

Intentional and Prophetic

Pupils are becoming **Intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

What does this mean?

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by being a school community which is **intentional** in its way of proceeding to build-up quality of life; and which is **prophetic** in the way it offers an alternative vision of education and the human person rooted in the gospel.

Pray it

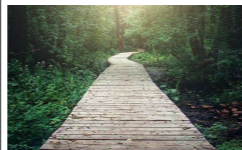


Linking Intentional and Prophetic to prayers of the Church and Liturgical Season

Prayer suggestions and activities:

- Pray to the Saints asking for their intercession
- Pray the prayers that Saints have written;
 - Some definite service (Links in a chain), St. Newman.
 - Christ has no body, St. Teresa of Avila
- Pray and Learn the Diocesan Vocation prayer for those who have dedicated their life to serve others
- Pray the Examen (Ignatian Prayer) <http://jesuitinstitute.org/Pages/JPP/8%20Intentional%20Prophetic/JPPIntentionalProphetic.htm>
- Pray Pope Francis' 5 Finger Prayer
- Prayer intentions for Migrants and Refugees (3 Dec) and Expectant Mothers. (20 Dec)
- Feast of Christ the King Mass - Youth Sunday
- Praying and preparing ourselves and the world for the Second coming of Christ
- Use the ideas from Practical Prayer Ideas booklet. E.G use the paperchain prayer idea for the season of Advent.

Explore it



Linking Intentional and Prophetic to scripture, meaning and teachings of the Church, Pope Francis and the Saints

Scripture to Explore:

- Matthew 5:1-2 Light on a lampstand
- Isaiah 40: 3-5, 21-22, 29-29, 30 Prepare the way of the Lord
- Luke 1:26-38 The Annunciation

Activities and Questions:

- How did the words and actions of your school/house/class saint reflect the virtue Intentional and Prophetic?
- Use the Beatitudes as a source for an examination of conscience.
- Discuss the symbolism of the Advent wreath and make one.
- Explore the challenges faced by Migrants and Refugees.
- How and why was the first crib scene created? (St. Francis of Assisi)
- Explore the journey of the Magi and their intention to follow the star.
- Who is God calling you to be?
- How can you live your life in an intentional way?
- How can you be prophetic in the example you set to others?

Live it



Linking Intentional and Prophetic to the way we can choose to live our lives.

Activities and challenges:

- Participate in Reconciliation services
- Write a letter to your MP about a just cause
- Read the Walk with Me Advent booklet and calendar
- Use the CAFOD Interactive Advent calendar
- Review the Spiritual and Corporal Acts of Mercy.

Discuss:

- How can you be intentional and prophetic to support others overcome their challenges?
- How can you live out the scriptures based on Christ's teaching?
- How can we put faith in action through fundraising / collection of food or clothing?
- Which charities are intentional in their support of the homeless / refugees in the Archdiocese of Birmingham?
- How can we demonstrate the Spiritual and Corporal Acts of Mercy in our lives?

Sunday Gospels to Explore

Gospels reflective of I & P highlighted



1st November Matthew 5:1-12 How happy are the poor in spirit

8th Matthew 25:1-13 The wise and foolish virgins

15th Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21 You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness

22nd Matthew 25:31-46 I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me

29th Mark 13:33-37 If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep

6th December Mark 1:1-8 A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

13th John 1:6-8, 19-28 There stands among you the one coming after me

20th December Luke 1:26-38 I am the handmaid of the Lord

Sing it



Linking Intentional and Prophetic to traditional and contemporary music.

- City of God: Daniel L Schutte
- Colours of Day: Sue McClellan and John Paculabo
- Awake, Awake: CJM
- Maranatha: Estelle White
- My Lighthouse: Rend Collective
- Christ be our Light: Bernadette Farrell
- Shine Jesus Shine: Graham Kendrick
- The Light of the Christ: Donald Fishel
- Gather, Gather: CJM Music
- O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Thomas Helmore
- Rejoice in the Lord Always: Evelyn Turner
- My hands are Yours: One Life Music
- We will Go Out: One Life Music

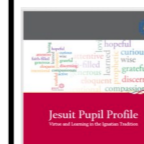
Picture It

Linking Intentional and Prophetic to artwork.



In William Holman Hunt's painting, The Light of the World, Jesus is preparing to knock on an overgrown and long unopened door. The door in the painting has no handle and can therefore be opened only from the inside.

How can we intentionally invite Christ into our lives, to shine his light and touch our heart with His eternal love for each one of us?



Further explore the meaning of Intentional and Prophetic by reading The Jesuit Institute 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)