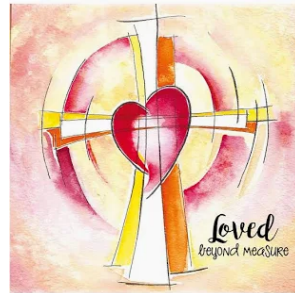




ST JAMES'
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



13th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Sharing in the Prayer Life of St James' Catholic High School – Week 27

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

SVP NEWS

On the morning of Saturday 28th March, when the wind was howling and the rain was lashing down, many people were turning over in bed or off to the gym. Five members of our SVP group went to St. Ann's Church to help serve lunch to parishioners from Churches Together. The proceeds were donated to Christian Aid. Not only did they turn up nice and early, but they were extremely cheerful, friendly, eager to help and highly competent. These five pupils spread joy and hope to about 50 guests who thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Many of the guests said so many lovely things and were really uplifted by their presence. Thank you to the following pupils for living out the values of Faith, Family and Excellence. It was an absolute privilege to spend the morning with you!

Alma H Yr 7, Ciara B Y10, Tianna C Yr10, Rose A Y10, Isabela McG Y10.

Well done and thank you, you were all fantastic! Everyone is welcome to join our Youth SVP group on Thursday lunchtime. Our next activity will be to raise money for the SVP with a Chocolate tombola.



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Prayer and liturgy in school

Pupils are invited to come to the Chapel at break time or lunchtime, if they want to talk to the Chaplain or need to take some time to pray, especially if they are having a difficult day.

Faith and Family Time

Happy Easter!

Here is a reflection that is included in our Faith and Family slides this week:

Jesus was innocent; he spent His whole life doing good work and teaching us how to love, instead of hate. He taught us a better way to live and people listened to him so the authorities wanted to silence him.

Jesus allowed Himself to be brutally tortured and killed by crucifixion.

Innocent people die every day but Jesus was different. 2,000 years ago when there was no such thing as AI and fake news, his followers mourned his death. It is hard to believe in what seems like a fairy tale, but this was different because Jesus raised Himself from the dead. Nobody else has ever done this.

Even if you struggle to believe in the resurrection of Jesus, it is easy to believe that LOVE can ALWAYS triumph over EVIL. If we read Jesus' teaching in the New Testament, and follow it, we will, in the end, win. Christians are celebrating because we believe Jesus is ALIVE!!!

Our mission this week is to feel and spread the JOY of Jesus' love for us and the good news that He is ALIVE! He has conquered evil, sin and death! Some people still choose evil but for those who choose love, evil is defeated.

Year 11 Exam preparation





Christians Against Poverty offer a prayer journal for those facing struggle.

<https://capuk.org/news-and-blog/christian-prayers-for-exams>

Exam season can feel overwhelming, but as Christians, we have a powerful resource available to us: prayer. If you're feeling anxious or overwhelmed, remember that you're not alone. Many people find comfort and strength in turning to God during challenging times. Prayer can provide comfort and focus as you navigate this season:

Gentle Jesus, in moments of anxiety before exams, I ask for your calming presence to be with pupils, parents and staff. Quiet any racing thoughts or overwhelming feelings. Fill them with your peace that surpasses all understanding. Help them to trust in the preparation they have done and to feel your love, knowing that you're with them, no matter the outcome. Amen.

Prayer for New Life and Strength for the week ahead:

Lord Jesus, you have overcome death and conquered every fear I can imagine. Help me to live each day remembering that You are alive, that You are bigger than anything or any situation. That Your power is real. Jesus, help me to walk with you.

Amen. St James: Pray for us.

Yours faithfully,

(Lay Chaplain)





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