

Pope Leo's Special Monthly Mention

The Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. We are invited to answer the Pope's request and to join in with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

September - For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

October - For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Discuss as a family: What we can do to take care of the world in which we live?



St William of York RC Primary School

RE & Faith Life Newsletter



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***Together, as God's family we are
learning through love, forgiveness,
respect and compassion to use our unique gifts,
challenging and transforming our world.***

Welcome

We thank everyone at school who continue to support us living out our mission during our first term of the school year.

This newsletter will keep you up to date with important updates and messages that run throughout both the liturgical year and St William's faith life too.



Our Local Charity– Emmaus, Bolton

Lots of our charitable donations this year will go to the Emmaus centre, Bolton. Emmaus Bolton provides a home and work opportunities for people with experience of homelessness. The aim of the centre is for the local community become as self-sustainable as possible. They offer a wide range of services in addition to lots of shops. As well as new and second-hand shops there's a garden centre on site, a workshop where furniture is made to order, a scrap store of recycled art and craft supplies and a recycling centre, where unwanted goods are turned into saleable items to raise funds.



Gospel Assemblies

Throughout September and October, Mrs Coyle and the GIFT team lead our whole school Celebration of the Word, assemblies, where the children listen to stories from the Gospel.

Luke 16:10-13

It can be hard to focus on God when our hearts are distracted! In this Gospel, Jesus recalls the two most important commandments - love God and love your neighbour. Removing earthly distractions can help us focus on putting God first in our lives, which in turn helps us to love our neighbours well.

Luke 16:19-31

The children reflected on the secret of true wealth: their faith in God and the gifts He gives us. Through the parable of the rich man and the poor man, we explored how God wants them to live life to the full now and for eternity!

Luke 17:11-19

This Gospel reading tells us that it doesn't matter how big or how small our faith is; in fact, even with faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, God can do amazing things. This is because the results don't depend on us - they depend on God.

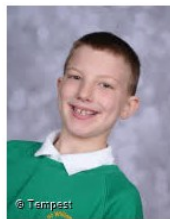
Luke 18:1-8

Faith requires us to be expectant both that God will hear us and that He will respond. In listening to the Word of God this week, the children reflect how having gratitude for God's gifts to us help us to recognise that He is our Saviour.



Meet the GIFT Team

The primary purpose of our GIFT Team is to spread the word of God in our school and beyond. We aim to promote friendship, love and respect in school and the wider community and uphold our mission statement, values and ethos.



Throughout the year we lead collective worship, organise events and support our younger pupils in their prayer and worship.



Meet the Caritas Ambassadors

The role of our team is to take steps, however big or small, that invite action and share the message of Caritas. We want to help support people experiencing poverty and disadvantage in our community and put Catholic Social Teaching into practice!



Faith Life Dates

(To be confirmed on the arrival on the new Parish Priest)



24.9.25	Whole School Mass for the new school year	9.30am
25.9.25	Y6 Catholic Social Teaching assembly	2.45pm
26.1.25	Macmillan Coffee Morning	9.30am
17.10.25	Harvest Coffee Morning	9.00am
23.10.25	Caritas Ambassador training with Salf Diocese Reps	1.30pm
23.10.25	Y6 Catholic Social Teaching assembly	2.45pm
26.11.25	Whole School Mass for Advent in school	9.30am
10.12.25	Lantern Festival & School Fayre	TBD
11.12.25	Parishioners Coffee Afternoon	2.00pm
15.12.25	Journey to Bethlehem Day	
17.12.25	Whole School Mass in school	9.30am
17.12.25	EYFS Nativity	2.00pm
19.12.25	Carol Concert Coffee morning	9.00am

*Shining as we learn in
Faith, Family and Friendship!*