


Year 4 GIFT Ambassadors Celebration of the Word

St Catherine of Siena 28.04.26



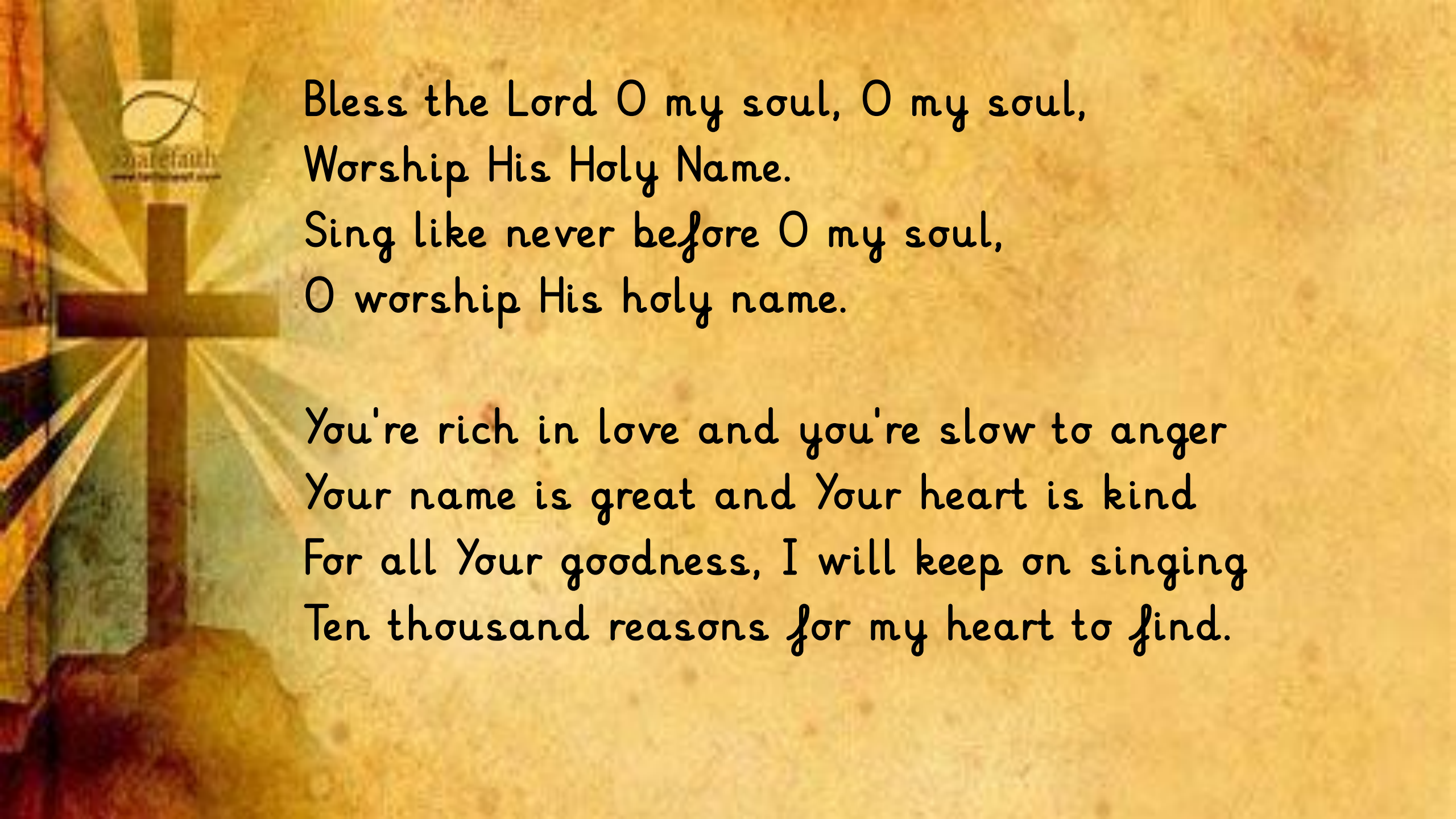
If you are what you should be,
you will set the whole world on fire!"

Gathering Hymn



Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His Holy Name.
Sing like never before O my soul,
O worship His holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes.



Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His Holy Name.

Sing like never before O my soul,
O worship His holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

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 and blessed her. She was surrounded by the apostles, Peter, Paul and John and 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 became the 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

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia give praise to His name.

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



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.

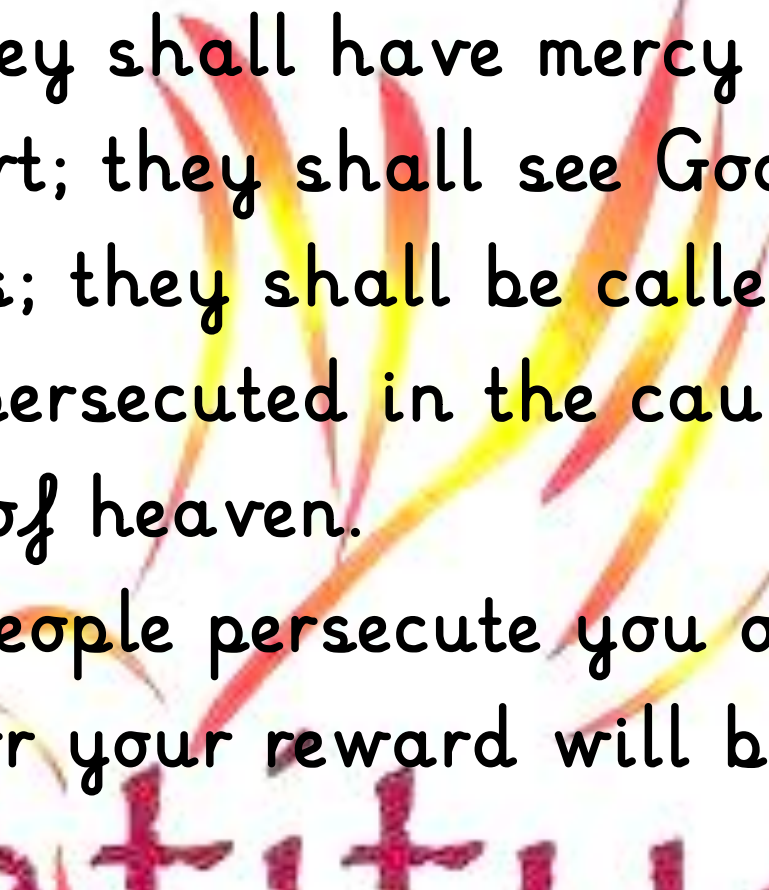
He taught them, "How happy are the poor in the Spirit;
theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

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.

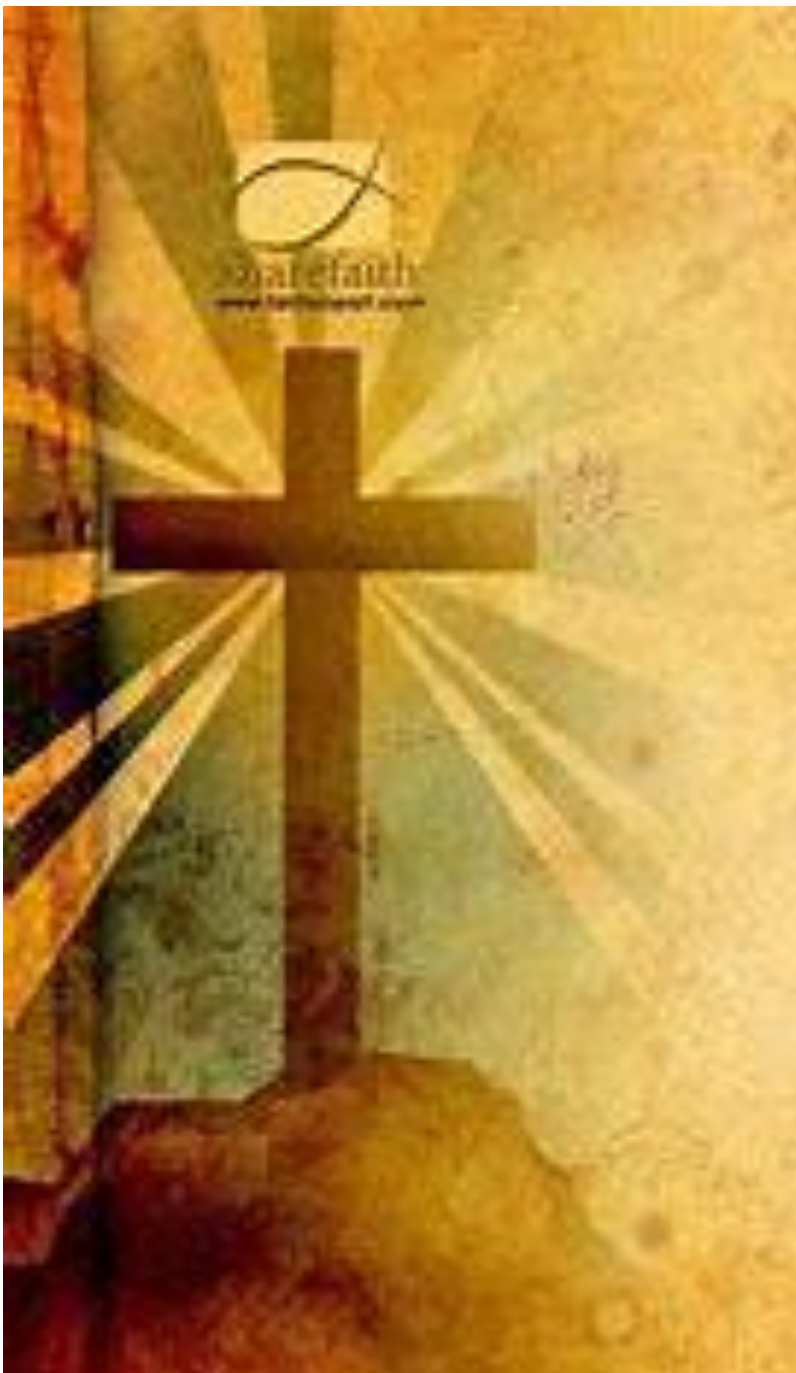
Beatitudes



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.

Beatitudes



Be brave, don't be afraid of your weakness, because in Christ crucified, you can do everything.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA



"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

Catherine of Siena

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA
PRAY FOR US

God is closer to us than water is to a fish

St. Catherine of Siena

"THE HUMAN HEART IS ALWAYS DRAWN BY LOVE."



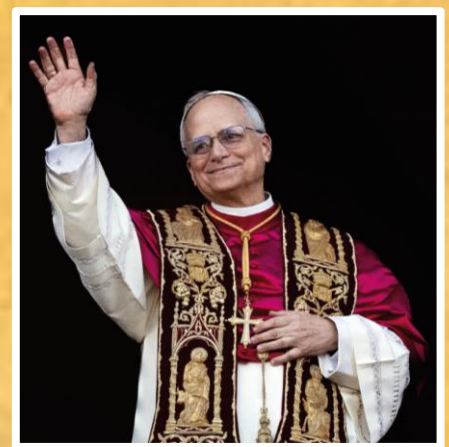
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Risen Lord, we pray for Pope Leo that he will lead the Church community wisely so we can get to know Jesus better and deepen our faith.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.





Risen Lord, we pray for our teachers and teaching assistants who help us to learn to read and write which is so important. Thank you for them.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.






Risen Lord, we pray for doctors and nurses who work hard to help people get better. May Jesus bless them and keep them safe.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.





Risen Lord, we pray for people that are sick at home or in hospital that they will get better soon. May you wrap your loving arms around them.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer





Risen Lord, we pray for people who are experiencing war, that they can soon live in peace and safety in their country.

Risen Lord, hear our prayer.



We will now pray the Litany of Catherine of Siena

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

God the Father of heaven,

God the Son, redeemer of the world,

God the Holy Spirit,

Holy Mary,

St Catherine of Siena,

Mother of the poor,

Merciful mother of the sick,

Refuge of the sorrowful,

Intercessor for sinners,

Rose of patience,

Model of humility,

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

have mercy on us.

have mercy on us.

have mercy on us.

pray for us.

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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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
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

Hope is flowing like a river
flowing out through you and me,
spreading out into the desert
setting all the captives free

Let it flow through me let it flow through me
let the mighty love of God flow out through me
let it flow through me let it flow through me,
Let the mighty love of God flow out through me.

ST. CATHERINE
OF SIENA

April 29th

Love is flowing like a river
flowing out through you and me,
spreading out into the desert
setting all the captives free

Let it flow through me let it flow through me
let the mighty love of God flow out through me
let it flow through me let it flow through me,
Let the mighty love of God flow out through me.

ST. CATHERINE
OF SIENA

April 29th

Peace is flowing like a river
flowing out through you and me,
spreading out into the desert
setting all the captives free

Let it flow through me let it flow through me
let the mighty love of God flow out through me
let it flow through me let it flow through me,
Let the mighty love of God flow out through me.

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Our Mission

Our Mission is to care like Saint Catherine and be generous with our time and our love as followers of Jesus.

You could do this by making a card for our friends in Lyndon Croft or people who can't get to Church to cheer them up. Please bring them to school by next Tuesday.



Thank you.