

Pilgrims of Hope Retreat Day

Year 5 joined with other schools from the Newman Collegiate for a morning of activities, prayer and song led by Dan and Emily from One Life Music. The theme for the retreat was pilgrims of hope.



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.



'The sacraments are Jesus Christ's presence in us.'



Masses

Our children have represented our school at lots of different masses this term, including the CMAT launch, Newman closing and combined schools' mass.

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

'For unto you is born this day a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.'



St. George & St. Martin's Catholic Life Newsletter



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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

Our Mission Teams have continued to work hard over the last few months. The Catholic Life leaders have carried out many initiatives and our Rosary and Bible clubs have been well attended.

'Young people, you are the promise of hope for many of us.'

Pope Leo

Catholic Life Pledges

Each class has completed their first Catholic Life pledge of the year. The children have chosen one pledge for each learning block to live out their faith. Here are year 3 on their litter pick in the local area.



'Forming Christ-centred pilgrims of hope with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.'

St Gabriel the Archangel

As you know, we have now joined our new CMAT and family of 64 schools. Some of our staff and children went to the launch mass whilst the rest of the school watched online and have a celebratory picnic afterwards.



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.

'Whatever you did for the least of one of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'



REVERSE ADVENT
CALENDAR



Thank you for your contributions to all of our charity initiatives this term. These have included the foodbank, Harvest, reverse Advent calendar and our 'Swap Shop'.



Alton Castle Retreat

Year 5 went on residential retreat to Alton Castle. The theme of the retreat was the year of Jubilee and being Pilgrims of Hope. They had a great time!



Nativity Carol Concert

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming families to our Nativity Carol service. It was a wonderful celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you also to the children who sang at the parish Carol service to raise funds for the bellcote.

Red Wednesday

On 19th November, the children wore red as part of Red Wednesday. This day raises awareness of the persecution of people simply for living out their faith.



Advent Candle

An Advent candle has made its way around each of our new family of schools. We received the candle from Our Lady and St. Benedict's and then took it to St. John's. The candle reminded us of the light of Christ that comes at Christmas and our shared journey of faith.

Advent Prayer Services

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



CAFOD Appeal

David, our CAFOD representative, led an assembly for us about CAFOD's current appeal. He also led Jubilee workshops with some of our classes. Rather than our usual Secret Santa, staff will be donating to the CAFOD appeal. We hope to raise enough to provide a water tank for an entire village.

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needs all of us