

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Pupils in a Catholic school are growing to be **faith-filled** in their beliefs and **hopeful** for the future.

What does this mean?

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by passing on the living and **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.

Pray it



Linking Faith-filled and Hopeful to prayers of the Church and Liturgical Season.

Prayer suggestions and activities:

- Pray to the Holy Spirit and learn about the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray on the feast of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher (June 22nd), may we show the courage of faith that they did.
- Pray that we are inspired by the life of St. Peter and Paul (June 29th) to share our faith with others as they did.
- For the world: We pray for recovery from COVID-19.
- Pray for those around the world who suffer persecution.
- Pray for those who are denied their human rights.
- Pray for those who are leaving Primary education and are beginning their journey in Secondary school.
- Pray for the Martyrs of the Church who gave their lives for the future of the Church.
- Pray for those who engage in missionary work around the world. We pray that they communicate the Gospel message effectively and people receive the message with openness.

Explore it



Linking Faith-filled and Hopeful to scripture, meaning and teachings of the Church, Pope Francis and the Saints.

Scripture to Explore: -

- Mark 4:26-34 Explore the scripture of the mustard seed. Can you explain why this piece of scripture has been chosen to illustrate the Virtues contained within the CSPP?
- Explore the Cardinal virtues of Faith, Hope and Love (sometimes called charity) that we receive at Baptism. What are your hopes for a better world in the future?
- Explore the words of Pope Francis: *'Amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others.'*
- On June 29th we celebrate the witness of St. Peter and St. Paul. Research how they lived their lives to enable the early Christian Church to grow.

Picture It

Linking Faith-filled and Hopeful to artwork



The Catholic School Pupil Profile (CSPP) tag cloud is linked with the parable of the mustard seed from St. Mark's Gospel. The young people in our schools are like the small seed. With care and encouragement and good teaching they grow tall and put out big branches, attracting the birds of the air.

If you look closely at the image, you can see a Goldfinch perched on one of the branches. Since medieval times, the goldfinch has been used as a symbol of Christ. The legend has it that when Jesus was on the cross, a goldfinch tried to pluck the thorns from the crown on Jesus' head.

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The Sacred Heart

Select a range of religious artwork including traditional and contemporary images, stained glass and statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Select an image which you are drawn to, explain why and how you think it portrays being faith-filled and hopeful.



Live it



Linking Faith-filled and Hopeful to the way we can choose to live our lives to serve God and to serve others.

Activities, Challenges and Discussions.

- Vocations: Explore how your vocation will help you become men and women for others.
- Write a prayer or lead a Collective Worship on the theme of faith-filled and hopeful.
- St. Paul is the Patron saint of Missionaries and Evangelists. How can you share your faith with others?
- Support a younger child in school by helping them grow in faith by being a prayer partner, reading them a Bible story or by showing them the loving face of Jesus.
- Learn about how others share their faith in the world: <https://missiontogether.org.uk/mission-together-map/>
- Notice those around you who are faith-filled and hopeful. What can you do to develop these virtues in your own life?
- Make an image of the Sacred Heart to be displayed in the classroom or children's homes and encourage them to pray the Sacred Heart Novena.
- Be faith-filled to others through your words and actions. Do you keep the promises you make to God, yourself and others?

Sing it



Linking Faith-filled and Hopeful to traditional and contemporary music.

- This is my body: Jimmy Owens
- Faithful One: Brian Doerksen
- You are Worthy: CJM Music
- Bread of Life, Hope for the world: Bernadette Farrell
- In Christ Alone: Stuart Townsend
- Nothing but the blood of Jesus: Robert Lowry
- The Voice of Hope: Lara Martin
- The Blessing: Steven Furtick et al.
- Lord of all Hopefulness: Fan Struther
- Faith of our Fathers: Frederick William Faber
- One more step along the road I go: Sydney Carter
- Morning has broken: Eleanor Farjeon
- Amazing Grace: John Newton

Sunday Gospels to Explore

Gospels reflective of Faith-filled and Hopeful highlighted

6th June Mark 14:12-16, 22-26	This is my body; this is my blood
13th June Mark 4:26-34	The Kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all
20th June Mark 4:35-41	Even the wind and the sea obey him
27th June Mark 5:21-24, 35-43	Little girl, I tell you to get up
4th July Mark 6:1-6	A prophet is only despised in his own country
11th July Mark 6: 7-13	Take nothing with you
18th July Mark 6:30-34	They were like sheep without a shepherd

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