

# Saint Ninian's High School



2013-14



# Faith

# Learning

## LITURGY

### *We aimed to:*

- Continue to encourage all our young people to be involved in the Ministries of Reading and Music.
- Encourage wider participation in the Worship Group.
- Encourage participation in the CARITAS Award among the new S6.
- Invite a further group of S6 pupils to become Eucharistic Ministers for the school.
- Invite S6 pupils to join the Chaplaincy Group (Eucharistic Ministers, Caritas students, those who would support S1 – S3 liturgies).
- Offer further opportunities for pupils to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Introduce increasingly the new arrangements for music at our major Mass occasions.
- Continue to offer staff opportunities to take the lead in Liturgy.
- Maintain and strengthen our links with local Parishes & clergy.



### *We have this year:*

- Used our extended Chaplaincy team to support pupil participation in Reading and Music in all our liturgies, in organising a rota of readers & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic for all Masses celebrated in school.
- Held "Worship Group" meetings weekly for most of the year.
- Held several CARITAS gatherings in the oratory, run by members of staff, for the growing number of senior pupils involved in the CARITAS award.
- Commissioned at our Inaugural Mass of the session, S6 pupils as



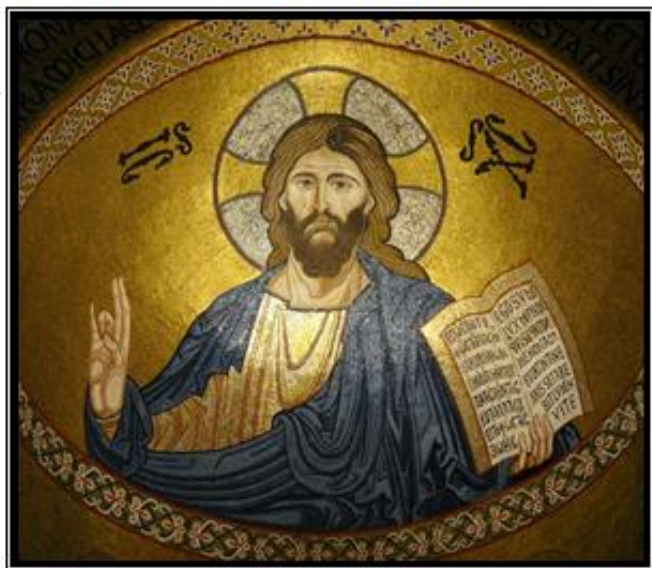


Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, who exercised their ministry at all Masses and the Ash Wednesday Services.

- Working with the NET team to prepare pupils, offered most pupils in the school the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the course of the year, to mark the end of the Year of Faith.



- Introduced the new arrangements for music at our major Mass occasions.
- Held a service of Remembrance for Deceased relative & friends during the month of the Holy Souls for pupils, staff and parents which were prepared and led by members of the school Chaplaincy team, with the support of Fr Jim.
- Worked closely with several members of our local clergy in order to be able to celebrate Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the school on many occasions throughout the year.
- Offered Mass three mornings a week in the school Oratory and every morning during Lent and Advent for pupils, staff, parents & members of the local community; on In Service days for St Ninian's staff; at the start of the new session for staff, parents & pupils (at which our School Council were commissioned and our Year of Faith crosses were blessed); to mark the end of the Year of Faith; for the S6 Graduation; before the start of the SQA diet of examinations; on holidays of obligation (All Saints and Ascension Thursday) & at the end of the Christmas, Easter and Summer terms (to certain year groups.) Mass was also offered for the intentions of deceased members of our community.
- Held a Life Mass during Catholic Education Week .
- Held services on Ash Wednesday, an Advent service and Carol Service in December for all pupils.
- Held Advent, Lenten and Marian Services for all of S6.
- Held an Advent Service for staff and senior students.





- Held specially prepared October Services to Our Lady, November Services (Holy Souls), Advent services, a Christmas service, lessons for all classes to celebrate Catholic Education Week, Lenten Services and Corpus Christi, making use of the Oratory for these services.



- Offered Exposition of the Blessed Sacraments to Pupils, Staff and parents on numerous occasions such as Parents' Information evenings, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Day for Life (30 May).
- With the support of the Legion of Mary, a group of parents and pupils, held Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & prayed a Decade of the Rosary every day during the SQA exams May 2014.
- Made praying for Vocations the theme of our prayers each Monday in the school and held a Holy Hour for Vocations for staff, pupils & parents.
- Ensured each class S1 – S4 participated in a service every 10 weeks during PHSE time in the oratory, prepared and lead by RE teachers. Pupils in S5/6 took part in a service 4 times a year.
- Worked with the Chaplain to provide opportunities for the NET team to visit classes.
- Produced a Liturgical calendar for 2014/15 which will be issued to staff and put on our website.

*We plan for 2014-2015 to:*

1. Continue to encourage increasing numbers of our young people to be involved in the Ministries of Reading and Music.
2. Encourage wider participation among pupils in the Worship Group, Helping Hands, Life Group and Catholic Leadership meetings.
3. Continue to increase participation among S6 in the CARITAS Award.





4. Invite a further group of S6 pupils to become Eucharistic Ministers for the school.
5. Encourage S6 pupils to support S1 – S3 liturgies, RE classes and PSHE classes.
6. Continue to offer staff opportunities to take the lead in Liturgy.
7. Maintain and strengthen our links with local Parishes & clergy.
8. Further involve NET in the Faith Life of the school.



### FAITH & SPIRITUALITY

#### *We aimed to;*

- Continue to celebrate the Year of Faith praying for a renewal of the faith among all – offer CPD to staff on issues arising from the Year of Faith.
- Set up a 'Catholic Leadership group' for all pupils S1 – S6 who are involved in the spiritual life of the school, meeting 4 times a year together to pray, reflect and support young leaders in faith.
- Increase parental awareness of the 'This is Our Faith' programme and further embed it into the teaching of RE.
- Review & increase where possible opportunities for pupils, staff & parents to deepen their faith.
- Maintain strong Parish/School/Home links.
- Review our programme for supporting the faith development of parents.
- Offer further Parents Faith Discussion Groups – one of which would be on the topic of 'This is Our Faith.'
- Strengthen our link with St Bede's High School,

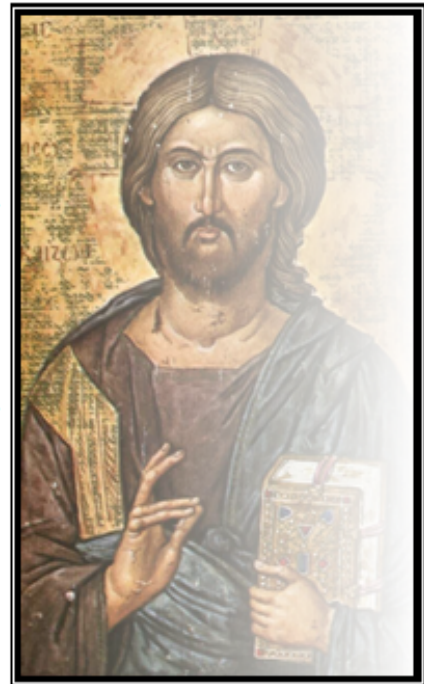


Blackburn by taking part in a return visit to St Bede's or going on a residential retreat with them in 2014.

- Further develop the contribution the Salesian Sisters are making to the faith life of the school.

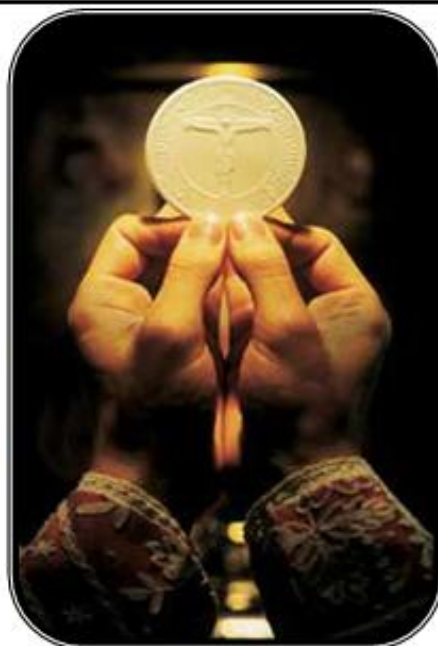
*We have this year:*

- Shown our Year of Faith video, where young people, staff and parents talk about what their Catholic faith means to them at Information/Parents' evening.
- Held a number of 'Catholic Leadership group' meetings for all pupils S1 – S6 who are involved in the spiritual life of the school/their Parish.
- Worked closely with the NET team, based in St Joseph's Clarkston, both in class and out, to support our young people to develop their faith; the NET team took an active part in particular at our Catholic Leadership meetings and our Lenten Service.
- Held S1 Retreats to Carfin in June.
- Held S1 Retreats, where the Salesian Sisters led a Guided Meditation on the Road to Emmaus.
- Offered prayer sessions, run by the Salesians to S1/S2 & S4 classes.
- Taken a group of S2 pupils on retreat to St Ninian's cave, Whithorn.
- Held a retreat for S3 pupils over three days run by the Salesian Sisters, on the theme "A Journey through Lent".
- Offered two groups of S6 students, staff, and priest spiritual director, the opportunity to spend a week in Rome
- Had a visit from Archbishop Philip Tartaglia during Advent where he celebrated Mass in our oratory & then met & talked with a number of young people (S4 – S6) about the Year of Faith/New Evangelisation, over breakfast.
- Had a visit from Bishop John Keenan during May 2014, where he celebrated Mass in our oratory & then met & talked with a number of young people (S1 – S3) about their faith, over breakfast.
- Taken a group of pupils & staff to a Mass in Christ the King, King's Park to support Aid to the Church in Need; another group to the St Andrew's Foundation launch in June 2013





- Taken 2 senior pupils to St Mirin's Cathedral Paisley in March to celebrate the Ordination of our new Bishop, John Keenan.
- Participated in the S6 'Vocations Week' diocesan retreat with many others from S4 – S6 taking part in the Vocations Mass in St Mirin's Cathedral in September.
- Held a Vocations Awareness Day in June 2013 (organised by the Serra club in conjunction with the Vocations Directors of several Scottish Dioceses). Another is planned for June 2014.
- Introduced the new RE programme 'This is our Faith' to RE classes.
- Offered CPD to staff on the 'Catholic Education in St Ninian's' (Student teachers), a 'Community of Faith & Learning' (Student Teachers).
- Published 'The Catholic Light' newsheet (on the Papacy and the Canonisation of Pope John xxiii and John Paul ii) & prepared by members of the Chaplaincy team, twice to staff this session.
- Involved staff members of all denominations, pupils and members of the community in making up the prayers for the week.
- Highlighted the importance of Eucharistic Adoration through a powerpoint presentation (made up by one of our Chaplaincy team) presented to all classes in PSHE.
- Held 4 Parents' Faith Discussion groups (including a Holy Hour for Vocations) over the course of the year.
- Held a Parents' Retreat (May 2014).



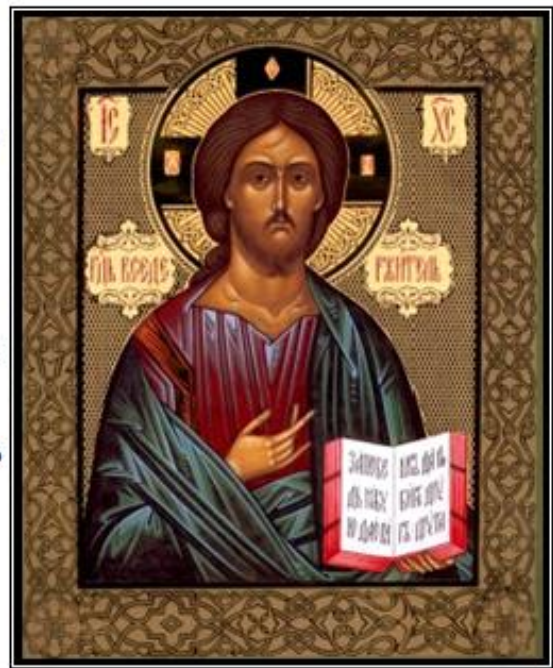
**"Aspire not to have more, but to be more"**  
*Archbishop Oscar Romero*

**SCIAF**  
*for a just world*

A blue rectangular banner featuring a black and white portrait of Archbishop Oscar Romero on the left. To the right of the portrait is a quote in white text: "Aspire not to have more, but to be more" followed by "Archbishop Oscar Romero" in a smaller font. In the bottom right corner of the banner is the SCIAF logo, which consists of the letters "SCIAF" in a bold, sans-serif font, with a small cross above the letter "I", and the tagline "for a just world" in a smaller, italicized font below it.



- Held a Fathers' Breakfast to celebrate St Joseph's Feast day (March 2014).
- Held a Mothers' Day 'Afternoon Tea for Life' (organised & run by the Life Group – March 2014).
- (A number of staff & S3 pupils) spent a weekend on retreat in the Lake District with a group of pupils and staff from St Bede's High School.
- Begun Year Group Assemblies, period 1 classes, SMT meetings, many departmental meetings, Parents' Information Evenings and the Parent Council meetings with a prayer.
- Celebrated Catholic Education Week through prayers; targeted RE lessons; the production of a booklet (in conjunction with our associated Primary schools) containing articles written by staff, pupils and parents; pupils doing Readings/offertory procession in our local Parishes.
- Had a visit and talk to S1 from the 'Gideons', each student receiving a Bible.
- Heard a talk from Brother John Deeney, a De La Salle brother and several former pupils to S5.
- Offered a full programme of speakers for S6 RE aimed at awareness raising of the work of the church and the opportunities for young people to become more involved, as well as Moral issues.
- Invited two S6 students who visited Auschwitz to speak at all year group assemblies about their experience.
- Benefited from Father Jim, our school Chaplain working with RE teachers in classes, saying Mass and helping with services and retreats.
- Made use of the Plasma Screens where possible to feature aspects of the liturgical calendar (e.g. saints' days) and faith development issues (SCIAF, Justice & Peace etc).





- Used banners and displays to highlight the liturgical year and its seasons, also Vocations week, November, Our Lady (October & May).
- Displayed a crib at Christmas, and a Lenten cross, Crown of Thorns and SCIAF display at the front of the school, which was transformed into an Easter display for Eastertide.
- Had a May altar to Our Lady and displayed the Sacred Heart Statue at the front door of the school.



- Offered support to the largest group yet of young people in S1/2 who have experienced 'loss' through the Rainbows group.
- Raised awareness of and advertised the Spiritual activities being offered in the school in local Parishes, the school web and via Twitter.
- Continued to start every SQA examination with a prayer and to include the Prayer of Bishop McGill (for examinees) in every exam room and on the SNHS exam timetable.
- Upgraded our Oratory by installing lighting designed to enhance the stain glass windows etc and purchasing ornamental altar curtains.
- Renewed a number of Sacred Vessels for use at Mass, which were blessed at the SQA Mass in April.
- Had a visit from the astronaut Jim Dutton, who spoke to a group of about 90 S3/4 pupils about his faith.

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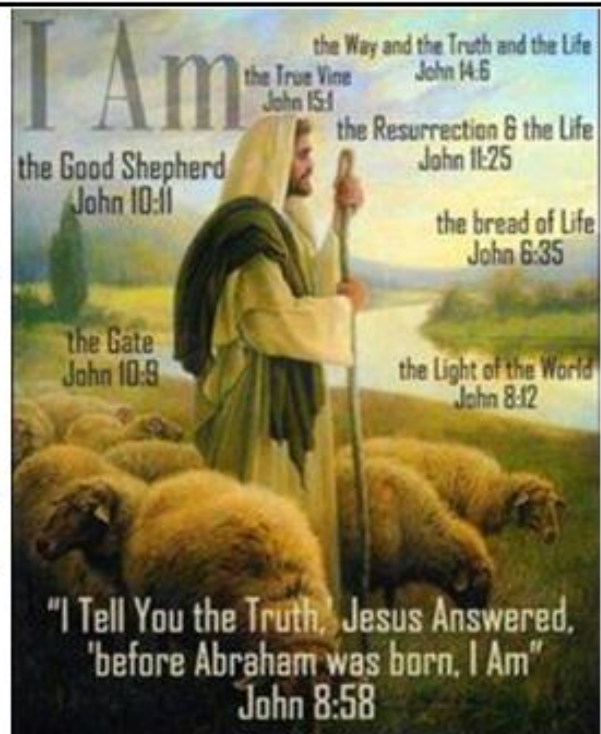
1. Make *Evangelii Gaudium* the theme of all we do.
2. Offer CPD to staff on *Evangelii Gaudium*.
3. Continue to promote attendance at & participation in our 'Catholic Leadership group'





meetings.

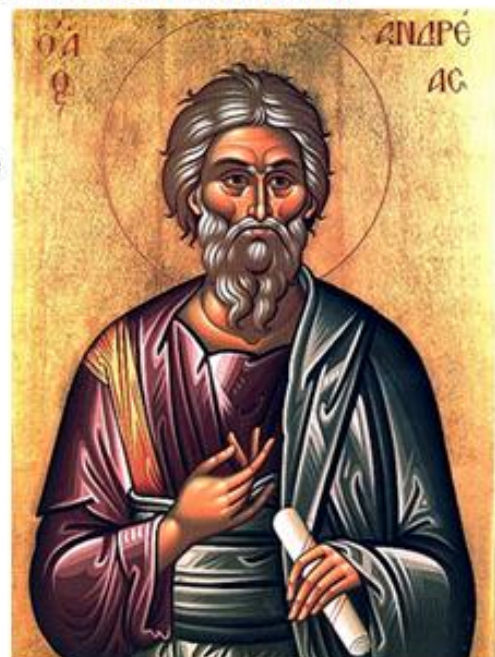
4. Involve more pupils and deepen the involvement of current pupils as Faith Leaders in the School and their Parishes.
5. Continue to offer meaningful opportunities for pupils, staff & parents to deepen their faith.
6. Maintain strong Parish/School/Home links.
7. Offer further Parents Faith Discussion Groups one of which would be on "This is Our Faith".
8. Maintain our link with St Bede's High School, Blackburn.
9. Further develop the contribution the Salesian Sisters are making to the faith life of the school.



### FAITH IN ACTION

#### *We aimed to:*

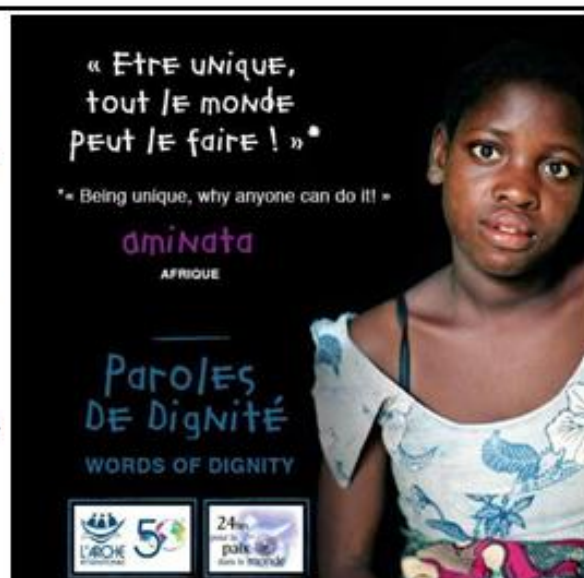
- Continue our strong support for helping those less fortunate than ourselves through e.g. participation in the Lasallian projects, Helping Hands, Life Group, and a variety of charitable activities.
- Increase the number of S6 pupils taking part in the Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award.
- Invite S6 pupils to become active members of our extended Chaplaincy Team.
- Continue to look for opportunities for our young people to be involved in activities supporting the school, parishes or local community.
- Invite parents to contribute further to supporting the faith life of the school.
- Continue to put Christ's Gospel Values at the heart of everything we do, promoting St Ninian's as a community of Faith where staff, parents and pupils work together.





*We have this year:*

- Supported 13 S6 students who will take part in the Lasallian Project 2014 and a number of students spending the summer in Ghana.
- Had a very successful "Helping Hands" group in the school, run by teachers and pupils and supported their activities (eg sponsored walk, film night, coffee afternoon), including supporting S6 pupils & staff to help out at the 'Wayside Club' on Friday evenings.
- Had a very active 'Life Group' in the school who (supported by S1/2) did a sponsored 'Life Group walk', held an 'Afternoon Tea' and other fund raising activities in order to buy numerous layettes for Life Scotland.
- As a staff, sent cheques for **£106.00** to each of our nominated charities suggested by staff: St Andrew's Hospice, Airdrie and Marie Curie Nurses, Glasgow, through our annual 'Christmas card' event.
- Supported nineteen pupils who have joined the Paisley Diocese 'Youth to Lourdes' Pilgrimage for July 2014.
- Successfully supported 24 young people (mentored by members of staff) who took part in school & parish activities, to achieve the Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award.
- Continued to use the skills of our extended Chaplaincy Team (staff members & S6 students) to support Faith development in the school community.
- Commissioned a number of S6 students as Eucharistic Ministers for the school.
- Had the support of many staff in making up prayers, as members of the Reading and Music Ministries, making up rotas for and acting as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, producing the 'Catholic Light', running Rainbows, the Life Group, the Worship group, spending time on retreat with pupils, spending time in Eucharistic Adoration in the school, carrying out and also supporting charity events, attending spiritual and faith development events in the





school, and ensuring pupils attended Mass while on residential school trips over a Sunday.

- Given information to students in all year groups about SCIAF, the 'Wayside Club', SVDP and the 'Imnocents'.
- Given the opportunity to a number of S6 students to do Community Placements, work with children in the Isobel Mair (special) school, and be Student Mentors and/or 'Buddies' to younger students.
- Involved pupils in all year groups in activities in RE in order to raise money for charities such as Mary's Meals and SCIAF.
- Organised many events during Advent and throughout the year as part of the school's ongoing charities campaign. and raised over £10,000 as a school for charity.
- Collected 'back packs' for Malawi (S3).
- Highlighted the names of pupils who have made an outstanding contribution to the 'Christian' aspect of the school.



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2. Increase the number of S6 pupils taking part in the Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award.
3. Invite all S6 pupils to commit to being involved in some 'act of service' throughout their S6, whether it be in support of our school, their parish and the local community.
4. Invite parents to contribute further to supporting the faith life of our school.
5. Continue to promote the message of Christ, and the vision and values of the Gospels in all we do, ensuring that Saint Ninian's is a community of Faith where staff, parents and pupils work together.

