



# St Joseph's News

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Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" **Luke 10:5**

## Catholic Life of the School

On Sunday, the Gospel reading from Luke 10 reminds us that Jesus had a specific mission and ministry. Jesus sent out seventy-two of his followers to announce the good news about God's Kingdom and to make known the blessing of God's peace and healing.

St Ambrose said "**Where Christ is, there is the Kingdom of God**" and St Isaac of Nineveh stated that "**The Kingdom is hidden within you; it is found in your own soul**".

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to reflect on what the words 'God's Kingdom' means to each person. How do we see God's Kingdom in our own lives and in the lives of others? You may wish to think about the following words:

**It is in the human heart that God's Kingdom takes root and grows.** (Pope Francis)



## St Peter and St Paul Feast Day

On Wednesday 29 June, children from Years 3 to 6 attended Mass at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden to celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul.

**St Paul** is well-known for his conversion to Christianity while he was on the road to Damascus. Paul, who was previously known as Saul, had been responsible for the persecution of Christians in the years following Jesus' death.

Following his conversion, St Paul wrote letters to the early churches to guide and encourage other Christians. Many of these letters now form part of the New Testament in our Bibles.

**St Peter** was one of Jesus' most trusted disciples and is considered to have been the first Pope. In Matthew 16, Jesus said "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Even though Peter loved Jesus, he denied knowing Jesus three times before the crucifixion. However, after Jesus' was resurrected, Peter confirmed three times that he loved Jesus.

The lives of St Peter and St Paul provide good examples of how our lives can be transformed if we trust in God, believe in the Kingdom and choose to follow the ways of Jesus.



## Attendance

During week beginning 20 June, Classes 1M, 2M, 2W, and 4G 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**

### Upcoming Dates and Events

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

<b>Tuesday 5 July</b>	Whole school celebration of Bastille Day. <b>PLEASE NOTE</b> this is a change of date. Children making a donation of £1 may come to school dressed in their own red, white and blue clothes
<b>Monday 11 July</b>	Year 6 depart for 5 day residential to Normandy
<b>Wednesday 20 July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Mass
<b>Thursday 21 July</b>	Last day of school for pupils

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 1.00PM ON THURSDAY 21 JULY AND ALL CHILDREN WILL BE DISMISSED AT THIS TIME.**

**THERE WILL NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PROVISION ON THIS LAST DAY.**

### Sports Days

Please note the following dates and arrangements:

**Reception Sports Day** will be held at St Joseph's on Friday 15 July, weather permitting. Children should arrive at school by the normal start time of 8.55am and wear their full school uniform. The Sports Day will start at 9.30am and parents are welcome to return to school at 9.25am to watch the events.

**Nursery Sports Day** will be held at St Joseph's on Monday 18 July, weather permitting. Children should arrive at school at the normal time of 9.00am and wear their full school uniform. The Sports Day will start at 9.30am and parents are welcome to return to school at 9.25am to watch the events.

**Years 1 to 6** will hold their Sports Days at Newman Catholic College. Your child will bring home a letter with full details about these dates and how the events will be organised.

### 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

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a priority for St Joseph's so we can ensure that our children are safe and are well-looked after at all times.

Please remember to speak with your children about how to take care of themselves if they travel to school alone.

Another area of increasing concern is the access children have to unsuitable online material. At school, we have the highest possible safeguards in relation to our IT equipment to block any attempts to view inappropriate websites. Please ensure that you know what your child is doing outside of school on their laptops, tablets or mobile phones.

The NSPCC have excellent resources to support parents in talking to their children about personal safety. Please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/> for further information.

If you have any safeguarding concerns for a child, please see our Safeguarding Officer, Mrs Studd, in the first instance.

# *A Virtuous Life - Year C*

*Linking School, Parish and Home*

## 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: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A sense of a virtuous person
- An openness to the virtues that are presented
- 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.

- 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.