



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

24th November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Sharing in the Prayer Life of St James' Catholic High School – Week 12

Yesterday was the Feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday in the Church's year (Cycle C). The liturgical colour for this feast is white. Next Sunday, 30th November, will be the first Sunday in the Church's new year (Cycle A) and the first Sunday of Advent. This is because the Church follows a three-year cycle. This week's Gospel reading is about Jesus' crucifixion: *Luke 23:35–43*.



The word *King* is used more than once, demonstrating that Jesus is not the kind of earthly king we are familiar with. He is a servant king. *"His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God."* (Philippians 2:9)

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

There is regular attendance at *Knit and Natter*. Our beginners are producing some excellent samples and are supporting one another in their learning. All are welcome, whatever your level of experience — and 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 at t.mcgeough@stjamesheadle.co.uk.

If any pupils would like to join and play or sing in a music-for-worship group, they are welcome to come to the Chapel. Please see Mrs McGeough.

This week, we are focusing on our core value of *family* and the Catholic Social Teaching principle of *life and the dignity of the human person*. All children and staff are invited to join our St Vincent de Paul (Youth SVP) group. We will be making Christmas cards and tealight holders as gifts for the elderly. Children from different year groups attended last week and brought some wonderful ideas about how they would like to support vulnerable 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. Our badges and prayer cards have now arrived, and they will be formally presented to the pupils involved. We have also elected pupils to official roles.



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Matthew 19:26



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Prayer for the Week Ahead (from Youth Sunday):

O God, our Father, we thank you for giving us St Carlo Acutis, a life example for the young and a message of love for everyone.

You made him become enamoured with Your Son Jesus, making the Eucharist his "Highway to Heaven."

You gave him Mary as a most loving Mother, and through the Rosary, you made him a poet of her tenderness.

Receive his prayer for us. Above all, gaze upon the poor, whom he loved and helped.

Grant for us too, by his intercession, the grace that we need...

May his smile shine for us in the glory of Your name.

Amen.

Timetable for this week's activities in the Chapel:

Monday: Music for Worship Group – 1.45–2.00pm

Tuesday: Knit and Natter

Wednesday: Youth SVP – 1.30pm in Room OR11

Thursday: No activity (Chaplain out)

Friday: Youth SVP – 1.30pm in Room OR11



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de Paul Society
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Yours faithfully,

Mrs T. McGeough

Chaplain



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