



CATHOLIC LIFE AT ST ADRIAN'S



*'To learn, to love, to live as community of God with
Christ as our teacher'*



Introducing our Caritas Ambassadors

Congratulations to our new Caritas Ambassadors for 2024-2025 as well as our pupil leaders

Head boy - Darragh
Head girl - Seren
Deputy Head boy - Jack
Deputy Head girl - Neve

These children will have regular meetings and will complete the Caritas Ambassador training to enable the school to carry out a whole school project to show love in action in our community.

Class Saints



At the beginning of the year and throughout the year, children learn about their class saint. As they progress through the school, pupils will learn about the different saints and make links between Gospel stories, the lives of the saints and reflect on how they should use their example to live their own lives.

CLASS SAINTS

NURSERY - ST MARY

RECEPTION - ST ADRIAN

*YEAR 1 - ST FRANCIS OF
ASSISI*

*YEAR 2 - ST TERESA OF
CALCUTTA*

YEAR 3 - ST PETER

YEAR 4- ST ALBAN

*YEAR 5 - ST JOSEPHINE
BAKHITA*

YEAR 6 - ST PAUL

Catholic Social Teaching



Each half term, the children will learn about a different Catholic Social Teaching Principle from the 6 principles above.

This half term, our focus is **CARE FOR CREATION.**

The children have learnt all about how we have a duty to care for our earth and that the earth is a gift from God, something which we must tend to and care for. Talk to your children about what they have learnt.

Our Mercy Mission



As well as learning about the class saints, and Catholic Social Teaching, we are reminded of the Mercy charism in school. St Adrian's is a Mercy School and was founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1960.

Catherine McAuley was born in North Dublin in 1778. Following the death of her father in 1783, life for her became difficult both economically and socially. She nursed her elderly mother who also died and was then adopted by Mr and Mrs Callahan-family friends. They too died of illness and left her the Callaghan estate. Catherine began her mission of caring for the sick and the poor. She used money from the estate to build a house in Baggot Street to care for the poor.

In 1831 Catherine founded the Sisters of Mercy, a Religious Congregation largely involved in the care of the poor, the sick and educationally disadvantaged. In the early days, her work was mostly among the people of Dublin, but in time the Congregation spread and became one of the largest Congregations of women, not alone in Ireland, but in the world. They founded many schools, including St Adrian's.

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Speak to the children about the special letter that Pope Francis wrote to all human beings to care for our common home and care for creation.

"Together, we pledge our commitment to raising awareness about the stewardship of creation."

- Pope Francis



CATHERINE MC AULEY - FOUNDER OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY

29TH SEPT 1778
-11TH NOV 1841



There are many ways that you can help with prayer at home.

The Mark 10 Mission

The Mark 10 Mission produces weekly videos on the Sunday Gospel. These videos will help children to experience the Word of God through prayers and sings. You can access these on the link below:

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/>

THE MARK 10 *Mission*



The Wednesday Word

The Primary School Newsletter - Wednesday Word is an online resources that allows you to reflect on the weekly Gospel.

Click on the link and share God's word

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/serving?pid=MTA101634&v=148.2>



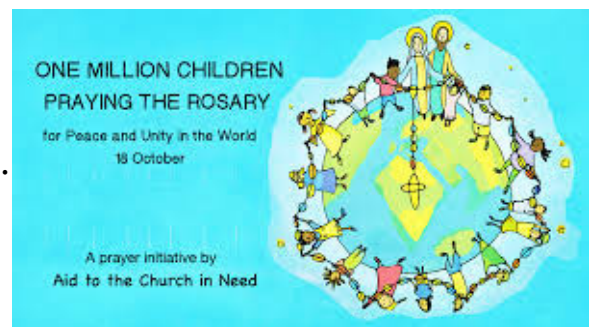
Class Prayer Bags

Each week, a child from the class will bring home the class prayer bag. Please take the time to sit with your child and pray with them. You may write a prayer together in the prayer book and take a picture of you altogether. Your child will then share the prayer they have written with their classmates the following week.

October - Dedication to the Holy Rosary

During the Month of October, take time to pray the rosary with the children and explain the importance of it. On the 18th October, in school St Adrian's will join with children across the world to pray the Rosary. Follow the link to watch a video about it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcPvGyQAL8w>



St Bartholomew's Mass Times

Sat 6.00 pm
Sun 8.30am, 10.30am
Mon 12.00 noon
Tue 9.00am
Wed 9.00am
Thu No Mass
Fri 9.00am
Sat 9.00am

The Month of the Rosary

Catholic schools observe October as the Month of the Rosary to emphasise the importance of Marian devotion and prayer in the lives of young Catholics. This observance helps instil a deeper connection with the Blessed Virgin Mary and fosters spiritual growth within the school community.

PRAYER

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LITURGY

Why Catholic schools mark the Month of the Rosary:

October is dedicated to the Rosary, a key form of prayer in Catholic tradition. By highlighting this, schools encourage pupils to develop a personal relationship with Mary and seek her intercession.

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that helps pupils reflect on the life of Christ and Mary, nurturing their spiritual growth and deepening their understanding of their faith.

Observing the month of the Rosary allows schools to unite pupils, staff, and families in shared prayers, fostering a sense of Catholic identity and community.

How Catholic schools observe the Month of the Rosary:

Schools often schedule special times to pray the Rosary together, either in individual classrooms or as a larger school-wide event. On a Friday at lunchtime, our Caritas Ambassadors will lead the Rosary for children to join them.

Catholic schools might celebrate Mass with a focus on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7) or other Marian themes, incorporating the Rosary into the liturgy or as part of the school's daily or weekly Prayer and Liturgy routine.

Some schools organise outdoor processions where pupils and staff walk around the school grounds or nearby areas while praying the Rosary, often carrying statues of Mary or holding Rosary beads.

To engage pupils creatively, schools may organise activities where pupils make their own Rosary beads or create artwork related to the mysteries of the Rosary or images of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Schools might set up a dedicated space in classrooms, their reception area or chapel with an image or statue of Mary, where pupils can gather to pray the Rosary or reflect during the month.

Teachers often incorporate Celebrations of the Word about the history and significance of the Rosary, the life of Mary, and the mysteries of the Rosary to help students understand the deeper meaning behind the prayers.

By integrating these practices, Catholic schools use October as a month to encourage devotion to Mary, deepen the spiritual lives of pupils, and celebrate the richness of the Catholic faith.



MASSES / LITURGY DATES AND CELEBRATIONS FOR 2024 - 2025

- Monday 9th September - Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 1 - Care of Creation
- Monday 23rd September 9.15am Whole School Mercy Mass in school - Blessing of our Head boy, girl and deputies as well as our new Caritas Ambassadors
- Friday 25th October 9.00am - Harvest Celebration assembly in school
- Monday 4th November - Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 2 - Option for the poor
- Friday 8th November - 9.00am - Remembrance Assembly led by our Caritas Ambassadors
- Thursday 28th November - Choir visit St Albans Cathedral for the Christmas carol service
w/c 18th November - Prayer focus week
- Friday 29th November - 9.00am - Dressing of the tree and Advent service
Advent- Begin the season of the Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee celebration
- Wednesday 4th December - Caritas Ambassadors visit Westminster Cathedral for the diocesan carol service
- Change of date - KS2 Carol Concert - Thursday 5th December at 6.30pm
- Wednesday 11th December - EYFS Nativity
- Thursday 12th December - KS1 Nativity
- Monday 16th December - Grandparents tea
- Wednesday 18th December - Grandparents tea
- Tuesday 7th December - Celebration of the Epiphany assembly & Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 3 - Solidarity
- Wednesday 8th January @9.00am - Mass for the start of the new year and the feast of St Adrian.
- Monday 24th February - Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 4- Community and Participation
- Wednesday 5th March- St Adrian's to attend Ash Wednesday Mass at St Barts.
(Years 1-6) 9.30am start.
- Wednesday 19th March - Year 5 Mass in school 9.00am (children only)
- Tuesday 25th March or Wednesday 26th March - 1.15pm - Reconciliation service (Years 1-6 with Years 4-6 doing reconciliations - Fr Michael for help)
- Friday 28th March - 9.00am - Mothers' Day celebration service
- Monday 31st March - 9.30am- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Year 1 and 2 at St Barts
- Wednesday 2nd April - Chaplaincy Team lead the Stations of the Cross reflection 9.00am in school
- Thursday 3rd April - Easter parade and celebration
- Wednesday 30th April - 11.00am - Year 4 Mass in school (children only)
- Wednesday 23rd April - Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 5 - Dignity of Workers
- Wednesday 30th April - Year 4 class Mass (children only)
- Friday 2nd May -9.00am Crowning of Mary assembly
- Monday 2nd June - Catholic Social Teaching Principles Assembly - Theme 6 - Human Dignity
- Friday 6th June - EYFS Pentecost celebration
- Wednesday 11th June - 1 pm. First Holy Mass then celebration. Children have early lunch and get dressed ready for Mass at 1.00pm followed by a party in class. (children only)
- Friday 13th June - 9.00am - Fathers' Day celebration service
- Friday 27th June - Year 2 Liturgy in school 11.00am - 11.45am (Feast of St Peter and Paul - children only)
- Monday 30th June - 9.15-10.00am Year 1 Liturgy in school (Feast of St Peter and Paul - children only)
- Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers' Mass in St Adrian's at 6.30pm