

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Jesus said, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:22-24

Faith cannot be taken for granted; it has to be built up day by day. Once we begin to have a little faith, we have **hope**, because we can trust ourselves and those around us with the decisions that will shape the future. Without hope we become insular, lacking in love, and ultimately despairing. The three core virtues of the gospel of Jesus are faith, hope and love.

How does the school encourage you to live your faith?

Quote and passage – Carla Comaneci year 8

Every one of us at St Joseph's is Faith-filled and hopeful. We all have our own strengths, and a passion to do something that really inspires or intrigues us. Each student here at St Josephs is told to follow their dreams, and this makes me feel at peace with God, the teachers, and my fellow students. To be Faith-Filled is to know what you need to do and know the Lord's presence is always with you. As a student at St Joseph we pray every morning in tutor time as a tutor group. We take turns to lead prayers each morning. As part of the Chaplaincy Team we help organise termly Masses for all year groups and our St Joseph's Day Mass. Throughout the year we help to raise money for charity such as the Access to Shine Project to help build a school in Nigeria. In the past we have raised money for CAFOD and Access to Shine by running a cake sale at lunchtimes. To be hopeful means to know what your role is in life and to understand that sometimes we sacrifice some things for the good of not only God but ourselves and we will be rewarded for doing good. We all have access to the Sacraments and our school Chapel has the Blessed Sacrament meaning the presence of Christ instil hope on us all the time.

Events:

St Joseph's Feast Day Mass celebrated by Bishop David



St Joseph's Day Faith Walk



House Masses

Welcome Mass at the start of the year



St. Joseph's Catholic High School



Welcome to Mass on the feast day of
St Jerome, our House Patron



We welcome Fr Kevin O'Driscoll
From Holy Family Church
as our celebrant and preacher

Unlocking Belief In All



Christmas end of term Mass and Christmas dinner



Lenten Fundraising

The  **Lenten fundraising Friday**

Friday 11th March
Lunch time 1 and 2
Lower school playground
50p to enter

YOU KNOW THE DRILL

St Joseph's

You will be given the drill to learn on the Thursday.
You will complete the drill and will be timed on the Friday.
Winners will be those who complete in the fastest time
and score the most number of goals
And prizes for winners!!!!!!!
See Mr Gibbons for more details

House Competition
points to all who take part



Advent

WELCOME TO ASSEMBLY



YEAR 9



6th Form leavers liturgy



Service of Thanksgiving

Leavers 2023

Praying of the Rosary

First Mystery of Light The Baptism of Jesus



Our Father...as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily
bread... from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary ... thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary...of our death.
Amen

Glory be to the Father, and to
the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
As it was in the beginning, is
now, and shall be forever.
Amen

Induction Mass for Chaplain



Westminster Cathedral – Mission for Chaplaincy Team



Retreat days



Walsingham trip

Chaplaincy Trip to Walsingham!



The candle for the school community

On Monday 4th July, the Chaplaincy Ambassadors spent the day at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham. The Ambassadors joined other pilgrims for Mass, visited the Slipper Chapel and the pilgrim site as well as spending

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Today, during both lunches, those who wish, will have the opportunity to go to confession. We will have three visiting priests who will be available in the Chapel and in Room XA.

If you would like to make your peace with God in preparation for Easter, just turn up and don't worry about what to say. The priest will help you.

If you belong to another Christian denomination, other faith or no faith at all, and still wish to have a friendly chat, Orazio (the chaplain) will be available in his office in the chapel.



Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation



Form time

Holy days of obligations



Repentance 1

Weekly Reflections
12th September 2022

A reading from St Luke's Gospel
Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Day 1

There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

Throughout the Bible we have a series of encounters with people who feel righteous before God and consequently despise those they consider inferior. St Paul, though, tells us that *all* have sinned and need God's forgiveness.

- Are you ever tempted to feel better than others?
- If so, how do you try to overcome this temptation?

Day 2

The word Repentance in the original Greek is *metanoia*, which means 'change of mind', and in Latin *conversio* or 'change of direction'. To repent means not only being sorry for our mistakes and asking for God's and one another's forgiveness. It also means a radical change of mind and direction that reflects the way God wants us to live.

- Are there things that you would like to change in your life to be a better disciple of Jesus?

Day 3
Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14th September)

Lord Jesus, your great love for us made you carry the heavy Cross, making it the instrument of our salvation. Give us strength to bear the trials that will come our way today and in the coming year, and to offer them to you as a token of our love.

Amen.

Do you remember a time when you made a little sacrifice for the benefit of others? If not what could you do?

Prayer for the Week

Father God, I know that I often get things wrong and don't live up to my calling as your beloved child. Give me the help of your Holy Spirit to understand my mistakes, the strength to change direction, and the joy of your forgiving embrace. Amen.