

# 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



## Welcome Mass at the start of the year



## House Masses



## Christmas end of term Mass and Christmas dinner

