



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a happy and restful summer.

Going back to school after the summer holidays can feel very busy! It's a time of new beginnings: new classrooms, new teachers, new lessons, new schools, new uniform...the list goes on.

The beginning of the school year provides a perfect opportunity to focus on Jesus and to look forward to the school year ahead.

Every day in school there will be an opportunity for children to be participate in liturgy and prayer through whole-school assemblies or class prayers led in the classroom by a member of staff or child-led prayer. These collective worship sessions are rooted in and follow on from the Sunday Mass readings or from the Religious Education theme the children are learning about in class.

Gospel message



Key Scripture

“So, if you want to be my disciple, you need to leave everything else behind and follow me.”

Luke 14: 33

In Sunday’s Gospel in the week beginning 5th September, children learned that Jesus wants us to follow Him. We discussed that it is sometimes difficult following Jesus. We identified and discussed the distractions in our everyday life that make it difficult to sometimes make the right choice: computer games, television etc...

However, without God, our lives are missing a vital element of what it means to live life to the full.

When we do choose to follow Jesus, we are making the right choice. This leads us to the Father. God’s dream is for us to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him by sharing His love with others. With the Father’s love, with Jesus to follow and with the Holy Spirit to give us strength and courage, children discovered that we can do what we are made for – live life to the full!

Additionally, children reflected and made a link between the Gospel and our school motto- ‘Love One Another as I Have Loved You’.

We discussed that when we ‘live’ our school values, we are following Jesus’ example.

Mass celebrating the start of the new school year



Children participated in Mass in school on Thursday 22nd September.

The Mass was planned, organised and led by Y6 A.

During this Mass the Pupil Chaplains were commissioned into their roles to serve.

We would like to thank all those involved in the organisation of the Mass: Mr. Askin, Mrs Fitzgerald, Mrs Galindo-Slim and to all the children who participated.

We would like to thank Fr. Peter for leading the celebration of Mass.



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School
"Love one another as I have loved you"
Pupil Chaplains



Our Pupil Chaplaincy continues to be at the centre of the Catholic life of our school.

There is a new team of Pupil Chaplains. The Pupil Chaplains were commissioned into this new role at Mass on 22nd September.

The Pupil Chaplains have been working hard organising a fundraising event to support the charity 'Macmillan Cancer Research'.

One of the Pupil Chaplains aims this year is to encourage St. Elizabeth's children, families and community to pray more. One of the ways of this is done is through the Pupil Chaplain interactive prayer table.

The focus of the prayer table in the hall is to encourage children to 'live out' our school values.

Children annotate the school value they have 'lived out' on a heart and place the heart in the treasure chest. They then light a candle and say a thanksgiving prayer.

More information about the role and work of Pupil Chaplains will be provided in the Pupil Chaplain half-termly newsletter.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention September 2022



The Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. We are invited to answer the Pope's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

Pope Francis' prayer request for September is focussed on one of the commandments: 'Thou shalt not kill'. Pope Francis wants us to pray that the death penalty should be abolished. He believes in the importance of life and the belief that a person can convert and change.

Religious Education from Reception to Y6

In September all classes have been learning about the theme 'Family'

Reception	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving

Please look at the R.E. Knowledge Organisers on the St. Elizabeth's website to obtain more detail about what your child is learning about in R.E.

Parent Prayer Club



We would like to invite parents to attend a prayer club each Friday in school. The prayer club will begin on Friday 7th October at 2:45 pm in the 'Environmental room'.

This will be an opportunity for parents to pray together and talk their faith.



The start of the school year is always a busy time for all the family.

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Why not take some time to pause and pray to God as a family?

Our top tips:

- Sit down together. Light a candle if you want to. Play some gentle music.
- Make the Sign of the Cross together and invite Jesus to be with you.
- Take a few moments of quiet, to listen and be still.
- Say a familiar prayer and/or share highlights of your day.
- Finish with the Sign of the Cross and then share how it felt to pray to God. (Peaceful? Calming? Empowering?)

In school we are praying for our brothers and sisters who have been affected by climate change and do not have enough food or water.

Let us pray

God of all,

Open our eyes to see the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Open our ears to hear your words of hope and compassion.

Open our mouths to speak up when people are suffering.

Open our hearts, to reach out in love.

Amen.