



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

17th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Sharing in the Prayer Life of St James' Catholic High School – Week 11

Sunday, 16th November, was the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time.

In this week's Gospel from Luke 21: 5-19 we hear about how terrible things may happen, but we must focus on not being led astray by false prophets and people who claim to be telling the truth, or by people who want us to ignore Jesus' teachings about kindness, compassion, and hope for all. We are all made in God's image and equal in God's eyes.

Here are some key dates to be aware of:

- 16th November: World Day of Prayer for the Poor <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/world-day-of-the-poor>
- 19th November: Day of prayer for those persecuted for their faith <https://www.opendoors.org/en-US/persecution/countries/#:~:text=The%20World%20Watch%20List%20is,sisters%20in%20prayer%20and%20action.>
- 20th November: World Children's Day <https://www.unicef.org/take-action/campaigns/world-childrens-day>
- 21st November: Celebration of Pilgrims of Hope for Schools <https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee-schools>

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your children to attend the Chapel activities.

On Tuesday 11th November, we marked Armistice Day with prayers and one minute of silence. The Last Post was played by a Year 11 child, which was very moving. We laid a wreath in remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives for the sake of our freedom. Fr. Samuel came to say Mass at lunchtime, and this was well attended. Two Year 7 children wrote beautiful bidding prayers to pray for peace and we had pupils who read the reading and the psalms. Thank you for encouraging your children to attend.

There is regular attendance at 'Knit and Natter', our beginners are producing some excellent samples and supporting each other in their learning. Thank you to Mrs Lochery for supporting the group. All are welcome, whatever your level of experience - if you cannot knit or crochet, we will teach you! We are hoping to make small items for Christmas. If any parents or grandparents would like to join us in making these items, please contact the Chaplain by email t.mcgeough@stjamescheadle.co.uk

If any pupils would like to join in and play or sing in a music for worship group, they are welcome to come to the Chapel on **Wednesday lunchtime**.

This week, we are focusing on our core value of faith and the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity and Call to Community. Children are invited to join our St Vincent De Paul (Youth SVP) group. We are going to be making Christmas cards and tealight holders as Christmas gifts for the elderly. Children from different Year groups attended last week and they brought some great ideas about what they want to do to help vulnerable



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people in our community. All are invited to join the group. We ask for your prayers and support as we give our pupils the opportunity to turn their concern for the poor and vulnerable into action.

Soon we will be electing officers and they will be commissioned in an assembly.

Prayer for the week ahead:

Lord Jesus,
you were angry and indignant when you saw people hurt by injustice.
We share your anger with those systems of injustice
and hatred in the world.
Thank you that you offer us a new way of acting
that overcomes injustice – a way of love.
Help each of us to live out the determination we share,
so that, with your Holy Spirit, we might be able
to transform the world around us. Amen

Timetable for this week's activities in the Chapel:

- **Monday: Prayer -all welcome**
- **Tuesday:** Knit and Natter
- **Wednesday:** Music for Worship Group – 1.45–2.00pm
- **Thursday:** Youth SVP at 1.30pm.
- **Friday:** Open for lunchtime prayer.



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Yours faithfully,

Mrs T. McGeough
Chaplain

