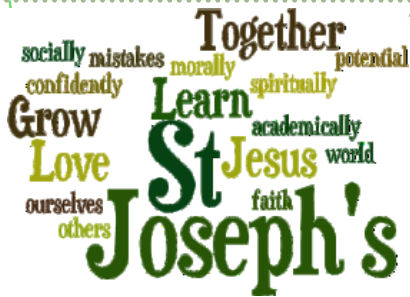


St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



Gospel Reading for

Sunday 15th September

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 8: 27-35



Headteacher Message

"All good things must come to an end" is an idiom that is used when enjoyable experiences conclude—I have certainly felt that this week, as my summer holiday memories become a recollection of the distant past. It is so good to recuperate and recharge, but getting back into a routine (which can be difficult) is also helpful and enables us to structure and control our lives. Some children (and staff) have found it difficult to return or start school this week. Parents have felt guilt at leaving pupils when they have been upset, but after over 30 years in education I can safely say that all pupils (and staff) will settle into school life and enjoy the learning experiences provided for them.

'The 'Meet the teacher' meetings next week and the week after will enable you to understand what the year will hold for your child. These meetings are held in the morning and evening so that all parents can attend. Vital information about topics and routines, important for your child, will be shared. You will also have the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher and begin to build the relationship which will enable your child to thrive. Please check the school calendar on the website and attend the relevant meeting.

At the start of the year, it is essential to develop good habits for timekeeping and expectations. All pupils should be on their playground by 8.45am, so that when the whistle is blown at 8.45am they are ready to walk to their class line and enter the building.

Entering the gate at 8.45am makes this a difficult task—please support your child to be punctual. In addition, we have clear expectations regarding school uniform and would ask that you check that your child has the correct items. The uniform policy can be found on the school website. Thank you to all parents in advance of a great year of learning here at

St Joseph's.

School Information

Morning Procedures

With the new school timings we have made changes to the start of the day and have been evaluating the most effective way to get pupils onto the school grounds in the morning. Whilst meeting and remaining on the playground has been extremely successful on the Key Stage 2 playground, it has been more of a challenge in Key Stage 1. Therefore on Monday 16th September, pupils in Key Stage 1, as well as pupils in Reception and Preschool will enter the building from 8.30am, making their way to their classroom, rather than remaining on the playground. Teachers will be in their classrooms ready to greet the children and settle them at the start of the day. Please be reminded that only the parents of pupils in Reception and Preschool may come onto the school grounds—parents of pupils in all other year groups must say goodbye at the main gate and allow their child to enter independently. Please do not distract the adults who are supervising pupils as they enter school. Should you wish to speak to an adult who is on the gate, you will need to make an appointment at the school office. Thank you for your cooperation and as always, please be assured that the safety of your child is of the utmost importance.

HOUSEPOINTS THIS WEEK (RUNNING TOTALS)

The reporting of housepoints will begin next week.

St David

St George

St Andrew

St Patrick

Awards

During our weekly celebration assembly on Friday, we present the children with Class Champion Awards. These are for those children who have stood out and displayed the key qualities of their class saint that week. The children receive a certificate and wear the Class Champion Lanyard for the week. This enables them to have special privileges such as walking Joey, being the line leader, going into lunch first with a friend and being allowed on all the play equipment all week (even when it is not their year groups turn).



Well done to all our winners this week who are listed below.

RC	Tighe Rochford	RMG	Ivy-Luella Rabaja
1B	Dylan Jordan	1D	Amelia Taylor Cairns
2E	Riley-George	2ME	Emily Marsh
3S	Amelia Chichirau	3B	Dominic Augustin
4FG	Jessica Johnson	4B	Ella Fahy
5F	Sofia Jesus	5D	Lennox Draper
6ST	Luke Logan	6O	Lena Kwiatkowska

In addition to our class champion certificates we also reward children who display our learning characteristics during the week. These children receive a Rainbow Award Certificate.

Well done to the following children who received these awards this week:

Evie Lawson, Thomas O'Reilly, Darcie Cumber Wilson, Harriet Matthews, Alice Young, Maahi Sharma, Teddy Robertson, Harriet Young, Lacey McCarthy, Charlotte De Charmant, Rosalind Matthews and Patrick Soriano.



School Key Information

Meet The Teacher Presentations

16th September UKS2 (Y5&6) - 9.00 or 6.30pm
18th September LKS2 (Y3&4) - 9.00am or 6.30pm
19th September KS1 (Y1&2) - 9.00am and 6.30pm
Booking is not required

PUNCTUALITY & SAFEGUARDING

MORNING

It is extremely important to ensure that children arrive to school on time.

At 8.45am the main school gates, and doors to both the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 buildings are locked. After this time children cannot enter the school via the playgrounds

If your child is not on either playground by 8.45am you must park outside of the school grounds and accompany them to the school office to sign them in.

AFTERNOON

The priority at the end of the school day is to ensure that children are dismissed to the correct parents. To help us do this please....

STAND WELL BACK and wait for the teacher to dismiss your child.

DO NOT BE OFFENDED if you are asked for your password.

ENSURE YOU HAVE SHARED your password with any other adult collecting your child.

Your child is not permitted to RUN off to you—please do not encourage them to do so.

SCHOOL KEY INFORMATION

Calendar

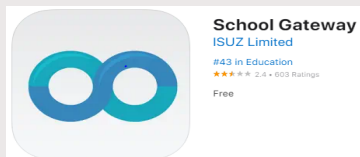
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Please check the [School Calendar](#) regularly to ensure you are aware of forthcoming events.

Email communications are sent to you via

Schoolcomms

To ensure **text messages** are received, please visit the [App Store](#) to download



Enter your email address and mobile phone number that you have set up for school.

A PIN number will be sent to you and text messages will appear via this App.

**WITHOUT THE APP YOU WILL NOT
RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES**

Social Media

Make sure that you keep up to date with all the wonderful and interesting things we are doing in school by regularly checking in to facebook / twitter (X).

There is now so much information on our social media platforms and Miss Minoli is adding new things all the time.

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School Reminders

SWEETS & TREATS

It is not permitted to distribute sweets or treats to other children on school grounds. Many children have allergies and are not permitted these items.

Playground equipment

Reminder to all parents—the children and any siblings are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment on KS1 or KS2 play areas out of school time. Children are not allowed on this equipment at the end of the day. Please also be aware that the Forest School area should not be entered by the children out of school hours. Please make sure that you keep your children with you at the end of the day to ensure that children are kept safe.



BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR BADGE IS CLEARLY DISPLAYED. PLEASE ABIDE BY

HIGHWAY CODE WHILST DRIVING

PLEASE USE PARKING PRIVILEGES ONLY WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING THE DESIGNATED

BLUE BADGE HOLDER

PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED AT OTHER TIMES.

Vehicles Idling

Please do not leave car engines running.

Vehicle idling is an offence against the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002



PACKED LUNCHES

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it contains a selection of well balanced nutritional items. We are a NUT FREE ZONE and children are not permitted to bring items containing nuts of any kind (this includes chocolate spread).

Your child will be asked to take the contents of their lunch boxes home and not dispose of them in school to ensure that parents can see what has been eaten that day.