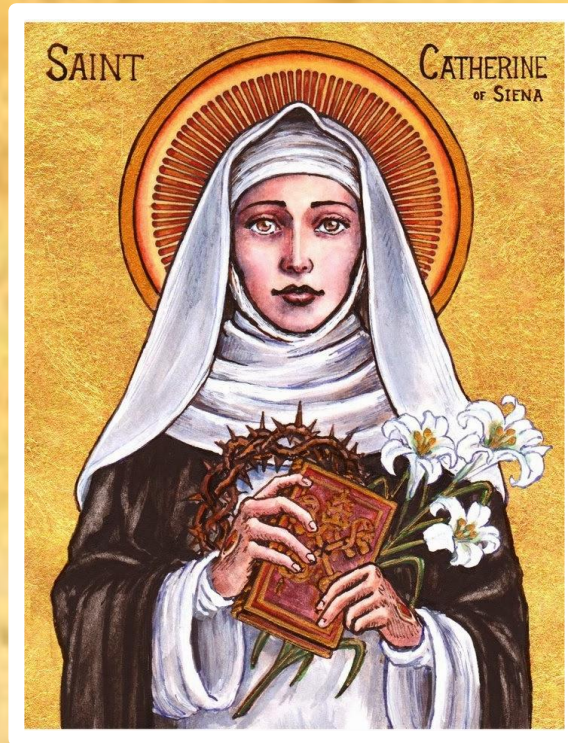


Year 6 GIFT Ambassadors Assembly

St Catherine of Siena 23.05.25



If you are what you should be,
you will set the whole world on fire!"



Gathering Hymn

Our God is an awesome God,
he reigns from heaven above.
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God.

Welcome



Saint Catherine was born on the 25th March 1347 in Siena in Italy. She was second the youngest of a very large family. She had a twin sister who died when she was a young child and twenty-two other brothers and sisters.




At the age of six she had a vision in Church in which Jesus appeared to her surrounded by the apostles, Peter, Paul and John and blessed her. She felt that Jesus wanted her to give her whole life to him.



Catherine's parents wanted her to marry so she cut her hair. She joined the Sisters of the Third Order of St Dominic and was allowed to live at home.






Catherine helped care for the victims of the Black Plague in the city's hospitals, nursing people no-one else wanted to care for, even burying those who had died and spent a lot of time in prayer.

In 1375 Catherine went to the church of St Christina where she received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ in her hands, feet and on her heart. The wounds were only visible to Catherine herself but after her death the wounds could be seen on her body





Catherine made a special visit to Pope Gregory and told him that God wanted him to live in Rome not France. The Pope listened to her because she was very wise and did go back and live in Rome.

Catherine set up a convent in 1377. She wrote over 400 letters even though she learnt to read at the age of thirty, three years before she died. These works are so important that St Catherine would later be declared a Doctor of the Church.



Catherine became very sick because of all her fasting and died in 1380 aged thirty-three. Her last words were 'Father into Your hands I commend my soul and my spirit'. She was declared a doctor of the church in 1970 and Patron Saint of Europe in 1999.



Catherine's Rap

In the sick and the poor,
she saw Christ's face,
blessed with God's love,
she was full of grace.
With hands that healed
and a heart that cared,
she showed the world how to be fair.
Her kindness, her song and her creed,
always helping those in need.
A vision of Jesus she had in the night,
she brought hope, she brought light.



Gospel Acclamation

Praise to the Lord Alleluia, come hear his word Alleluia.
Open your hearts Alleluia, praise the Lord Alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
For revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to children.

Sing Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to the Lord.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds Jesus went up the hill.

He sat down and was joined by his disciples.

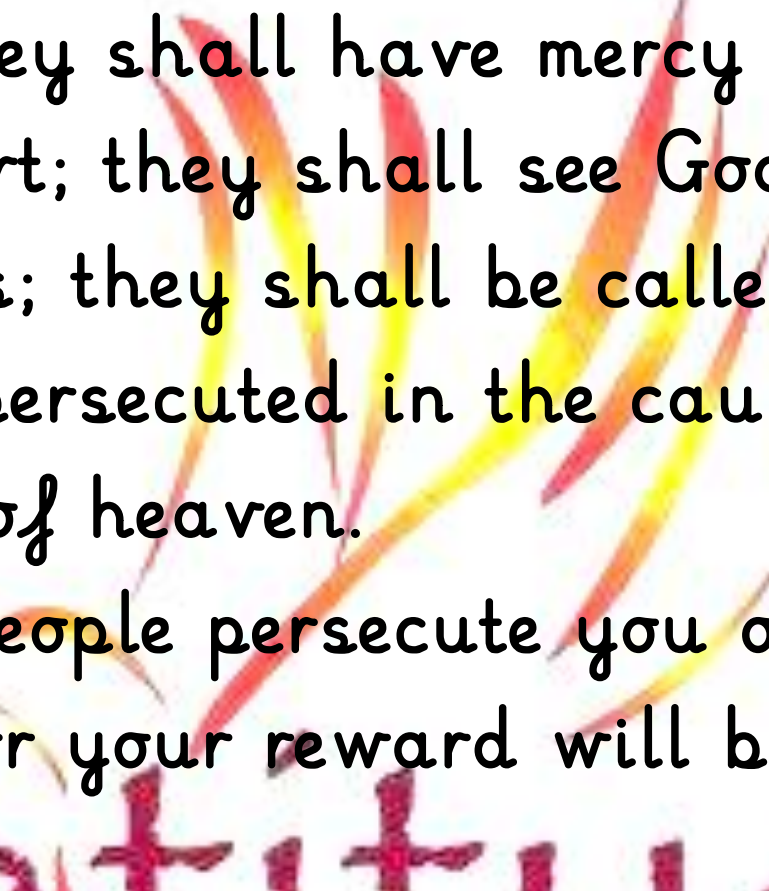
He taught them, "How happy are the poor in the Spirit;
theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right;
they shall be satisfied.

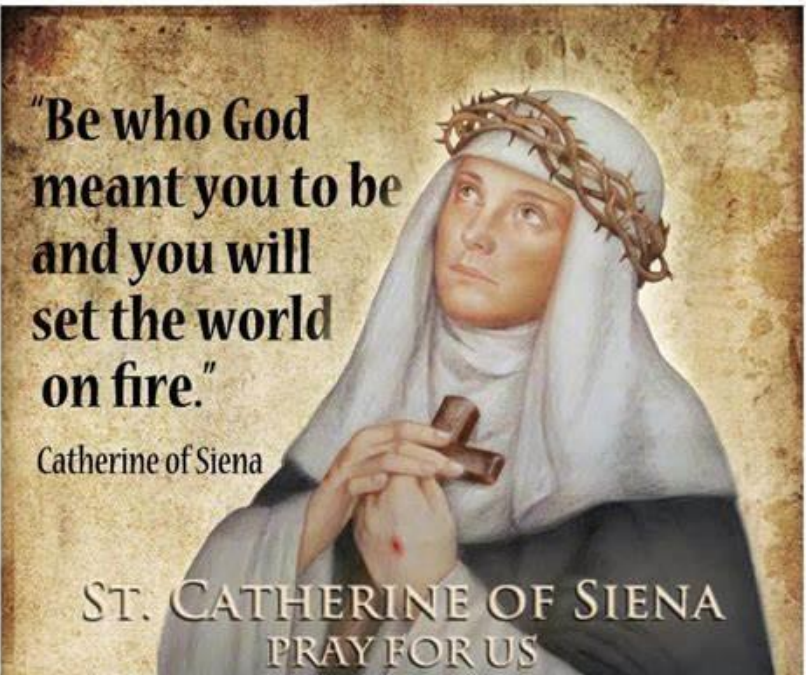
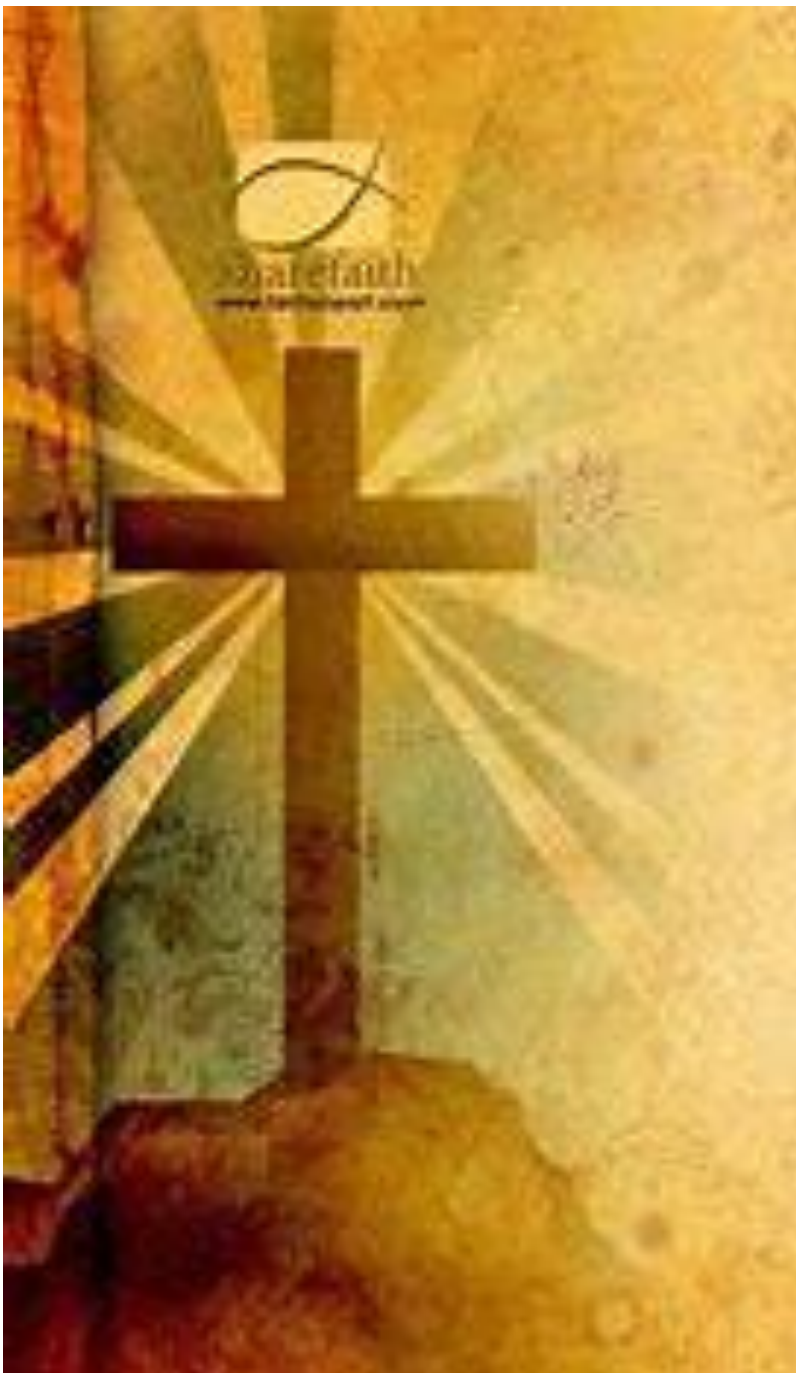
Beatitudes



Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called people of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right;
theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
Happy are you when people persecute you on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in
heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

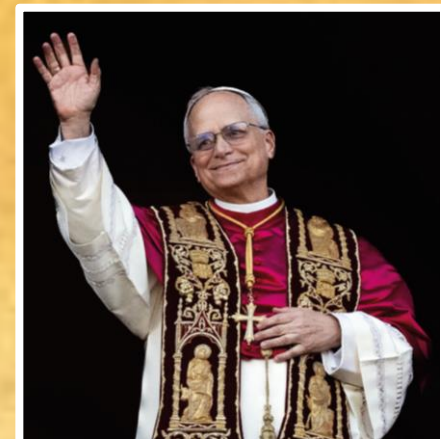
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Gracious Lord, we pray for Pope Leo the 14th that he can follow in God's footsteps and joyfully spread the word of God around the world.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.





Gracious Lord, we pray for our teachers and teaching assistants who help us to learn to read and write and to grow in our loving faith.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Gracious Lord, we pray that all doctors and nurses will continue to heal people like St Catherine did in her day. Please give them strength and courage to do your will.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Gracious Lord, please protect people who are ill like St Catherine did. We especially remember Mr McLoughlin, Father Paul and Father Michael that they will be looked after and cared for.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Gracious Lord, we bring before you the people in Ukraine and Gaza who are suffering because of wars. God of peace we ask you to hold everyone close to you and keep them all safe in your love.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We will now pray the Litany of Catherine of Siena
Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.

God the Father of heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us.

St Catherine of Siena, pray for us.

Mother of the poor, pray for us.

Merciful mother of the sick, pray for us.

Refuge of the sorrowful, pray for us.

Intercessor for sinners, pray for us.

Rose of patience, pray for us.

Model of humility, pray for us.





Promoter of peace, pray for us.

Follower of Jesus, pray for us.

St Catherine, whom Jesus Himself did feed with His Body and Blood, pray for us.

St Catherine, who was blessed with His Holy Wounds, pray for us.

St Catherine, who did receive a reward for all her labours, pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us

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have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Final Prayer

God of Wisdom you made our sister Catherine burn with divine love in contemplating the Lord's passion and in serving your Church. With the help of her prayers may your people, united in the mystery of Christ, rejoice forever in the revelation of his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



Final Hymn

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea,
You are the peace in my troubled sea.
My Lighthouse, my lighthouse,
shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise, you will carry me safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

In the silence, You won't let go
In the questions, your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea,

My Lighthouse, my lighthouse,
shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise, you will carry me safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*My Lighthouse, my lighthouse,
shining in the darkness, I will follow You.*

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,
I will trust the promise, you will carry me safe to shore,
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

Go Forth

Please make a card or write a letter to someone in your family, or our friends in Lyndon Croft to tell them you are thinking of them and how special they are. Please bring in your card or letter for Lyndon Croft after half term.

Thank you.

