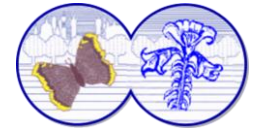


# St Joseph's Camberwell Catholic Schools' Federation



## RE Newsletter 1

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term.

### Prayer

Prayer is an important part of our school life, so it is important as parents that you teach your child/children how to first of all **bless themselves** (making the sign of the cross). Also, it is important they learn how to say the **"Hail Mary and Our Father"** prayers. We encourage you to include this in your daily prayers as a family.

#### Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your  
womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

#### Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy Name;  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

8 <sup>th</sup> September	Our Lady's Birthday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Guardian Angels
21 <sup>st</sup> September	St. Matthew	4 <sup>th</sup> October	St Francis of Assisi
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Our Lady of Walsingham	7 <sup>th</sup> October	Our Lady of the Rosary
27 <sup>th</sup> September	St Vincent de Paul	9 <sup>th</sup> October	St John Henry Newman
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	12 <sup>th</sup> October	St Wilfrid
30 <sup>th</sup> September	St. Jerome	13 <sup>th</sup> October	St Edward the Confessor
1 <sup>st</sup> October	St Theresa of the Child Jesus	15 <sup>th</sup> October	St Teresa of Avila
		18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Luke

*Throughout Ordinary Time: Autumn we are asked to pray for the following intentions:*

The Harvest - the Fruits of Human Work - and the Reverent Use of Creation

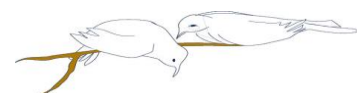
Students and Teachers, The Spread of the Gospel, Justice and Peace in the World, Prisoners and their Families, All Victims of War, Young People

## Year 6 – The Kingdom of God

**"Instead, be concerned above everything else with the Kingdom of God and with what he requires of you, and he will provide you with all these other things." (Matthew 6:33)**

The children will be introduced to Jesus' teaching about the Kingdom of God; a teaching central to his life and mission. They will be taught the concept of the Kingdom of God through some of the parables and miracles of Jesus and will explore the ways in which people respond to Jesus' invitation to belong to his Kingdom.

Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like? To what can I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden. When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches." [Mk 10:46-47](#)



The children will have the chance to:

- reflect on what the Kingdom of God is like and is not like
- understand some of the parables of the Kingdom
- reflect on the importance of responding to the invitation to the Kingdom
- reflect on the words and deeds necessary to show commitment to the Kingdom
- know there are three kinds of miracle
- know that Jesus' miracles reflected the beginning of the Kingdom and show us what God is like

### **At Home**

You could help your children by:

- asking them to explain the meaning of the Kingdom of God
- discuss the parables and their meaning
- read a miracle story and discuss what it tells us about God