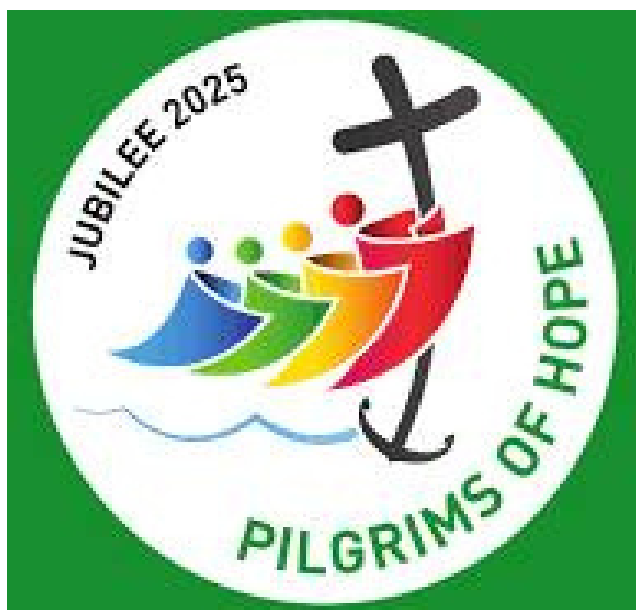


CATHOLIC LIFE AT ST ADRIAN'S



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



JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This week, has seen the launch of Pope Francis's Jubilee Year. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope and the children will be focussing on deepening their faith through prayer, lively hope and active charity. Our jubilee pledge for the year is 'God is everywhere, so pray anywhere' and we will be working with the children to develop areas that they can visit around the school to pray and spend time with God.

As part of the jubilee year, fundraising events from the PTA will also go towards creating a Jubilee Garden of Hope at the bottom of the field in the KS2 playground and also for the development of the prayer garden in the KS1 area.

As part of our gospel duty to help other people, the children have also had a wonderful week raising money for the great charity Pets as Therapy, which fits in very well with the Jubilee Year theme of hope. During the year, every class will take our jubilee banner with them on each school trip as a way to show how we are journeying through the year together. We look forward to sharing more photos and updates with you throughout 2025.



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

We have been learning the 'Pilgrims Prayer of Hope' with the children. Please take time to think about and discuss the importance of this prayer and the special jubilee year ahead and pray the prayer of hope with the children.



A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen

*Written in
collaboration with Missio.*



Catholic Social Teaching



Spring 1 half term focus is

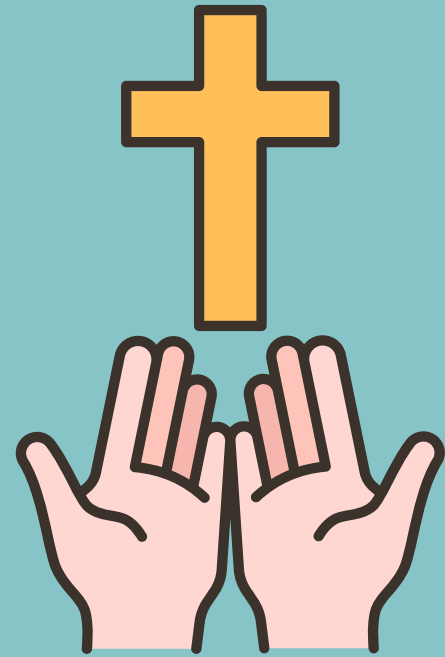
SOLIDARITY AND PEACE

Solidarity is a word which can be overused and little understood. However, it is fundamental to the way in which we treat one another. If we truly believe that we are all sisters and brothers of one another, made in God's image and likeness as seen in the guideline of human dignity, then seeking the good of one another cannot be ignored. The quotation from St John Paul II is an ongoing challenge. Solidarity is not just feeling sorry for those who suffer. It is a commitment to action. "We are all really responsible for all" – all of us. Wherever we are. Whatever our age. Whatever our circumstances. We are all responsible for one another, those close by, and those far away. All of our actions have consequences locally and globally. From how we treat people we meet in the street, to the coffee we buy in the supermarket. It is how we live out Caritas, love in action.

Spring 2 half term focus is

COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

As human beings, we are called to live in community, with others, growing together and flourishing as a result. We are also called to get involved. At World Youth Day in 2013, Pope Francis challenged us: "Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did." We are called to be active members of society, our local and global community. Observing the reality of the world, remembering that first guideline of the dignity of all people, supporting one another and recognising how our gifts and talents could be used to the advantage of the wider community. We can't just sit back and bemoan what's happening, whether in our own parish and community, society, or the world. We are called to get our hands dirty, to get involved, to help build a better world. We're all called to put love into action.



*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.

January - The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus
3rd January - Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

February - We think about the Holy Family and we pray for our own families that we love and cherish. We think about the importance of family and the love and support we receive.



St Bartholomew's New Mass Times

Sat 6.00 pm

Sun 9.30am

Mon No Mass

Tue 12.00pm

Wed 12.00pm

Thu 12.00pm

Fri No Mass - At the Abbey 12pm

Saturday

4.45pm Exposition and Confessions

5.30pm Benediction

6pm Vigil Mass for

Sunday



January: The Holy Name of Jesus

Major Feast: Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (January 3)

We kick off the year by remembering the "...name that is above every name" (Phillipians 2:9). The Holy Name of Jesus contains immense power and majesty.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The name 'Jesus' contains all: God and man and the whole economy of creation and salvation. To pray 'Jesus' is to invoke him and to call him within us. His name is the only one that contains the presence it signifies. Jesus is the Risen One, and whoever invokes the name of Jesus is welcoming the Son of God who loved him and who gave himself up for him."¹

How to celebrate: Pray the Jesus prayer, or make reparations to the sins against the Holy Name of Jesus by praying the Divine Praises every day this month.



February: The Holy Family

In February we honor the Holy Family. The Holy Family is the most perfect reflection of the love of the Trinity and sets before us the most perfect model of virtue for all Christian homes.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

How to celebrate: Pray with (or for) your family during this month. At the start of each day, ask Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for the grace to follow their example of love and selflessness.

PRAYER FRIDAY

Thank you to those families who attended prayer Friday last week. Our next main prayer days for families will be Friday 7th March - World Day of Prayer (More details to follow) and Friday 28th March - Prayer Friday as normal

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