



Parish of St. Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes

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Parish Newsletter

Weekend 8th and 9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

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| Mass Times and Intentions week beginning 8th and 9th May 2021 | | | |
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| Saturday 8 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter | St. Teilo's | 6.00pm | Emily Sullivan – RIP (BE) |
| Sunday 9 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter | St. Teilo's | 10.00am | Gallagher Intention (JG) |
| | St. Teilo's | 6.00pm | For the People of the Parish |
| Monday 10 th May Weekday of Easter | St. Teilo's | 10.00am | Canon Isaac – RIP (UMcC) |
| Tuesday 11 th May Weekday of Easter | St. Teilo's | 10.00am | John Blackey – RIP |
| Wednesday 12 th May Weekday of Easter | St. Teilo's | 10.00am | Canon Isaac – RIP |
| Thursday 13 th May The Ascension of the Lord – Solemnity – Holyday of Obligation | St. Teilo's | 10.00am | Wellbeing of John Staunton (AW) |
| | St. Teilo's | 7.00pm | For the People of the Parish |
| Friday 14 th May St. Matthias, Apostle – Feast | St. Teilo's | 10.00am | Canon Isaac – RIP (CD) |
| Saturday 15 th May Weekday of Easter | St. Teilo's | 10.00am | Fr. Ray O'Shea – RIP |
| Saturday 15 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter | St. Teilo's | 6.00pm | Canon Isaac – RIP (AW) |
| Sunday 16 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter | St. Teilo's | 10.00am | For the People of the Parish |
| | St. Teilo's | 6.00pm | Special Intention |

Weekday Mass - no need to book

We continue with the pattern of celebrating Mass at St. Teilo's at 10am each day. Masses from Monday to Saturday morning will not need to be pre-booked.

Sunday Masses

The Parish has three Sunday Masses, the Vigil Mass at 6pm on Saturday, the 10am Mass on Sunday morning and a 6pm Mass on Sunday evening.

Bookings for all three Sunday Masses should be made via [the parish's online booking service](#). Click on the red 'Select a date' button and select the date and time of the Mass you wish to attend. You can book for Masses for future weeks too. Booking closes 17 hours before the start of Mass.

Given the current pattern of attendance if all 'Ticket for one' or 'Ticket for two' seats are taken, and you wish to attend Mass as an individual or couple - please book any of the other available tickets (e.g, A Ticket for 2 or 3). In a first come first served system, which we are operating, this is perfectly fine. In recent weeks we have had empty seats at Mass as people have not chosen to book.

Larger groups – We have one family ticket, a seat for 4 to 6 people. However, if a family of six is unable to order because the family ticket is gone, then you can register for 1 Ticket of household of 3 and one ticket for 1 (individual ticket) and this will block a large six-seater bench. This would be 3 + 1 if used with space for social distancing. For this to work, you will need to book both the household and individual tickets in the same name.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has confirmed that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. So please do not feel under any pressure to attend the Church when online or phone Masses are valid alternatives.

Mass Attendance

Over the last few weeks, we have seen the Welsh Government move from Covid Alert level 4 to alert level 3. In response, we have increased the number of weekend Masses.

Mass attendance on these Sundays have been as follows:

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| Sunday 18 th April | 10am | 48 |
| Sunday 26 th April | 6pm | 19 |
| | 10am | 51 |
| | 6pm | 22 |
| Sunday 2 nd May | 6pm | 34 |
| | 10am | 37 |
| | 6pm | 21 |

Please note that this means there are still plenty of spaces at Sunday Mass. Last Sunday for example there were 12 free places on Saturday evening, 7 free places on Sunday morning and 20 free spaces on Sunday evening. As noted in the item above, individuals and couples are encouraged to book the larger spaces when the 1s and 2s are already fully booked.

Quote of the Week



“Jesus said: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.’”

John 14:23 – From the Gospel of today's Mass.



Sixth Sunday of Easter - The Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS



What is the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians?

The Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians is an annual day of prayer which enables Eastern & Western Christians to come together in communion through prayer. The event unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe with dioceses of the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Bishop of Rome.

When is the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians?

The Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians will take place on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, 9th May 2021, with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India.

What can my parish do to promote the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians?

You can help to make the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians resonate by:

- including the intention of Eastern Christians in the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass (prayer on the next page);
- engaging parishioners by using the template newsletter article and social media posts provided; and
- helping us raise funds to support Eastern Christians in their homelands through a collection in your parish.

"...the venerable and ancient tradition of the Eastern Churches is an integral part of the heritage of Christ's Church, the first need for Catholics is to be familiar with that tradition..."

*- Pope John Paul II in his pastoral letter *Orientalis Lumen**

A day of communion through prayer

On the Sixth Sunday of Easter, we invite you to recite the following bidding prayer for Eastern Christians:

Let us pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. May the Christians in these lands be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue steadfastly to give witness to Jesus Christ. (a longer version of this prayer is available on our website)



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Today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter is the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians when Eastern and Western Christians come together in communion through prayer for the whole Church. As Catholics, we often forget that the Roman, Latin, or Western, Church is only one of twenty-four Catholic Churches throughout the world joined in unity with the Pope.

The [twenty-three Eastern Catholic Churches](#) are the focus of this day of prayer. Many may be unknown to us, but here in Cardiff we have the example of the [Syro-Malabar Catholic Church](#) with its ancient liturgy and traditions with the St. Thomas Mission here in Cardiff led by Fr. Fanzwa Pathil, many of whose members attend St. Teilo's on occasion.

So, today let us pray for Eastern Christians. If you wish to offer other forms of support to the projects of the Eastern Catholic Churches, you can donate by:

- giving online at www.facecharity.org/give
- texting DAYOFPRAYER to 70450 to donate £10 (*Texts cost £10 donation plus 1 standard rate message)
- writing a cheque made out to Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East, and sending to: Judge Sykes Frixou (O'Callaghan – FACE Charity), York House, 23 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6YF

Cardinal Fitzgerald M.Afr., Patron of the Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) has written a letter outlining the importance of the day of prayer. You can read the [Cardinal's Letter here](#).

Prayers for His Grace Archbishop Stack

Today, Sunday, May 9th, is the 75th birthday of Archbishop George Stack. We keep His Grace in our prayers on this day.

Tomorrow, Monday May 10th, Archbishop Stack celebrates his twentieth anniversary as a bishop. His Grace was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Westminster alongside Bishop (now Archbishop) Arthur Roche by Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor in 2001. The Archbishop will celebrate the 12:45pm lunchtime Mass at the Cathedral on Monday. The Mass is open to the public, but spaces are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. The Mass will be live streamed on the [Cathedral webcam](#). Please keep Archbishop Stack in your prayers as he celebrates this significant anniversary.

The Month of May – Rosary before Mass

As is our tradition in the parish during the month of May, the Rosary will be said each weekday before Mass. A parishioner will lead the Rosary. Those present in Church and those at home are welcome to join in praying the Rosary at 9:40am. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to lead the rosary.

Ascension Thursday

Thursday is the great solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. It is normally a Holyday of Obligation but due to the current circumstances, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. However, many of us will want to attend if we are able. Masses are at 10am and 7pm at St. Teilo's and can be booked via the [the parish's online booking service](#). Currently the 7pm Mass has many spare spaces.

The Kingdom Come – A prayerful Novena from Ascension to Pentecost.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

In recent years, Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. This praying together has been across the diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way.

After the very first Ascension Day, the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing. Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the years, more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

In the Catholic tradition, the time from Ascension to Pentecost is known as the first Novena, as these nine days of prayer formed the basis for many other novenas over the ages. This year the Novena is focussed on praying the psalms, with short excerpts and prayers available for each day. [The Novena can be accessed online at this link.](#)

Catholic People

The May edition of the Archdiocesan Newspaper [Catholic People](#) is now available. It includes a report on the Archdiocesan Evangelisation Programme, a memorial to Canon Isaac and the usual monthly column from our parishioner, Teresa O'Driscoll, that this month provides a meditation on St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:10-14.

Rest in Peace



In your mercy, please pray for the repose of the soul of Glyn Williams, a faithful parishioner and regular attendee at Sunday and weekday Masses at St. Teilo's with his wife Maureen. Glyn's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday, May 13th at Christ the King Church at 3pm. The requiem will be celebrated by Fr.

Chris Fuse I.C., a cousin in law of Glyn's.

Please also pray for the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Father Francis O'Donnell, Father Geoffrey Beach, Father Patrick O'Connell, Mary Newman, Evelyn Williams, Catherine Barry, Michael Burrows, John Daly, Bernadette Delaney, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Jane Mead, Catherine Davies, George Holland, Honora Parker, Louis Page, May Whiting, Irene Ropke, David Goddard, Ellie Leigh, John Mears, Eugene Aherne, Anne Driscoll, John Gardiazabal, Brian Donovan, Agnes Lush, Hannah Gosnall, James McLean, Helen Sutherland, Frederick Botwood, Alice Harrison, Josephine Bohlin, Andrea Franchi, Bernard Edwards, Catherine Hudson, Winifred O'Grady, Mary Cooper, Edward Morteo, Monica Ceaton, Cecil McDonald, Peter Driscoll, Constantine Pedrazinin and Glenys Popple.

Mass Times – live streaming

Mass will continue to be broadcast live on the Parish Website from St. Teilo's at 10am each day and at 6pm on Saturday and Sunday evenings. You are encouraged, not only to listen and watch the Mass but to take part by making the responses in your own home.

Live Streaming

The webcam in St. Teilo's will be left on at all times, so please take the opportunity to 'look in' on the Church for prayer at any time.

Attending Mass

Whichever Mass you attend, you will still need to abide by the following restrictions.

- You will only attend Mass if you are able to confirm that you currently show no symptoms of Covid-19.
- You will wear a face-covering/mask in Church at all times, except to receive Holy Communion
- You must wait for the door steward to confirm your attendance and for Sunday Masses, tell you the seat to which you have been allocated.
- You will use the temperature check on entering the Church.
- You will use hand-sanitiser as you enter and exit the Church.
- Please allow a Steward to show you to your seat.
- You should arrive between 20 and 5 minutes before the start time of Mass.
- Please wait to be invited up to Holy Communion.
- Please refrain from talking to your friends who are not part of your household/bubble while in or near the church.
- It should be noted that there will be **no toilet facilities available**.
- No congregational singing is allowed at Mass and any responses should be made in a low tone, as singing and loud voices have been shown to spread the virus further. The Welsh Government says that singing by 1 to 6 people is permitted, but must take place on the sanctuary or in the choir loft, not within close proximity of the congregation.

Dial for Mass

We continue to operate the 'Dial for Mass' scheme for those who do not have access to the Internet and cannot attend in person. Ring to access our 'Dial for Mass' service. Mass will be available each Sunday from about 2pm and you can hear the previous Sunday's Mass by ringing the service at any time of day or night during the week. The number is a local number from Cardiff based landlines – 22 670 999. If you are dialling from outside Cardiff or from a mobile phone, you will need to dial 029 2267 0999.

Stewards for Sunday Masses

The more stewards we have, the less each individual steward has to cover. So, if you are able to volunteer for any of the three Sunday Masses, then please email Mel Hopkins – melfyn.hopkins@sky.com and let him know. Please provide Mel with:

- Your name
- Contact details – phone and email
- Age range (18-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-59, over 60)
- Confirmation that you do not have a raised risk of Covid-19 infection
- For which Sunday Mass (Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm, Sunday Morning Mass 10am or Sunday evening Mass 6pm) you are able to volunteer.
- Whether you will be available: weekly; fortnightly; monthly.

Weekday Mass Stewards

If you are able and willing to steward at one of the weekday Masses, please email whitchurch@rcadc.org confirming which days you would be available to steward. As ever, the more stewards we have, the less burden this will be on each individual.

Readers' Rotas

Thanks to those who have replied to the request for readers. We hope to restart the Readers' rota for both Sunday and weekday Masses shortly. If you are available to read and have not yet provided your name, please email whitchurch@rcadc.org explaining at which Mass you would be willing and able to read.

Bidding Prayer Authors

We are inviting parishioners to join a rota to write the Prayers of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers) for Sunday Mass. Training for the role will be given. This is a most important ministry for the parish community as through these prayers, we pray on behalf of all the parishioners. So far we have had only one volunteer and need a few more people before we can begin the rota. Please consider this role and if you are willing to take part, please email whitchurch@rcadc.org.

Confessions – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr. Dwayne will be available for Confessions after Mass on Saturday. Confessions will take place in the presbytery garden or in the Parish Hall if it is wet. Father is also available to hear confessions after Mass on other days on request.

Baptisms

Fr. Dwayne welcomes anyone who would like to have their child baptised to contact him via email whitchurch@rcadc.org or telephone. Baptisms will normally be arranged for Saturday mornings, after Mass. Currently we are not able to have Baptisms during Mass but we are able to celebrate Baptisms in the Church with a maximum of 30 households in attendance. If your child is due to be baptised, contact us.

A Prayer Poem by John Evans

If you are feeling down and low
Think of all who have gone below
Ask our Lord to lift your spirit
And give thanks to Him for every minute.

God's mercy and love is beyond the pale
He gives and gives without prevail
The peace and joy will find its pace
When you receive His living grace.

Amen.

Finding God in the Darkness – A reflection by Elizabeth McArdle

"Where do you go to my lovely?" I ask the sodden, brown stalks in my garden. Only a few months ago, they were my beautiful delphiniums and their shades of purple and blue gave joy to all who saw them. It seems they will never return and I wonder where they are now. Could they have headed to the underworld to accompany Persephone for the winter months?

The Greek myth tells us that, while gathering flowers in a meadow, the young Persephone was abducted by Hades, king of the underworld. He had fallen in love with her and took her to the underworld to be his queen. Persephone's beloved mother, Demeter, goddess of the Earth's fertility and harvest, was inconsolable and searched everywhere for her. Because of her sorrow and anguish, crops died, the harvest was ruined and famine spread throughout the land, resulting in untold misery.

A compromise was reached and Demeter secured her daughter's partial release. The arrangement was that Persephone would spend six months of the year with her mother, who once again restored the Earth's fertility. According to the myth, the seasons of spring and summer were created. When the time came for Persephone to return to Hades in the underworld, Demeter was once again very sorrowful and because of her grief and sadness, the Earth became cold and less fertile and the seasons of autumn and winter came into being.

Loss and pain are part of life and sometimes we have no choice but to wait patiently until they pass. Like Demeter, things do not always go our way. We often yearn for the return of the way life used to be; in the same way I am longing for the delphiniums and all that went with them. The days will soon be lengthening and the spring flowers are on their way and we must never forget that God is never far away.

First Holy Communion

Fr. Dwayne is meeting with the First Holy Communion Catechists this week and an update of the discussion will appear in next week's newsletter.

Donations to the Parish

Over the last two weekends, we have received cash donations of £294.12 and a further £345 of donations which have been gift-aided.

The Standing Orders for the month of March amounted to £2,551. Many thanks to those parishioners who donate in this way and provide a stable income for the parish.

March Online Donations via Virgin Money amounted to £1,220. Many thanks to those who donate through the system which along with standing orders have sustained the parish finances during the pandemic.

Donations for the Archdiocesan Priest Training Fund given via the Parish amounted to £307.50

Permanent Deputy Headteacher - Christ the King Primary School



Post Ref: ED50051134

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£47,735 - £52,723

Required from September 2021

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The Governing Body of Christ The King is seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher who is an excellent classroom teacher with high expectations and who will strengthen our ambitious and hardworking leadership team.

Christ the King is a welcoming and caring school with a strong Catholic ethos. Our team of staff and Governing Body ensure that Christ is at the centre of our learning and integrate Gospel Values into everything we do. Liturgical celebrations and daily prayers are at the heart of school life and we focus on the development of children's religious literacy and spirituality, helping children to understand how the Gospels relate to our lives today.

Christ The King is also a place where children are developed in body, mind and spirit in our great outdoors and stimulating indoor learning environment. Throughout the school, hard-working and talented practitioners provide engaging and meaningful learning experiences and staff members have the highest expectations of themselves and of each child from Nursery to Year 6.

Please look at our website for much more information about the School <https://www.christthekingcathprm.co.uk> or on twitter @ctkprmc Cardiff

If you have the vision, drive and energy to support, challenge and inspire our staff members to achieve excellence on a daily basis and help our children to learn and prepare for the exciting New Curriculum for Wales, then this could be the job for you. Applications are welcomed from experienced Catholic professionals who are seeking a new challenge in a vibrant school that is aiming for excellence. Visits to the school are warmly welcomed. Please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Susan Miles to make an appointment.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check.

This vacancy is suitable for post share.

Due to the current COVID -19 circumstances, the interview process for this role may be held on a virtual basis using an appropriate online platform. If you have any concerns around your ability to participate in a virtual interview process, please contact Mrs Susan Miles, the Headteacher for a discussion.

Full information and access to the application form can be found [here](#).

Due to the current interim working arrangements, the School is unable to provide recruitment packs through the post.

Completed application forms should be returned via email only to: FAO Mrs Hine, The School Clerk EHine@cardiff.gov.uk: by 12.00 pm midday Friday, May 28th.

Applicants must use the current CES application forms (December 2020). The successful candidate will be expected to sign the Catholic Education Service Contract of Employment.

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| Closing date: | 12.00 pm midday Friday, May 28 th . |
| Shortlisting: | Monday, June 7 th |
| Observed Teaching: | Thursday and Friday, June 10 th and 11 th |
| Interviews: | Monday, June 14 th |

Housebound Parishioners without internet access

If any parishioner knows of any Catholic in the parish who is housebound and unable to access the parish newsletter online, please let us know at whitchurch@rcadc.org so that the newsletter can be mailed directly to them. Many thanks to Peter Searle who prints and posts the newsletter to housebound parishioners each week.

Donations to the Parish – Virgin Money Giving

Donations to the parish made online should be completed at the following web address:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/Stteiloswitholol>

Please continue to donate via Virgin Money Giving for those one-off donations or consider a Standing Order for regular monthly donations to the life of the parish. If you would like to set up a standing order, please e-mail whitchurch@rcadc.org for more information.

Mass Intentions

Please note that Mass Intentions for particular days are being booked up very quickly. The next free date is **June 17th**. If you do have an intention for which you want a Mass in the next few months, please think about booking it as soon as possible.

If you would like to book Mass Intentions, please do so by email to whitchurch@rcadc.org. The donations can be made via the [Donation link](#) on the Parish Website. The guidance is that the minimum donation for a Mass intention should be £10 but your donation amount is at your discretion. Alternatively, you can post Mass Intentions through the presbytery letter box.

Praying for the Sick and the Dead

We have a long-standing tradition of praying for the sick and the recently deceased by name during our Masses on weekdays. During the pandemic, we are remembering our sick and dead at each Mass. Please do let me know if you would like me to add someone to the sick list or the list of the recently deceased. To do so, please email me on whitchurch@rcadc.org ensuring that you include the person's name and whether (s)he should be added to the sick list or the list of those who have died.

Online Newsletter

If you have any items you would like us to include in the newsletter, please email:

whitchurch@rcadc.org.

Staying in touch with the Parish

If there are any updates on the situation or items of parish news, these will be updated first on the parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stteilos.olol/>) or the parish twitter account (https://twitter.com/stteilos_olol) followed by the parish website (<https://stteilos-olol.co.uk/>).

Children's Liturgy and Family Time

The sheet that would have been used for Children's Liturgy this weekend is below followed by the sheet for Ascension Thursday; many thanks to Nick for preparing these each week and making sure the right one is available in a timely manner. You can also access the Family Time Leaflet by clicking on [this link](#).

Name _____ 

ROOTS Activity Sheet

9-15 May 2021



John 15.9-17

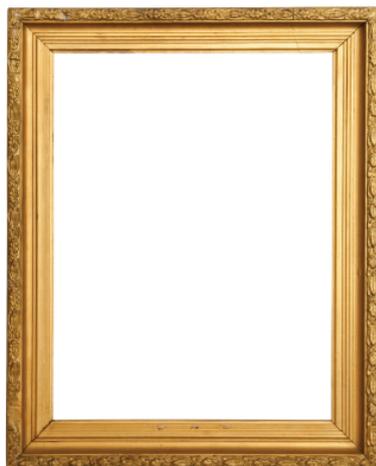
Jesus describes his disciples as his friends, and explains that this means that he would even lay down his own life for them.



We are invited to be friends with Jesus.



Draw a picture of your best friend in this picture frame.



Can you write an acrostic poem (each line starting with each letter of the word 'Friend') about the type of friendship Jesus offers?

F _____
r _____
i _____
e _____
n _____
d _____



Two very similar words will complete this part of today's Bible reading. Can you work out what they are and finish the statement?

I have you the way my Father has me.
Stay close; abide in my . If you keep my commands,
you will remain in my .

Puzzle answers: loved and love

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'Why do you stand looking up towards heaven?'
Acts 1.11 (NRSV)



Colour the rainbow and the words in as many different colours as you can.



Draw in the rest of the apostles as they watched Jesus go up into heaven.
What would their faces look like?

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| God is in our church _____ _____ | God is in my family _____ _____ |
| God is in my school _____ _____ | God is in my street _____ _____ |

In each of these boxes, write one way that you can remind people of God's presence every day.