

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The children had a great day celebrating the birthday of our Blessed Mother, Mary. They took part in various activities including creating miraculous medals and their own Mary prayer gardens.



Commitment Masses

Please pray for our children in years three and six who will be receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation later in the academic year. Year three were recently joined by members of the parish and our school families for their enrolment.



Parish Links

In preparation for the Year of Prayer, we will be setting up parish prayer partners. This will involve members of the parish writing prayer intentions, which our children will pray for each day. Our Catholic Life leaders will be talking about this following a Sunday mass in January.

Christmas

We wish all of our families a happy and holy Christmas. Enjoy spending time with your loved ones over the festive period. The mass times at St. George & St. Martin's this Christmas are as follows:

Christmas Eve - 5pm & 9:30pm

Christmas Day - 9:30am

St. Stephen's (Boxing) Day - 10am

'He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth.'



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It has been another busy term at St. George & St. Martin's and the children have continued to play an active role in growing the Catholic life of our school.

Mission Teams

It has been brilliant to see the number of children who applied to be part of our Mission teams. They have now received their badges and will begin meeting next term to plan various initiatives.



'Let no one despise you for your youth, but set an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith.'



Inspire Mornings

The first of our Inspire mornings have taken place. Thank you to all of the parents who supported these. Year six focused on the feast of All Souls. Years one and two honoured our Blessed Mother, Mary making finger Rosaries and portraits. Year Five explored how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and created their own artwork entitled Jesus 'Light of the World'.



Catholic Social Teaching



Aspire
not to
have more
but to be
more

Our children have continued to live out their faith and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching this term. All of our children have been active in their support of local and national charities in an effort to make a positive difference to society.

'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'



Some of our actions this term have included supporting the local Daycare centre, Dougie Mac cake sale, Splat the Teacher fundraiser, Food Bank collection, Harvest Festival and One Million Children Pray the Rosary. We thank you for your support with each of these initiatives and in particular for your kind donations to our charity work and Harvest Festival food collection.



RISE Theatre - God's Planet

We were joined by a theatre company where the children explored themes of climate change, God's love for us and how we can be better stewards of God's amazing creation.

Christmas Nativities & Carol Concert

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming families to our Christmas performances. Well done to all of the staff and children for their hard work in putting them together.



Red Wednesday

On 29th November, the children wore red as part of Red Wednesday. This day raises awareness of the persecution of Christians simply for living out their faith.

Higaonon Tree Project

We have recently joined a collaborative project between schools in the UK and the Higaonon indigenous people on the island of Mindanao, Southern Philippines. Each of the twenty Catholic schools will commit to support the planting and nurturing of Philippine indigenous trees through fundraising over a period of five years.



Advent Prayer & Liturgy

As a collegiate, we shared Advent Prayer & Liturgy sessions which were planned by our children and Matt the Collegiate chaplain. Our Advent Prayer video can be viewed by scanning the QR code.

Each of our classes have also led a whole school Advent Liturgy. These took us on a journey from the Annunciation to Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.



Combined Schools' Mass

Thank you to those children who represented the school at the Combined Schools' Mass celebrated by Canon Paul.

