



# St Joseph's News

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Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbour as yourself. **Luke 10:27**

## Catholic Life of the School

In the Gospel of Luke this Sunday, we will hear the parable of the 'Good Samaritan'. Many of us will be familiar with this example of Jesus' teaching on compassion and being a good neighbour.

Jesus told this story in response to the question "Who is my neighbour?". We learn that being a 'good neighbour' is showing compassion, mercy and kindness to others regardless of our differences. Pope Benedict XVI said "**Anyone who needs me, and whom I can help, is my neighbour**".



In your family prayer time, you may wish to reflect on who the 'Good Samaritans' are in your community. Remember to thank God for their care of others and ask God to take care of them too.

### School Visitors

On Wednesday, Fr Stephen made his usual weekly visit to St Joseph's with Fr Gabriele. They had lunch with the children before visiting classes as part of their support of the Catholic life of the school.



Fr Stephen was also at school on Tuesday when he hosted a visit from Bishop John Sherrington. Mrs Titus met with Bishop John and Fr Stephen to discuss progress on the school building works, the recent Diocesan inspection and our ongoing commitment to Catholic education which is key to all we achieve at St Joseph's.

## Year 6 French Trip

During week beginning 11 July, the Year 6 children will spend 5 days on a wonderful residential visit to Normandy.

This annual visit to France is arranged to support the children's learning in the French language and to experience life in a different culture.

We look forward to sharing all the excitement of this trip in future newsletters.



## Attendance

During week beginning 27 June, Classes 2M, 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**

## 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:

**Monday 11 July** Year 6 depart for 5 day residential to Normandy

**Wednesday 20 July** Year 6 Leavers Mass

**Thursday 21 July** 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 BE 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.

## French Day

On Tuesday 5 July, St Joseph's held a very exciting French day!

The day started with an assembly exploring different aspects of the French Revolution which saw the end of the French Monarchy and the beginning of the Republic. The blue, white, and red French flag took shape during the French Revolution. The children found out the three colours represent the Republic's three ideals: "égalité, fraternité et liberté" (equality, fraternity and liberty).

The Eiffel tower was built for "L'Exposition Universelle" which was a fair organised to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the French Revolution. A competition had been held to find the best design for the special event and it was La Tour Eiffel that was the winner!

The children wearing the French colours really enjoyed their French day as they took part in a variety of workshops: outdoor games, music, board games, online games, quizzes based on The Eiffel Tower and Football Euro 2016 activities. The day was also a great opportunity for the children to demonstrate the French they have learnt during the year as well as learning new vocabulary and finding out about French history and culture. Bravo to everyone!!!



# THE BACKPACK PROJECT

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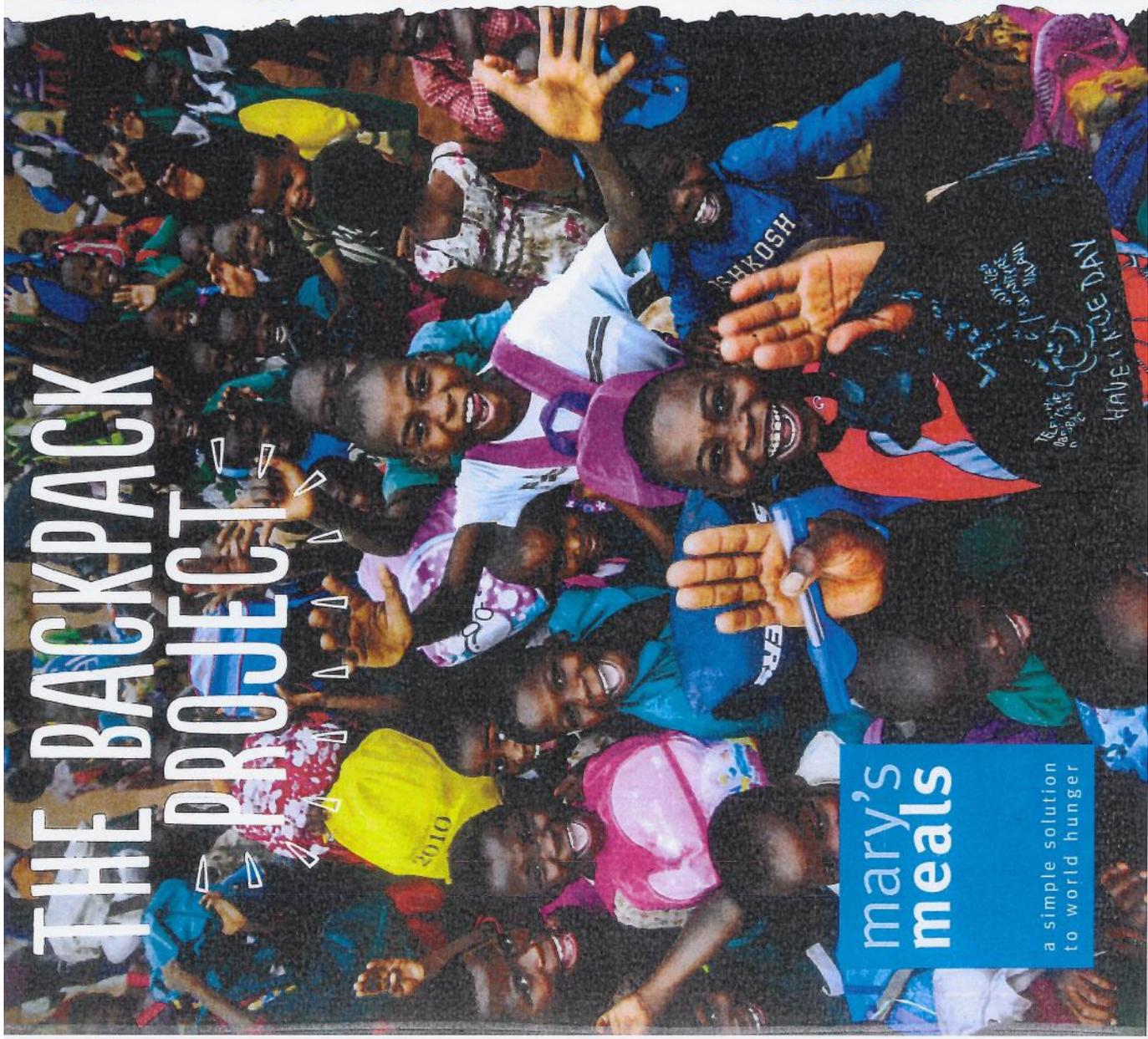


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# *A Virtuous Life - Year C*

*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.

### 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