



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

1st July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Celebration of the Word

This week's Celebration of the Word focuses on the Feast Day of the Ss Peter and Paul that was celebrated last Sunday. These two saints are celebrated on the same day because Jesus founded his church on Saint Peter, and Saint Paul was the greatest evangelist in the history of the church. They were very different from each other and although each Apostle had a different mission, together they built the church that Jesus Christ founded.

Saint Peter was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus. Catholic tradition holds that Jesus established St. Peter as the first Pope and he was the longest reigning. Jesus also gave him "the keys of the kingdom of heaven" saying to him "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church". St Paul was a Christian apostle who spread the teachings of Jesus in the first-century world, founded several Christian communities and was converted on the road to Damascus. He spread the word of Jesus and turned Christianity into a worldwide faith that was open to all.

The children will think about how they can follow the examples of St Peter and St Paul, and how they can be apostles and share the Good News throughout the world through their actions. This week's Celebration of the Word links to the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Solidarity considering how we can work together to make a more just world.

Our end of the day prayer for July and our lunchtime prayer are as follows.

End of day prayer for June:

July is the month in the church's year which is dedicated to the precious blood of Jesus so we pray this prayer attributed to St Catherine of Siena:

Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us.
Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace.
Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us.
Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us.
Amen

Lunchtime prayer:

Bless us, Oh Lord,
and these thy gifts which



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we are about to receive from thy bounty,
through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

We are always happy to receive feedback so please do get in touch if you have any comments or queries, my email address is c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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With God
all things are possible

Matthew 19:26