



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

12th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Sharing in the Prayer Life of St James' Catholic High School – Week 17

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging our pupils to attend the Chapel activities at lunchtime

Monday: Drop in to meet the Chaplain

Tuesday: Knit and Natter

Wednesday: Music

Thursday: 1:30 pm Youth SVP

Friday: Reel Faith Planning

Sunday 11th January, was Week 1 of Year A. The Gospel reading was from Matthew 3:13-17 The Baptism of Jesus. In the week beginning Monday 12th January, we will be focussing on the core value of Faith and the Catholic Social teaching of Life and dignity of the human person.



NEW! 'Reel Faith' In this group, we watch clips and look at the links to scripture. The point of this group is to spark discussion and prayer. In our first meeting we watched a clip from Home Alone and we discussed themes of revenge and intergenerational dialogue. Pupils were asked questions such as 'When did you last have a conversation with someone of a different generation.' They were asked to suggest our next clip for session 2.

All suggestions for clips that lead to discussion around biblical themes, are welcome. They must of course be age appropriate, suitable for viewing by all pupils. Please send them to the Chaplain at t.mcgeough@stjamesheadle.co.uk

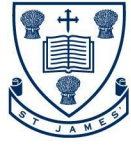
*Clips should be no longer than 5 mins. **Everyone is welcome to join in.**

Prayer for the week ahead:

In faith and family time this week, pupils will read the following poem;



With God all things are possible
Matthew 19:26



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You are Unique

In all the world's seven billion or more
There's not another you, and that's for sure
Wherever you go, you'll never find two
Because there is only one of you

No one has the same teeth, eyes or hair
Your smile, your frown, or the way you stare
You are so special and beautiful too
The world just isn't complete without you

The way you sing and the way you talk
The way you run and the way you walk
All these things make you unique
No one in the world has your physic

Your own unique body, you will find
Contains your Spirit and your Mind
Looking after your body is important to do
But remember, it's not the only part of you

Your mind is an unlimited, powerful tool
Not only to be used for learning in school
You have the ability and power to create anything
With the energy of Joy, that makes your heart sing

It's important to know, what you believe you create
But don't worry about the past, it's never too late
To change your life, start from today
Be happy in all you think, do, and say

There is the most amazing Energy of Light
A part of you, though hidden from sight
You really are a Being of Light and Love
With a body that fits, covering like a glove

You can talk to this Light inside of you
It can guide your way in what to do



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Sit still and be quiet, and you will find
The answers will appear into your mind

Some call it your Spirit and some your Soul
It is the real you and makes you whole

Trina Graves – June 2013

Let us pray for ourselves, that we will know that we are loved unconditionally by God and to live with confidence and courage that we belong. Lord help us to remember that we are *all* loved by God, even those who behave badly and that we are called to treat others as beloved children of God.

All: **Amen.** St James: **Pray for us**

Yours faithfully,

Mrs T McGeough
Lay Chaplain



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