

Class Saints

The school saint focus this year is St. John Henry Newman and all classes have chosen a special Saint, linked to the Catholic Social Teaching Principles, to help to guide them in their life, in the parish, at home and at school. We want to celebrate the lives of the Saints and take guidance from how they lived their lives to make **Christ known to all**.

On the Class Saint feast day the class will hold a special celebratory day. They will have a non-uniform day, lead a special whole school assembly/Mass and have a celebration party in the afternoon, spending the day learning more about the lives and works of their chosen Saint by competing focused and fun tasks.

All parents, carers and members of the parish are warmly invited to join in the celebration prayer service/Mass, as detailed below.

Dates of Saints celebrations in school this Term:

- **Nursery Class**—St. Mary, Mother of God, celebration in the school hall Monday, 13th January
- **Year 6**—St. Josephine Bakhita, celebration in the school hall, Thursday 6th February
- **Reception Class**— St. Joseph, Father of Jesus, a Mass celebration in church, Wednesday 19th March

St. Mary



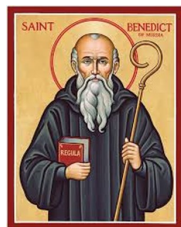
Nursery

St. Joseph



Reception

St. Benedict



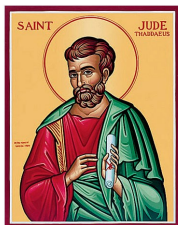
Year One

St. Teresa of Calcutta



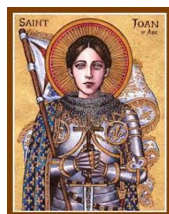
Year Two

St. Jude



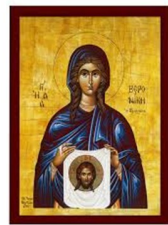
Year Three

St. Joan of Arc



Year Four

St. Veronica



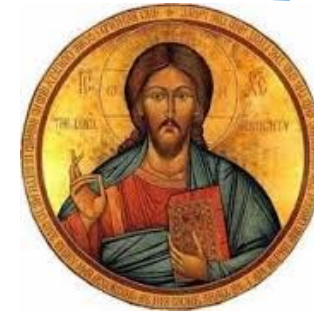
Year Five

St. Josephine Bakhita



Year Six

School Worship Booklet



Spring 2025

Many Hearts, one Accord

Many hearts, one accord - In God's love, we grow and learn together to build the kingdom of God.

Heavenly Father, Bless our school so that as we grow in love together, as sisters and brothers, we may learn to serve you and one another to build the Kingdom of God. Amen



Mass and Assembly Dates

School Masses will take place on a weekly rota basis— led by Whole school, FS/KS1 or a KS2 class.

All of these Masses take place on a Wednesday morning at 9.25am (unless otherwise stated).

We encourage all parents, grandparents and members of the parish to support these Masses whenever possible.

Wednesday 8th January	Whole School Mass (led by Y6)
Wednesday 15th January	Year 5
Wednesday 22nd January	Year 4
Wednesday 29th January	Year 3
Wednesday 5th February	Year 1
Wednesday 12th February	Year 2
Wednesday 26th February	Year 5
Wednesday 5th March	Whole School Mass (led by Y6)
Wednesday 19th March	Reception, class saint
Wednesday 26th March	Year 2
Wednesday 2nd April	Year 3
Wednesday 9th April	Whole School Mass (led by Y4)



Please join us as we prepare for Holy Week; celebrating Lent in a very special way with our class prayer reflection services. Services will begin shortly after the start of Lent, on 11th March, in the school hall; Year 6 begin to share Jesus' journey to the cross with the story of Palm Sunday.

School contacts: RE Team—Mrs. Scattergood—RE Leader Mrs. Massey—Parish Liaison. We welcome any suggestions for further enhancement of the Catholic Life of the School. If you have any queries, please make contact through the school office.



Pope Francis has announced that 2025 is the Jubilee Year of Hope, but... **What is a Jubilee Year?** In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which people are invited to grow in their relationship with God, with one another and with all of creation. **How often is a Jubilee Year?** A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470 when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years. **What is the theme of the Jubilee Year in 2025?** The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can 'restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone'. We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as 'pilgrims on the earth' rather than masters of the world. **When does the Jubilee Year start and finish?** The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on 6 January 2026. **What is a Holy Door?** A Holy Door is one of the usually sealed entrances that lead into the major basilicas of Rome. The beginning of the Jubilee Year is marked by the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican. It is only during a Jubilee Year that these doors are opened. **We look forward to exploring this very special event throughout the next year with the children and with our Parish... lookout for details of related activities.**

We are continuing to follow a rota which focuses upon a different principle each half term; **The Common Good** in spring 1 and **Human Dignity** is the focus for spring 2. As always, the children will be given direction and opportunities to reflect upon the important messages, learning how to live them out in their lives.



We ask that you continue to hold all of our sacramental children in your prayers as they continue to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion or Confirmation.



We will keep you updated with the dates of school meetings to share information and to discuss the sacraments in more detail.

We will be continuing to hold **Inspire Workshops sessions** in school for all parents and carers to join the children, at various points within the Liturgical year, to work alongside them, learning and praising in a creative way **The Inspire Workshop planned this term is:**

- Year 6 - 21st March with a focus on Lent



- **Family Mass** is planned this term on:
 - **Sunday 2nd February**—This will also be the Mass of Commitment for all Sacramental children, preparing to receive their sacraments this year.

