

# Collective Worship

Week Commencing: Monday 15/12/25

## Core Value: Humility

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Courage in every step, Faith in every journey.

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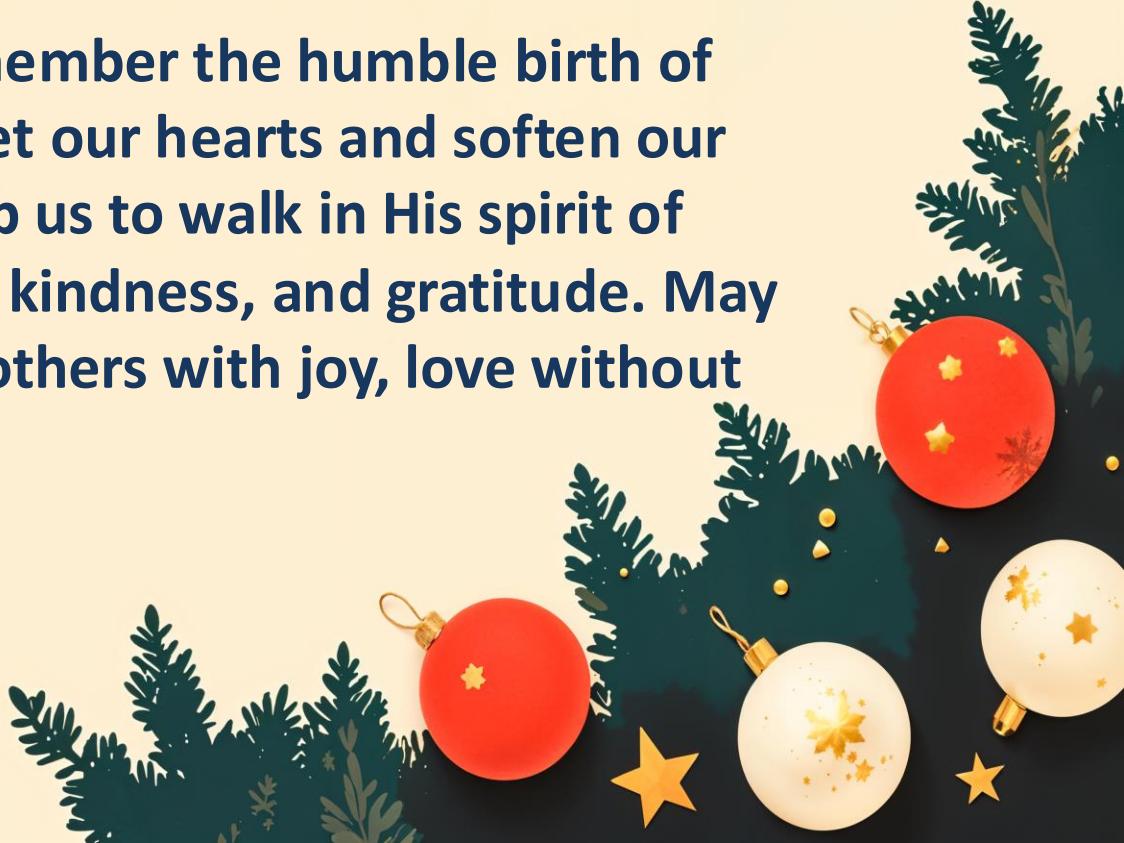
# Opening Reflection

Let us pause, breathe, and take a moment to reflect.

Dear Lord,

As we remember the humble birth of Jesus, quiet our hearts and soften our pride. Help us to walk in His spirit of simplicity, kindness, and gratitude. May we serve others with joy, love without condition.

Amen



# This Week's Theme: Christmas and Humility

**Humility** means having a modest view of yourself — not thinking you are better than others, and being willing to learn, admit mistakes, and show respect.

It's recognising your strengths without boasting and accepting your limitations without shame. Humility often shows up as gentleness, patience, gratitude, and a willingness to serve.



# This Week's Challenge

Choose one way that you can practice Humility

How can you show you are willing to learn, admit mistakes and show respect?

Reflect at the end on how it made you feel and most importantly how the other person felt.



# A Story of HUMILITY

## Scripture:

Here is **the humble story of Christ's birth**.

The birth of Jesus is one of the greatest examples of humility in the Bible. Though Christians believe He is the Son of God, He did not come into the world with wealth, power, or celebration.

Instead:

**Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem**, where they found no place to stay.

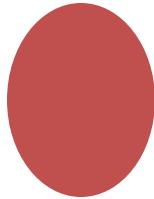
**Jesus was born in a stable**, a place meant for animals, not kings.

He was **laid in a manger**, a feeding trough, because there was no crib.

The first to hear the news were **shepherds**, ordinary working people considered low in society.

They came with joy and awe, not riches or status, showing that God's love is open to everyone.

This humble beginning reminds believers that greatness is not about status or comfort, but about love and a willing heart. Christ's birth teaches that God often works through the simple, the quiet, and the lowly to bring light into the world.



# A Story of Humility



How does the Christmas story inspire us to stay committed to our goals or values?

## Service & Compassion

- Am I willing to help with tasks that offer no praise or visibility?
- Do I treat everyone with the same respect, regardless of their status or background?
- How often do I put others' needs before my own without expecting anything in return?

# Reflection Questions

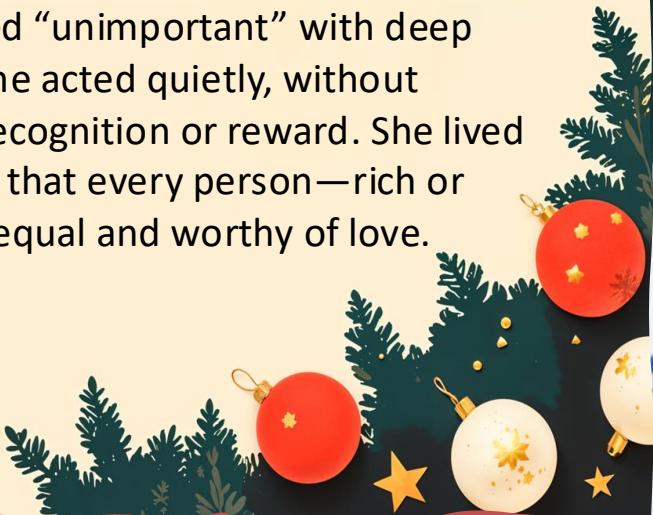
## Personal Attitude

- In what areas of my life do I struggle most with pride or needing to be right?
- When was the last time I admitted I was wrong? How did it feel?
- Do I accept compliments and criticism with balance and grace?



## Why this story shows humility

She put the needs of another before her own comfort. She treated someone considered “unimportant” with deep dignity. She acted quietly, without seeking recognition or reward. She lived the belief that every person—rich or poor—is equal and worthy of love.



# A Story of HUMILITY:

### Mother Teresa: A Story of Humility

One day in Calcutta, Mother Teresa was walking through the streets when she saw a man lying on the road, extremely ill and covered in sores. People were passing by, avoiding him because of his appearance and smell.

Mother Teresa knelt beside him without hesitation. She cleaned his wounds, spoke gently to him, and carried him to the Home for the Dying. As she cared for him, the man looked at her with tears in his eyes and asked, *“Why are you doing this?”*

She smiled and said softly,  
**“Because you are precious to God. Every person is worth loving.”**

The man, who had been ignored and rejected by many, died peacefully later that night. Mother Teresa had restored his dignity in his final hours. She did not help him to be seen or praised—few people even knew about the moment. She simply served with compassion because she believed humility meant seeing Christ in every person, especially the forgotten.



# Scripture Soundbite

Philippians 2v3-4

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.



What does “Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves” look like in our day-to-day life in the Academy.

Think about the characteristic of Humility — how can you apply this in your learning, friendships, or personal goals?

# What This Means for Us

## **Valuing others sincerely**

Humility teaches us to look at others with compassion, seeing their worth, listening to their needs, and treating them with dignity. It helps us build relationships rooted in kindness rather than competition.

## **Being teachable**

A humble heart is open to learning, correction, and growth. We admit when we're wrong and celebrate when others succeed.

## **Serving without seeking praise**

Humility shows up in small acts done quietly—helping, giving, forgiving—when no one is watching and no reward is expected.

## **Finding strength in gentleness**

Humility is not weakness. It takes great courage to be patient, forgiving, and self-controlled. True humility brings peace to our hearts and to those around us.

# Closing Prayer

Dear Lord,

**Grant us humble hearts. Help us to  
listen more than we speak, to  
serve more than we seek to be  
served, and to walk gently with  
You and one another. Keep pride  
far from us and let Your grace  
shape our ways.**

Amen



# This Week's Challenge

Choose one thing you find difficult from the relationships challenge below

Commit to look within yourself

Reflect at the end on what you can change

What difference did it make in your relationships

## Relationships

- How do I respond when someone else receives recognition instead of me?
- Do I listen more than I speak in conversations?
- How do I react when I feel overlooked or unappreciated?





# Some quotes to take with us

## Humility

- **C.S. Lewis:** True humility isn't thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less.

## Christmas

- **Matthew 1:23:** Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



