



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Monday 6th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

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

This Sunday was the 27th Sunday in Ordinary time. Our Gospel reading is from Luke Chapter 17 verses 5-10; explains that Faith can move mountains. Jesus tells us that even a tiny amount of faith, the size of a mustard seed, can perform great feats, but true discipleship involves humble service and obedience to God's commands.

This week, we are focussing on the core value of **excellence**, and the Catholic social teaching of **Rights and Responsibilities**.

On Monday 6th October, some children from St James' will take the icon that has been travelling on a pilgrimage around all the schools in the Diocese, onwards to Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in Baguley. It is a photograph of a stained, glass window in Shrewsbury Cathedral that depicts the Visitation of Mary the mother of Jesus to her cousin Elizabeth. The Visitation reminds us of Mary and Elizabeth who showed faith in God's plan and supported each other in true friendship. Key stage three classes have been reflecting on the themes of the **joy of friendship, and faith in God's plan for us**. Key stage three children have been invited to complete a page in their prayer journals, that asks them to reflect on this lesson.

Catholic Social Teaching requires us to show solidarity with others, particularly with the poor and to support fair trade. CAFOD family fast day was on Friday 3rd October and we were asked to eat simply, cut out luxuries and donate our money to CAFOD to help the poor. There is a link available on parent pay to make donations.



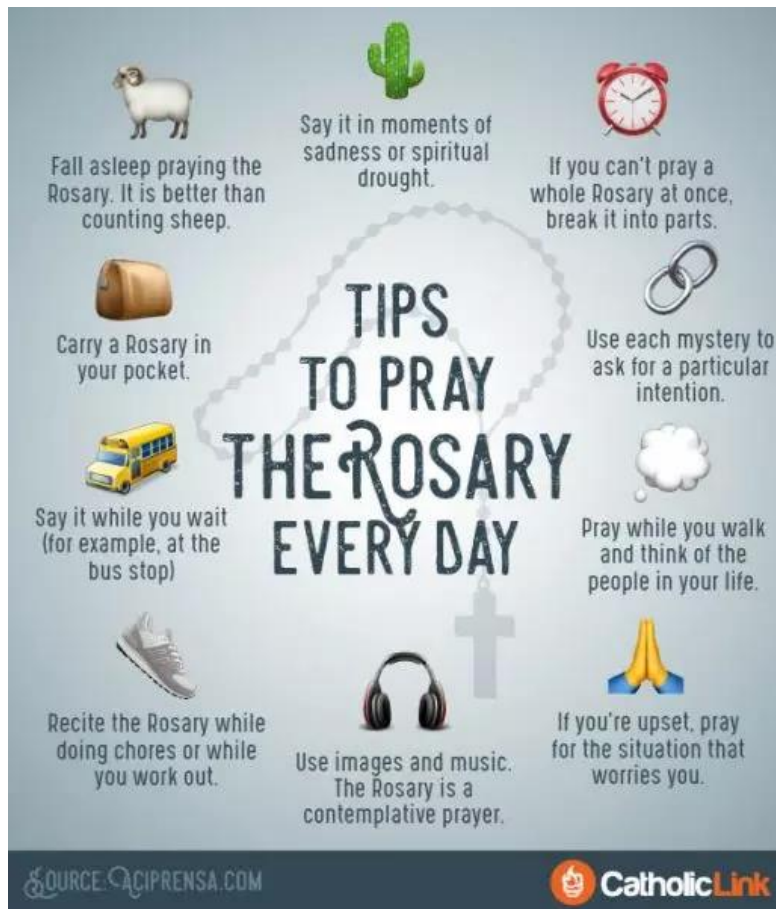
If any children would like to join in and play or sing in a music for worship group, they are welcome to come to the Chapel on Wednesday lunchtime.

At 'Knit and Natter' group last Tuesday lunchtime, we had four new members, and we welcome all who would like to crotchet or knit, whatever their experience. All are welcome - if you cannot knit or crotchet, we will teach you! We are hoping to make small items such as poppies and bobble hats with chocolates, for Christmas. If any parents or grandparents would like to join us in making these items, please contact me via email at t.mcgeough@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Finally, I would like to share with you a prayer for the week ahead. October is a time when we pay particular devotion to Mary the mother of Jesus. Children are reminded that **If there is someone you know who needs your prayers**, they are invited to come and join in the Chapel at lunchtime on Mondays and Thursdays. Rosary beads are provided.



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When we pray the rosary we say together:

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen
St James, Pray for Us

Wishing you and your families a lovely week ahead.

Yours faithfully,

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Chaplain