgive
- ✓ Encourage others to recognise their mistakes and seek reconciliation



RESPOND: 'Blessed are the peacemaker'

TRY NOT TO:

- ❖ Hold grudges
- ❖ Ignore your faults
- ❖ Be a bully
- ❖ Cause conflicts
- ❖ Encourage disputes to continue



RESPOND - Prayer



Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Make me a channel of your peace
It isn't pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men let we receive
And in dying that we're born to turn around

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Prayer of St Francis



MISSION



Choose:

- Write and decorate the words Jesus said about being a peacemaker and learn them.
- Find out about saints who worked for peace. Say a prayer of/to your favourite one.
- Research what Pope Francis said about peace and how we should treat others.
- Find out what else the Bible tells us about peace.
- Be a peacemaker in your home today.
- Find out how you can help CAFOD work for peace.





BE A PEACEMAKER

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