



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

15th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Celebration of the Word

As we return from our Easter break, we may feel that Easter is done, but we celebrate for 50 days, longer than we prepare for it and what a joyous time it is celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

This week's Celebration of the Word focuses on the Gospel of Luke 24: 35-48 where we hear how Jesus appeared to the Disciples some of whom were afraid but He said to them: "Peace be with you!" We can take much from Luke's Gospel, as troubled hearts must not stay in each of us, God assures us that our sins have been forgiven through His crucifixion. We should be at peace, commit ourselves to trust the Lord and rejoice and be glad of his resurrection. This will be shared by the Form Tutors with their Forms this week.

They will also be thinking some more about the Jubilee Year, dedicated by the Pope as "Pilgrims of Hope". The Jubilee Year is a time of special prayer, you can find out more [here](#). Pope Francis speaks about how we can focus on those less fortunate than ourselves during this time of Jubilee with these words:

Here I think in particular of the many refugees forced to abandon their native lands. May the voices of the poor be heard throughout this time of preparation for the Jubilee, which is meant to restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone. As the Bible teaches, "The sabbath of the land shall provide food for you, for yourself and for your male and female slaves and for your hired servant and the sojourner who lives with you; for your cattle also, and for the beasts that are in your land, all its yield shall be for food" (Lev 25:6-7).

We too can do our bit to apply the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Option for the Poor, by helping others and following in Jesus' footsteps.

Our end of the day prayer for April and our lunchtime prayer are as follows.

End of day prayer for April:

April is the month of the Holy Spirit so let us pray:



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Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lunchtime prayer:

Bless us, Oh Lord,
and these thy gifts which
we are about to receive from thy bounty,
through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

We are always happy to receive feedback so please do get in touch if you have any comments or queries, my email address is c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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