***Wednesday 20th May 2020 Collective Worship – St Thomas Aquinas***

*If you can, it might help to set aside a space for prayer, light a candle to focus.*

**Collective Worship**

1. Start with the Sign of the Cross

Take time to read today’s scripture: **John 16:12-5**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I still have many things to say to you

but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes

he will lead you to the complete truth,

since he will not be speaking as from himself

but will say only what he has learnt;

and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me,

since all he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine;

that is why I said:

*All he tells you*

*will be taken from what is mine.*’

1. **Short Reflection**

What would Jesus have to say to me right now? What would be ‘too much ‘for me to hear?

What ‘things to come’ will the Spirit tell me? How well am I able to live with the truth?

The love that God the Father has for Jesus is the love Jesus has for each of us! Can I ask for this grace, of knowing and experiencing deep down, this tremendous love?

Jesus wants to draw us into the life of God. He knows how anxious we can be, both to let go of the past and to trust what the future will bring.

Can I speak to him about my anxieties?

**Prayer to Mary in the month of May**

The angel came to (Mary) and said, “Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!”

Mary was deeply troubled by the angel’s message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, “Don’t be afraid, Mary. God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God.

**Hail Mary**
*Hail Mary full of Grace,*

*the Lord is with thee*

*Blessed art though amongst women*

*and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

*pray for us sinners now*

*and at the hour of our death Amen.*

1. **School Prayer**

*Christ, you are the centre of our school community*

*Help us to live together in peace*

*Help us to love one another as you have loved us*

*Help us to learn your ways so that the truth will set us free.*

*Amen*

1. St Thomas Aquinas, Pray for us
2. Finish with the Sign of the Cross
3. *Suggested song for the day: ‘Be not afraid’ recorded during the Corona epidemic by Catholic artists from their homes.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RF0DIpFOoBg>