



# St Joseph's News

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*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Mark 13:31*

## The Wednesday Word

The Gospel this weekend will be taken from Mark 13:24-32 in which Jesus tells about the end of time and the lesson of the fig tree.

Jesus reminds us that while many things in the world will change, God's love for us will last forever. We are called to remain faithful, to see beyond the troubles of the world and to look forward to eternity with our Father.

As we grow in our faithfulness to God, we must also be faithful to each other; if we make a commitment we should always try to honour it. Blessed Mother Teresa said "I do not pray for success, I ask for faithfulness". She also advised us to "Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies".

In your family or personal prayer time, you may find it helpful to reflect on these words from Pope Francis:

***Let us ask then for the grace to remain faithful to following Jesus and to listening to his Word.***

## St Joseph's Accommodation

Mrs Titus has written to all parents and guardians this week with updated news about the move back to the St Joseph's premises.

Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will return to school at the St Joseph's premises on **Thursday 26 November**. A pack of learning activities will be provided for each child to support their continuation of learning while the school is closed for a few days as we prepare for the move. For further information, please check the letter to parents dated 11 November 2015.

We are very thankful to Mr Coyle and his staff at Newman Catholic College for their very generous and gracious hospitality while we have been located on their premises. We also express our gratitude to the residents of Holland Road and Bramston Road for their goodwill during this time.

The Nursery and Reception classes will remain located at their temporary premises until **Tuesday 5 January 2016**. This delay is disappointing but is beyond our control owing to the requirements for the learning environment of this age group.

Plans for the before school and after school provision for Nursery and Reception are being formalised to minimise disruptions for parents. Further information will be given once the details have been finalised.

Mrs Titus and all the St Joseph's staff express their sincere gratitude to all of our families for your patience, grace and support over the last five weeks. Your continuing commitment to your children's education ensures they will continue to reach their full potential.

## Attendance

Please ensure that your child aims for 100% attendance this year. Every lesson counts so your child can benefit from the excellent learning opportunities at St Joseph's.

Children must also 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 issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)***