



St Joseph's News

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Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me". **Luke 9:23**

Catholic Life of the School

This Sunday, the Gospel reading from Luke tells us about Jesus asking "Who do you say I am?" to which Peter replied, "The Christ of God".

Jesus goes on to tell Peter and the other disciples that if anyone wants to follow him, they must renounce themselves and take up their cross every day.

Pope Francis tells us: Following Jesus means going out of ourselves - making a gift of our life to him and to others.



In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to think about the ways in which you can 'take up the cross' which means being selfless and putting other people's needs first.

Jesus has given nothing less than his life for us (Mother Teresa)

Congratulations to all the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion. It has been a joy to celebrate with you at this very special time in your journey of faith.



Diocesan Inspection

On Wednesday of this week, three representatives from the Diocese of Westminster visited St Joseph's to look at the Catholic life of our school.

The final report will be published in July but we are pleased to let you know that the children made a very positive impression through their exemplary behaviour. The children also demonstrated great confidence by sharing their understanding of their faith and how this helps them in all areas of life - particularly in their learning at school.

Thank you to all the parents who fully embrace our Catholic ethos and values. It is through support and working in partnership that we will continue to see our children flourish and reach their full potential.

Attendance

During week beginning 06 June, Classes 3M, 4W, 5M and 5L had the best attendance. The best class attendance for the year has a number of contenders so children must attend every day to ensure their class can go on the reward trip to Chessington World of Adventures!

Children must arrive on time every day to ensure they access the full curriculum. Poor punctuality affects your child's learning, the learning of others and is very inconsiderate.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be referred to Brent Education Welfare and may be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)

St Joseph's Mission Statement

At St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing belief in the teachings of Jesus through everyday relationships and mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

In order to achieve our mission:

- We stand on holy ground
- We will always open our doors in welcome
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ

<i>A Virtuous Life - Year C</i>	
<i>Linking School, Parish and Home</i>	
Religious Education	
Key Idea:	
This resource completes study of the Gospel of Luke by examining one of his most favoured texts, the Good Samaritan, and by relating the actions of the Samaritan to the cardinal virtues. The resource concludes with an investigation of St John Southworth and by asking the eternal question, who is my neighbour?	
Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions	
Spiritual Outcomes: <i>It is hoped that pupils will develop:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sense of a virtuous person • An openness to the virtues that are presented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A willingness to try and live these virtues
Activities to try at home	
You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The virtues of prudence, justice, courage and restraint sound as if they have come from another era! However, the notion that we should think before we act, and consider before we speak is one that has real relevance in today's world. Talk to your children about the kind of people you want them to be: and the need to practice being thoughtful about, and perhaps even containing, our behaviours. 	
An idea for prayer at home	
	Prayer Activity Lord Jesus, you challenged the lawyer to consider the Samaritan as someone who loved his neighbour, in a time when they were outcast and condemned. Help us to see those who we find hard to like as among those we are invited to love and care for. Help us to learn to think before we act or speak and to act with courage in living your words. We ask this in your name, Amen.

Upcoming Dates and Events

Parents and children will know that this last half term of the academic year is always the busiest!

We have a number of educational trips and special events planned. Detailed information will be sent in separate letters, but here are some key dates to note:

Monday 20 June	Year 4 trip to Science Museum
Monday 27 June	Class photographs
Wednesday 29 June	KS2 children to attend St Peter and St Paul Mass at Our Lady of Willesden
Wednesday 6 July	Whole school celebration of Bastille Day
Monday 11 July	Year 6 depart for 5 day residential to Normandy
Wednesday 20 July	Year 6 Leavers Mass