



19th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Sharing in the Prayer Life of St James' Catholic High School – Week 18

This week, beginning Monday, 19th January, we will focus on the core value of **Family** and the **Catholic social teaching of Call to Family, Community, and Participation**

Sunday's gospel was from John 1:29-34

The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen, and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

In this reading, we are told that John the Baptist who was known to people, went ahead of Jesus and endorsed him so that the people might accept Jesus as authentic. He wanted them to recognise Jesus for who he is. He encouraged the people to be open and receptive to Jesus, a bit like a comedian might warm up the audience. God ‘named and claimed’ him for His own as we do, when we baptise our children.



We discussed this in our ‘Reel Faith group’ on Friday after watching a clip from Lilo and Stitch.

***Friday: NEW! ‘Reel Faith’** This is a prayer group with a twist. In this group, we link clips and reels to faith. This group, led by pupils, invites them to study the bible and share in discussion by seeing the links with our faith. Everyone is welcome. All age-appropriate suggestions are welcome.

Hymn Practice

Year 9 (Mon)
Year 11 (Fri)

Year 10 Retreats

Year 10 will be out on retreat on Thursday and Friday. These days will be led by the Shrewsbury Diocesan Youth team.
22nd JAM and 23rd ESC



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Lourdes Pilgrimage

In the week beginning 19th January, assemblies will be about the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes that will take place from 30th July until 7th August this year. Pupils from Year 8 and up are invited to come on the pilgrimage.

SVP This week our meeting was led by pupils who led us in prayer. We planned a fundraising activity: details to follow. We were visited by a member of an SVP group from a local Parish, Shelagh Lochery and are discussing the possibility of visiting a care home.



Yours faithfully,

Mrs T McGeough
Lay Chaplain



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