

**Faith-filled and Hopeful**

Pupils are growing to be Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future. 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 themselves and others.

**Ordinary Time: Autumn and the season of Advent (November 27)**

**Pray it**

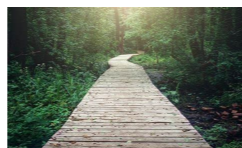


**Linking Faith-filled and Hopeful to prayers of the Church and Liturgical Season.**

**Prayer suggestions and activities:**

- Use the Acts of Faith, Hope & Love in prayer.
- The month of November is dedicated to the month of the Holy Souls.
- Pray the 'Eternal Rest' prayer for those who have died that the Lord will look with mercy on the souls of the faithful departed so that all will have receive the hope of eternal rest with God in heaven. Reflect upon the line 'Let perpetual light shine upon them.'
- November 1– All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation- Pray for the intercession of school patron saints, class and house saints that they may inspire our own faith.
- Learn the prayers of upcoming saints for the liturgical seasons e.g. St. Martin de Porres.
- November 20– The Solemnity of Christ the King (World Youth Day)– We pray on this date, the start of the new liturgical year, that young people may be people of Faith and Hope for the future.
- November 23- Pray for the work of Aid to the Church in Need
- The season of Advent begins November 27.
- Pray using the method of Lectio Divina to reflect on the two themes of Advent: Christ will come again & anticipation of the celebration of Jesus' birth.
- Participate in Reconciliation services during the season of Advent, to prepare our heart and minds.
- December 8– Patronal Diocesan Feast: The Immaculate Conception. Pray for the intercession of Mary that she may strengthen our own faith through her faith-filled example.

**Explore it**



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

**Activities and Questions:**

- November 1-Research different ways in which saints affiliated with your school demonstrated the virtues/
- Research saints who have recently been beatified or canonised, including Blessed Carlo Acutis, Blessed Pauline Jaricot, Saint Charles de Foucauld.
- Explore the miracles attributed to them and their journey towards sainthood.
- Find out how the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 and Holy Souls (The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) on November 2 are commemorated around the world
- Research global Advent traditions which link to being people of faith and hope, e.g. Bambinelli
- In Pope Francis' first Encyclical Lumen Fidei (The Light of Faith) he reminds us all that our faith is an amazing gift from God and a powerful force for good that can transform people's lives. How can you express this in your life?

**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 and challenges:**

- November 1– Dress as your favourite saint who demonstrated the virtues of being faith-filled and hopeful. Participate in a speed sainting activity where you talk about your chosen saint to others.
- What action can you take to be faith-filled & hopeful in living out your School Mission?
- Create an Advent liturgy that focuses on being faith-filled and hopeful.
- Get involved in local, national and international Advent Fundraising projects
- Make and take your Bambinelli along to church on the 3rd Sunday of Advent to be blessed
- Create a Reverse Advent calendar to collect items for those in need 'Your presence is a present to the world' Let this saying guide you during the season of Advent. Remember the real meaning of the season.
- Explore the work of local, national and international charitable organisations. What Advent Fundraising projects are they involved in? e.g. providing care packages, providing homelessness shelters.
- Explore the Aid to the Church in Need campaign 'Make Room with ACN this Advent' which invites young people to consider how they might let go of the things that prevent them from knowing God, and to 'make room' for God in prayer and acts of charity by joining with ACN to help people in desperate need. [Aid to the Church in Need | Make Room with ACN this Advent \(acnuk.org\)](http://Aid to the Church in Need | Make Room with ACN this Advent (acnuk.org))

**Sunday Gospels to Explore**

**Gospels reflective of Faith-filled and Hopeful highlighted**

30 <sup>th</sup> October	Luke 19:1-10	Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 20: 27, 34-38	He is God, not of the dead, but of the living
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 21:5-19	The destruction of the Temple foretold
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Luke 23:35-43	Today you will be with me in paradise
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Matthew 24:37-44	The son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Matthew 3:1-12	The one who follows me will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Matthew 11:2-11	A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen

**Sing it**



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

- [Be thou my vision](#) - Dallán Forgaill
- [In Christ Alone](#)—Keith Getty
- [For all the Saints](#)—Earl Nelson
- [Here I am to worship](#)— Tim Hughes
- [Faithful one](#)—Brian Doerksen
- [The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came](#)– Sabine Baring-Gould
- [O Come, O Come Emmanuel](#)– Thomas Helmore
- When is He coming? - David Palmer

**Picture It**

**Linking Faith-filled and Hopeful to artwork.**



*The Annunciation* by Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937)

December 8 is the Patronal Diocesan Feast:

The Immaculate Conception

- How does this painting reflect Mary's words to the Angel Gabriel in the Gospel account of Luke 1:26-38, the Annunciation?
- How does Mary's 'yes' to the will of God inspire you to be Faith-filled and Hopeful?

**Faith-filled and Hopeful (Autumn 2 2022)**

Further explore Faith-filled and Hopeful by reading The Jesuit Publication found;

[http://jesuitinstitute.org/Pages/JPP/JPP%20Birmingham/JPP%20Booklet%20Birmingham%20\(2017\).pdf](http://jesuitinstitute.org/Pages/JPP/JPP%20Birmingham/JPP%20Booklet%20Birmingham%20(2017).pdf)