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## Thought for the week

### Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

“Everyone has inside of themselves a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!

Anne Frank

Pope Francis tells us:

These days there is a lot of poverty in the world, and that's a scandal when we have so many riches and resources to give to everyone. We all have to think about how we can become a little poorer.





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## Liturgical Theme for the week Week Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 “Good News Day”

**KEEP  
CALM  
I HAVE  
GOOD  
NEWS**

The word Epiphany means “Making known”. With the visit of the Wise Men to Bethlehem, God wanted us to know that Jesus came into the world for all people. His birth was good news for everyone to celebrate.

Today when we seem to hear and read only about bad news, it’s good to remind ourselves of the good news that Jesus can bring into our lives each day through the actions of other people. This kind of good news is rarely reported about in our newspapers or on the television.

This week let’s think about the good news stories taking place in our world or in our own lives.

# Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019



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Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another

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## Paired Speaking Question

Share one piece of Good News that you have with your partner.

## Class Speaking Challenge:

Name some organisation in our own country or in our world who help bring good news to others. What do they do?

## Class Discussion:

Can you name any local charities that help to bring “Good News” into the lives of people in our local community?

## Exit Pass:

Tell me one piece of Good News.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



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Each of us can be Good news to other people particularly here in our college community. We can do this in simple ways.

Think about what these ways may be.



**God our Father. You call each of us by name and you love us.  
Inspire us to respect and value each person who comes into our  
lives today.**

**Amen**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



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**Ask the students if they would like to think about and share any good news stories that are taking place in their families at the moment. It might be something exciting like the birth of a baby or a wedding taking place or simply celebrating a special occasion together as a family**

**Dear Lord , today we thank you for our families and our friends. We thank you especially for the happy times that we share together.**

**Amen**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



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**And finally some Good news that you might not be aware of to end your week.**

**Lord inspire me to give of my best and make good use of the talents you have given me.**

**Show me how to be positive in attitude appreciating and valuing others, already being ready to give praise and encourage.**

