

# Resources on the Sunday Readings - 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent

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## Picture Reflection



**In the beginning...God!**

**John 1: 1-14**

- Spend a few minutes with this image of the universe taken from the Hubble Research Station in space.... what can you see? We don't need to know the scientific terms to appreciate the wonder and beauty of what we are seeing...
- God is the source of everything...the immeasurable universe has sprung from his creative will...he loves everything that he has created...how do you respond to this?
- Within the universe God brought our planet earth into being...he created an ideal environment in which life, as we know it, could evolve and continues to evolve...we even hear how covid 19 is evolving today! What would you like to say to God?
- At the heart of our worship week by week is thanksgiving...we praise God for all that he is, for all that he has done and for all he has given us...In the beginning God created our world in the universe...what makes this so incredible?

We hear at the beginning of John's Gospel that the Word is at work in creation and finds its fulfilment in the coming of Christ, the light of the world.

- Reflect on the impact of the 'light of the world' in our lives...what would life be like without our faith?
- How can we share the light of Christ with others in these dark times?

# **Bible Study hints and questions.**

## **Bible Reading:**

### John 1:1-14 (NRSV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

1. What does John say about the Word? Why do you think he uses this term?
2. John talks about the value of light. What comparisons can you make between the Son of God and the Earth's sun that help you to understand its value?
3. What important truths does John tell us about John the Baptist?
4. What does Jesus do for those who receive him? What do you think that means for you and for others?
5. Why do you think John insisted "the Word became flesh."