



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

29th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Celebration of the Word

This week's Celebration of the Word focuses on the feast day of St James the Lesser, the Patron Saint of our school, his feast day is celebrated on 3rd May.

St. James the Lesser, also known as James the Just, was a significant figure in the early Christian Church and one of the original apostles of Jesus. He was the son of Alphaeus and Mary, and was likely a relative of Jesus. He is mentioned several times in the New Testament. He was a humble man who gave his life in the service of others and is also remembered for his commitment to justice and to the poor. He was known to be a defender of the poor and the oppressed, and he worked tirelessly to bring about change and to promote fairness and equality.

Our Form Tutors will share with children how we can learn some lessons from St James the Lesser:

Devotion to God

St James was known for his devout faith and his commitment to serving God, even in the face of persecution and death. We can learn from his example the importance of remaining devoted to God and to living our lives according to his will.

Service to others

St James was known for his compassion and his charitable works, we can learn from his example the importance of serving others and of being selfless in our actions and our decisions.

Commitment to justice

St James was a defender of the poor and the oppressed, we can learn from his example the importance of standing up for what is right and of working to bring about positive change in the world.

Faithfulness in the face of adversity

St James faced many challenges and even persecution in his life, we can learn from his example the importance of remaining faithful to our beliefs and values, even in difficult times.

This links to the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Dignity. We are all created Imago Dei, in the image and likeness of God and should treat each person as such, just as St James the Lesser did.



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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:

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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