



Catholic School Pupil Profile
Faith-filled and Hopeful
 What does this mean?
 Catholic Schools help their pupils grow by passing on the living and the **faith-filled** tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them, in turn, to have faith and **hope** in others.
Please see RE Live for additional resources

Autumn 2
Ordinary Time— Green cloth. During November, your prayer focus could include pictures of Saints e.g. St. Oscar Romero or especially Saints related to your school / parish. You could also include a book / basket for people to include the names of those who have died.
Advent begins Sunday 2nd December
Change your prayer focus to purple cloth.
 We will be running an 'Advent Classroom Prayer Focus' competition. Tweet us or email d.harris@bdes.org.uk with your Advent Prayer focus and there may be a prize in store for you! We will upload entries to the website.

November
(1st Nov) The Feast of All Saints - A chance for us to celebrate and pray for the lives of all Saints and Martyrs (known and unknown) throughout history.
The month of Holy Souls—We pray for all those who have died and are in Purgatory; that they will soon enjoy their eternal reward in heaven.
December—Advent
 A time of preparation; Reconciliation Services (8th Dec) Diocesan Feast: The Immaculate Conception
Whole School Experiences
Journey—Place pictures of the Magi travelling and change them each day to a different place in school. You could run a competition to see who found them each day during Advent.
Reverse Advent Calendar— Using boxes (photocopier boxes ideal). Make a numbered box display. Each day, children are challenged to give to the calendar instead of take. These items can then be donated to a local charity.

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Catholic School Pupil Profile - Reflection for Staff
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 Does your school give hope by persistently building up the faith of the pupils in themselves? How do you build a community?
 Does the school faithfully pass on the living Christian tradition? Does it really put Christ at the centre of everything it does?
 How do you notice when pupils lack faith and hope? What do you do about it?

Resources and Websites
 The RE Live Website is currently being updated to include a variety of new resources including Collective Worship.
Real Advent Calendar. Some schools have purchased one per class
<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/pages/real-advent-campaign>
Youtube—Busted Halo, Advent in 2 mins
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S02K0lw7dIA>
Catholic Icing Website
<http://www.catholicicing.com/advent-and-christmas-with-kid/>
Catholic Mom Website
http://www.catholicmom.com/advent_kids.htm
Please share any of your own resources/ideas via Twitter or email.

Adoremus



Thank you to all schools who took part in Adoremus. A truly wonderful time spent with Jesus present in the Eucharist.

Dates for the Diary

Date	
1 st November	Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation
2 nd November	All Souls Day - The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
8 th November	Memorial in Oxfordshire of Blessed George Napier
9 th November	Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 th November	Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church
11 th November	Armistice Day. Remembrance Day
12 th November	Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
18 th November	World Day of the Poor
21 st November	Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
22 nd November	Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr
24 th November	Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, Companions, Martyrs
25 th November	(Youth day) Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
30 th November	Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle
1 December	Feast of St. Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr
2 nd December	First Sunday of Advent
3 rd December	Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest
7 th December	Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop, doctor of the Church
8 th December	Solemnity of the Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
13 th December	Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
14 th December	Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

CAFOD Resources

Advent Calendar - Advent have their own Interactive Advent Calendar PowerPoint that can be shown via your whiteboard each day. This contains a mix of prayer and action. Find it here; <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Advent-calendar-for-children> or by Googling 'CAFOD Advent Calendar 2018'.

World Gifts - Starting from £2, CAFOD have a wide range of gifts that help others when purchased. Each gift is an example of CAFOD's work and when you choose to buy, you support the area of CAFOD's work that the gift represents. For example, when you buy chickens, you support their work with poor farmers in rural areas of developing countries by contributing to their Livestock, Agriculture and Livelihoods fund. Check it out for yourself at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or by Googling CAFOD World Gifts. Why not purchase a World Gift for the staffroom in your school rather than sending individual Christmas Cards?

You may wish to run World Gifts as a whole school Advent campaign. CAFOD have produced a Primary and Secondary Assembly pack, classroom resources and a range of collective worship resources to help you. These are linked to the Nativity Story and parts are written for children to help lead the launch assembly. This can be found <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/World-Gifts-for-schools>

'Kidz Zone' - CAFOD have a range of activities for children to access at home or school. Activities include, About CAFOD, online games, colouring, word searches, global recipes and children's prayers. The video section contains accessible videos which explains difficult concepts such as Climate change, Refugees and Fairtrade in a child friendly way. These can be accessed via <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Kidz-Zone> or by Googling 'CAFOD Kidz Zone'.

Assemblies - CAFOD have a network of Diocesan volunteers who work across England and Wales to raise funds and awareness of global poverty and injustice through parishes, schools and networks. You can book a CAFOD volunteer for your school assembly / class workshop via <https://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/CAFOD-in-your-area>



Whole School Homework

Perhaps you could challenge children to make their own Advent Wreath at home. Tweet #Adventchallenge

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