



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

15th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Sharing in the Prayer Life of St James' Catholic High School- Week 35

Prayer and liturgy in school

The Gospel is from Matthew 9:36-10:8 - Go out to the World:
Our core Value this week is faith.

Matthew 9:36-10:8 English Standard Version

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

The Twelve Apostles

10 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;^[a] ⁴ Simon the Zealot,^[b] and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

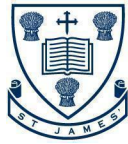
⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'^[c] ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers,^[d] cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

We might think that the disciples, just twelve of them, did this job, and accomplished their mission, which is why the Christian Church is alive today. We might also think that it is the role of missionary priests or religious sisters to go into the world and spread the gospel and that that responsibility lies in their hands. In May 2025, Pope Leo said,



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With God all things are possible Matthew 19:26



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"Our world, wounded by war, violence and injustice, needs to hear the Gospel message of God's love and to experience the reconciling power of Christ's grace."

In this sense, the Church herself, the Holy Father reaffirmed, is increasingly called to be "a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the Word ... and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity." We are all called to be missionaries, in our ordinary lives, to bring hope to others through compassion and love.

Prayers for the week ahead:

Father, teach us what it looks like to stay in step with the Holy Spirit and depend on His work in our lives:

If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us
then this world would be transformed, Lord

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world
through your love and your power.

Amen. St James: Pray for us.

Yours faithfully,

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Lay Chaplain

