



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

11th May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Sharing in the Prayer Life of St James' Catholic High School- Week 31

Prayer and liturgy in school

This is the sixth week of Easter Year A. *The gospel on Sunday was from John 14:15-21*

¹⁵ John 14:15-21 **"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.** ¹⁶ And I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you. ¹⁸ **"I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you.** ¹⁹ Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is, who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

The **gospel of John** tells us that Jesus said we must keep His commandments. He was not talking about the ten commandments, although these are essential, he was talking about all the things He taught us and the greatest of these is **love for God and neighbour**. Jesus said to His disciples that His spirit, the Holy Spirit, will live in us.

The Year 11 leaver's Mass

Pupils from Year 11 celebrated Mass with their families at Christchurch on 5th May. They made canvases to represent their form and these were blessed, along with the rosary beads that they were given as a gift. At the Mass, the whole teaching staff came together to pray for our pupils and to wish them well in the future. We wish them all the very best in their exams and with the next step of their faith journey. As our gospel this week reminds us, Jesus will walk beside us on our journey into the future. It is a good time to remind them that once they are part of St. James' family, they always will be...

"I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you." John 14:18





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Prayer for the week ahead:

The Memorare

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.*

St James: **Pray for us.**

Yours faithfully,

Mrs T McGeough

Lay Chaplain

