



RE Newsletter - St. Patrick's VA RCP School

Autumn 2018

Our Faith Journey

PRAYER



From their very first days in St. Patrick's our children continue the journey many began when they were baptised. Their friendship with God is nurtured throughout their time in St Patrick's.

Each class has an altar which constantly changes; the children choosing what they wish to put on their altar. As the Liturgical season changes so too does the appearance of our altars. We pray in many different ways. Traditional prayers are encouraged but Collective Worship can be listening to music, looking at and reflecting upon an image or there can be Liturgy which will have The Word of God at its heart.

The children in all classes, Nursery to Year 6, are given opportunities to lead worship. In class, this can be in the form of

- Choosing how they GATHER.
- Choosing how they RESPOND to the WORD.
- Choosing the MISSION; (what we have to do now we have listened to the Word.)



All of our new Reception children have been given a gift of a cross from El Salvador. This is to celebrate their joining the St. Patrick's family and to be used when praying at home. We hope to make this a new tradition in our school.

*Please pray with your children.

St. Patrick's School Mission Statement

The School Motto, 'May Christ be seen in us', summarises the intent behind our work here at St. Patrick's. When we are open to Christ we move towards achieving our full potential in all things. With this in mind we seek to:

- provide opportunities and to allow for prayer, worship and liturgy to become meaningful, pivotal and valued aspects of our lives in faith
- develop the partnerships among the Home, School, Parish and Community to support

- and enrich the work of both pupils and staff
- provide opportunities, a quality curriculum and a sound delivery of programmes of study through which knowledge, skills and understanding will equip our pupils for the responsibilities and experiences of life now and in time to come
- promote a climate of justice, care, honesty, diligence, respect, tolerance and forgiveness so that children and staff can relate with each other with confidence and to good purpose
- foster a sense of concern and care within the school so that we can serve each other and the community both locally and beyond.

Nurturing Human Wholeness

Each week all staff and children share a statement to live by which is designed to promote confidence and consideration in all members of the school family. Please join us in living out these statements as extended members of our family.

3.9.18	We are all special
10.9.18	BRITISH VALUES: Democracy (Vote for school council)
17.9.18	I can say one good thing about myself
24.9.18	I can say how I feel
1.10.18	I can laugh and have fun
8.10.18	I know what to do if I see someone being hurt
15.10.18	I understand that rights match responsibilities
22.10.18	BRITISH VALUES: Respect
	HALF TERM
5.11.18	I try to stand up for myself and others
12.11.18	I try to be just and fair
19.11.18	I can tell you how I look after myself
26.11.18	I think before I make choices that affect my health

3.12.18	I can work, play, rest and pray each day
10.12.18	Simple things can make us happy
17.12.18	I try to love others as I love myself
21.12.18	Friday pm Christmas assembly
CHRISTMAS BREAK	



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



We believe that worship in a Catholic School names and celebrates God's presence in our lives.

Each time we pray in class it is Collective Worship. However, it is also planned with a structure, with reference to the Church's year, CAFOD, HARVEST and CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day, Remembrance Day,

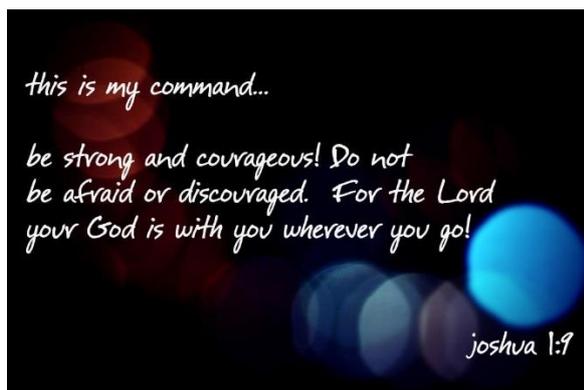
World Peace Day, Christian Unity Week, St Cuthbert's Care Focus during Lent, Mother's Day, May the Month of Mary, October the Month of the Rosary, Lent, Advent and Feast Days.

These acts of Worship are incorporated into our termly Collective Worship plan.

On Wednesday all of the children Worship in the hall, the theme is recorded in our Termly Worship timetable. We usually follow "Nurturing Human Wholeness." At other times these acts of Worship follow the Liturgical Year or are appropriate to what is happening in the world/country/ locality.

Parents and parishioners are welcome to join us for Collective Worship once every 3/4 weeks Friday afternoons at 3.00 pm in the school hall. These will be led by different groups each time.

Class	Date
Y6—Mr Reid Y6—Miss Hamilton	28.9.18
Y5—Mrs Bedford	9.11.18
Y4/5—Mrs Obarzanowka-Holding	18.1.19
Y3/4—Miss Wharry	15.2.19
Y3—Mr Fletcher	15.3.19
Y2—Miss Brown	12.4.19
Y1/2—Mr Duffy	17.5.19
Y1- Mrs Dagleish	21.6.19
Rec—Mrs Railton	12.7.19

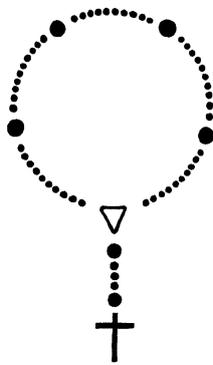
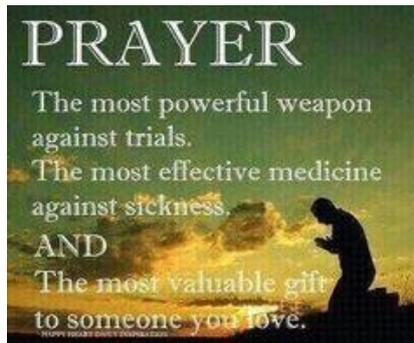


***Whole School mass will take place on Fridays at 9.15 as announced in the church bulletin, please join us.**

Sunday mass at St. Patrick's Church is **9.00** each week and children can attend a special liturgy which is age appropriate. We would be delighted if you could join us.

During their time at St Patrick's we try to nurture each child's love of God and their understanding that they are very precious in God's eyes. We do this each and every day.

We try to deepen their Faith journey so that as they get older their faith journey develops. We want the children in Year 6 to leave us having grown in Friendship with God.



2018 - The Year of Mary continues until December 2018

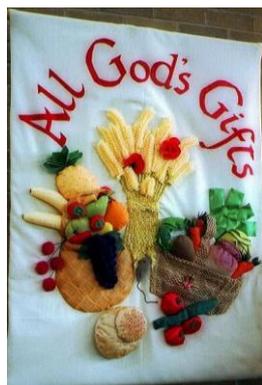
The Mary bag will continue to come to your homes as an opportunity for family prayer.

In school we pray a decade of the rosary every Friday lunch time, please encourage your children to attend.

This term:



At the suggestion of one of our Y6 pupils we are collecting plastic milk bottle tops to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind. These should be washed and sent into school. Please help if you can.



Our Harvest Festival is planned for 17th October. Gifts of chocolates and flowers will be taken to the elderly members of our parish. Gifts of food will be donated to St. Cuthbert's Drop in, Bridge House and local food banks. Donations of produce would be much appreciated at that time.



Mini Vinnies plan to hold a book sale on 30th November. We hope children will donate books which can then be sold for 50p or £1. Proceeds will be used to buy books for Butterwick Hospice children's ward and the children's ward at North Tees hospital.

Christmas Jumper Day



14th December 2018. All funds raised will be donated to Save the Children.

If there is a cause, a charity which is close to your heart, please let us know so that we can consider them when planning our future fundraising events.

St. Patrick's 200 Club

As a Catholic school we receive 10% less funding than state schools, a small price for being able to offer the added dimension of our Catholic faith! The 200 Club exists to provide funding for our school to help make up the difference.

To buy a number costs just £1 per week. Every 13 weeks there is a club draw with the following prizes:

1st prize £1000

2nd prize £250

3rd prize £100

4th prize £50

The remainder of the money is used to support the school, so we all benefit!

Act without delay to avoid disappointment.

Standing order mandate forms can be obtained from Mrs. Hughes or arrangements can be made to pay by cheque or cash.

Thank you for your support and thank you to the current members for their continued support, it is much appreciated.

Please send me a bank mandate form for the 200 Club.

Name

Address

- Four numbers have recently become available.

