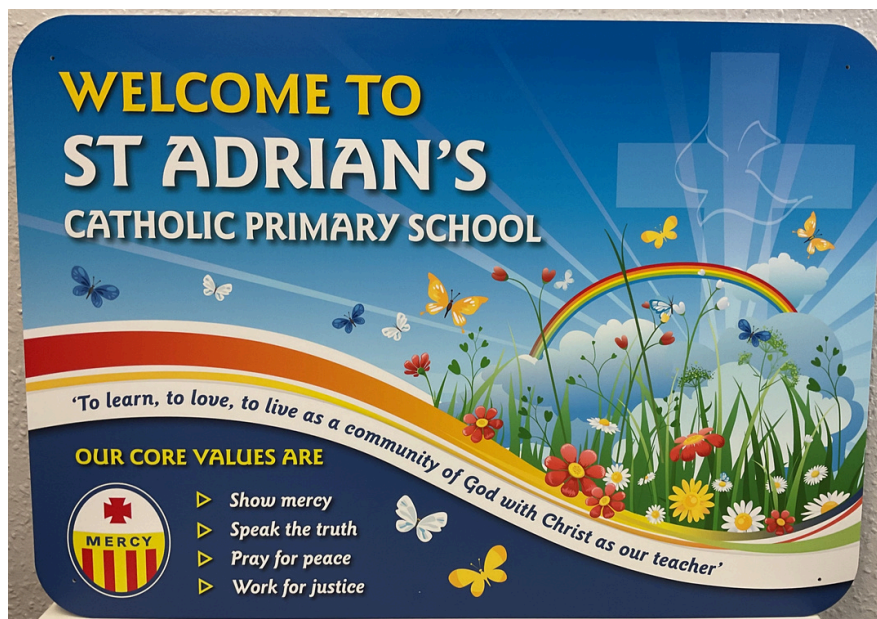




CATHOLIC LIFE AT ST ADRIAN'S



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



Caritas Ambassadors hard at work

Our Caritas Ambassadors have been hard at work and have been completing modules of their training looking at the different principles of Catholic Social Teaching. There has been much discussion about human dignity and human rights. They have also lead many assemblies and prayer sessions around the school.

During the month of October, our Caritas Ambassadors led the children in praying the Rosary across the school.

Our Mercy Mission



In all of our assemblies, R.E lessons and celebrations of the word, we think about our core values. The children have learnt the signs for these values as well as our mission statement. Please talk to them and ask them to sign the core values to you. They are as follows:

- SHOW MERCY
- SPEAK THE TRUTH
- PRAY FOR PEACE
- WORK FOR JUSTICE

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



This half term, our focus has been on **OPTION FOR THE POOR.**

Some classes have been having discussions about sharing the wealth of the world and how there is unfairness. We have been discussing our school's core values and thinking about justice for all.

The Caritas Ambassadors led our assembly on Option for the Poor and also shared what our fundraising events will be this Advent.

We have signed up to raise for CAFOD World Gifts as part of our Advent appeal.

Fundraising at St Adrian's

Thank you to all the fundraising that has taken place of late here at St Adrian's.

We did a huge collection for Harvest, we have raised money by wearing odd socks as part of Anti-Bullying Week, we have also raised money for Children in Need. Thank you parents for your generosity.



*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.

November - The Month of Remembrance

Thank you to those who attended our remembrance assembly that was led so wonderfully by the Caritas Ambassadors.

Eternal rest grant onto them oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



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 November

The Catholic Church has a rich history and tradition of devotions. Many are associated with times of the year, such as praying for those who have died in the month of November.

The Catholic Church designates November as a special month, to pray for and remember those who have died. Our thoughts turn to a time of reflection and remembrance. The month begins with the feast of All Saints Day on November 1st and the feast of the Holy Souls celebrated on November 2nd.

On 1st November, we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, a day when we come together in a special Mass to honour and pray for all the saints in heaven. Saints are people who devoted their lives to loving God and serving others. They remind us of the goodness we can aspire to in our own lives.

The Feast of the Holy Souls also known as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed is celebrated on November 2nd. This is a day set apart for honouring all who have died. We are called to pray for those we have known and loved but to also remember those who may have died alone, with no one to pray for them.

We also held a special remembrance service in school to mark Remembrance Sunday. This is led by our Caritas Ambassadors.

The Feast of Christ the King is a special day for Catholics which we celebrate on the last Sunday of the church year, which this year is November 24th. King, Pope Pius XI created this special feast day in 1925. On this day, we remember that Jesus is our King, the “King of Kings,” who loves and cares for us all. This feast was started by the Catholic Church to remind us to keep Jesus at the centre of our lives. By celebrating this feast, we show that Jesus is our leader and guide, we honour him by trying to live our lives as he taught us, with love, kindness, and respect for others.



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