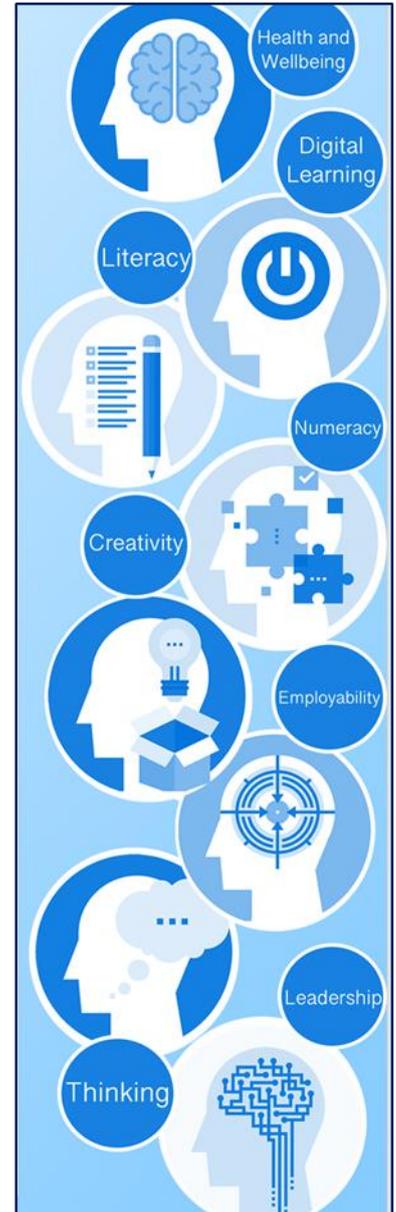


Saint Ninian's High School

Faith & Learning



2018-2019

Our vision for this Catholic school

<u>Honouring Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life</u>	<u>Developing as a community of faith and learning</u>
<p><i>“Our school shows: a commitment to the search for wisdom in life and to the pursuit of excellence, through the development of each person’s unique God-given talents.</i></p> <p><i>Our School shows: a commitment to uphold the moral teaching, faith tradition and sacramental life of the Catholic Church”</i></p>	<p><i>“Our school shows: a commitment to the integrated education and formation of the whole person, in close partnership with parents as the first educators of their children”</i></p> <p><i>“Our school shows: an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God.”</i></p>

- Our School community is offered Mass three mornings a week in the school Oratory and every morning during Lent and Advent; on In-service days for St Ninian’s staff; at the start of the new session for staff, parents & pupils for the S6 Graduation; before the start of the SQA diet of examinations; on holidays of obligation (Ascension Thursday) and 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.
- As a school we have worked closely with several members of our local clergy in order to be able to celebrate Mass and liturgical services/occasions throughout the year.
- The school has exposition of the Blessed Sacraments to pupils, staff and parents on numerous occasions such as Parents’ Information evenings.
- There are 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 making use of the Oratory for these services.
- The school runs a ‘Catholic Leadership Group’ for all pupils S1 – S6 who are involved in the spiritual life of the school, meeting 3 times a year together to pray, reflect and support young leaders in faith.
- As a school we continue to build and support our links with a number of different outside agencies. In doing so increasing our young people’s awareness of the role they contribute to society. Links have been established with groups such as “Let the Children Live”, “Aid to the church in need”, “SCIAF”, “Mary’s Meals” “Apostleship of the Sea.” etc.
- We have supported the schools Life group by increasing the whole school’s awareness of the groups’ aims and supporting their fundraising ventures. This then culminated in a Life Mass organised by the group presenting layettes to a number of charities.
- Established and maintained a ‘Catholic Leadership Group’ for all pupils S1 – S6 who are involved in the spiritual life of the school. This has met at least 3 times a year together to pray, reflect and support young leaders in faith.

- Developed the contribution the Salesian Sisters are making to the faith life of the school with the introduction of a prayer breakfast.
- Continue to try and increase parental awareness of the faith opportunities offered through the school to support our pupils' development.
- Maintain strong Parish/School/Home links.
- 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.
- Continue to maintain a steady number of committed 6th year 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 .

How we achieve our vision for this Catholic school

<u>Promoting Gospel values</u>	<u>Celebrating and worshipping</u>
<i>Our school provides: religious education programmes which will enable young people to develop their understanding of Gospel values and of how to apply them to life.</i>	<i>"Our school shows: a commitment to the spiritual formation of the school community, through the shared experience of prayer and liturgy, and in partnership with local parishes."</i>

- 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.
- Commissioned staff and S6 pupils as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, who exercised their ministry at all Masses and the Ash Wednesday Services.
- Held several CARITAS gatherings in the oratory, run by members of staff, for the growing number of senior pupils involved in the CARITAS award.

- 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.
- Worked closely with several members of our local clergy in order to be able to celebrate Mass and liturgical services in the school on many occasions throughout the year.
- Held S1 Retreats to Scotland's National Shrine, Carfin in June.
- Invited the Scottish Net Ministries team into the school for a week of retreats with our S1 pupils reflecting on their faith and the power of prayer.
- Provided retreats run by the Salesians to S3 & S5 classes reflecting on Catholic Leadership.
- Offered a group of students, staff, and priest, the opportunity to spend a week in reflecting in faith in both Salamanca and Rome.
- Were responsible for Handing over the Centenary of the 1918 Education Act Icon from Paisley Diocese to the Arch Diocese of Glasgow. Archbishop Tartaglia led a service involving our own school pupils as well as those from other schools within the Glasgow dioceses.
- Awarded a number of school medals as well as centenary medals to a number of invited guest and clergy who continue to support the faith life of the school.
- Participated in the S6 'Vocations Week' diocesan retreat with many others from S1 – S6 taking part in the Vocations Mass in St Mirin's Cathedral in September.
- Involved staff members of all denominations, pupils and members of the community in making up the prayers for the week.
- Supported our local parish of Saint Joseph's with readers and musicians as Bishop John attended to celebrate the Stations Mass.
- In March the school held a Family Breakfast to celebrate St Joseph's Feast day and with the support and guidance of Monsignor Monaghan established the custom of Saint Joseph's table.
- Held a Mothers' Day 'Afternoon Tea for Life' (organised & run by the Life Group – March 2019).
- Began Year Group Assemblies, period 1 classes, SMT meetings, many departmental meetings, Parents' Information Evenings and the Parent Council meetings with a prayer.
- In November 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.
- Arranged for the 'Gideons' to meet with each first year class to deliver a talk and allow each pupil to receive a Bible.

- Encouraged our fifth year pupils to become involved in Lasallian Developing World Projects by hearing a talk from Brother John Deeney, a De La Salle brother and several former pupils.
- 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.
- Took our first group of pupil's to Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer in Dalmally to participate in Our Daily Bread Retreat. Pupil met with Magnus MacFarlane Barrow and to hear how his own faith shaped his life.
- Invited two S6 students who visited Auschwitz to speak at all year group assemblies about their experience.
- Continued to use banners and displays to highlight the liturgical year and its seasons, also Vocations week, November, Our Lady (October & May).
- Offered support to a group 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.
- Had a very successful "Helping Hands" group in the school, run by teachers and pupils and supported their activities (e.g. sponsored walk, film night, coffee afternoon), including supporting S6 pupils & staff to help out at the 'Wayside Club' on Friday evenings.
- Successfully supported our young people (mentored by members of staff) who took part in school & parish activities, to achieve the Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award.
- 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, , 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, Helping hands and life group.
- Supported SCIAF through the work of the school own SCIAF group which has helped raise both funds and awareness for the charity.
- 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.
- Devised and wrote our own school hymn to Saint Ninian which is played at major masses and feast days.
- Developed resources for fourth year pupils to use between both Religious Education and English to help pupils develop their thoughts and opinions for a creative writing piece.
- Developed resource for CPD reflection at Lent and Easter for staff and senior pupils.
- Senior pupils worked with the Charismatic Society and helped in the organisation of the celebrate conference.
- Celebrate the Golden Jubile as well as the retirement of Monsignor Monaghan. (He continues to be a great servant of the school.)

What we continue to achieve as a Catholic school

Serving the common good

Our school shows: a commitment to communicate Catholic social teaching and thereby to promote social justice and opportunity for all.

- Continue to maintain and strengthen our links with local parishes & clergy.
- Celebrate our religious groups by spending time together with our local clergy.
- Continue to promote attendance at, and participation, in our 'Catholic Leadership group' meetings.
- Continue faith development with staff during in-service days.
- Involve more pupils and deepen the involvement of current pupils as Faith Leaders in the School and their Parishes.
- Continue to offer meaningful opportunities for pupils, staff & parents to deepen their faith.
- Maintain strong Parish/School/Home links.
- For our young people to be more involved in sharing their faith in the local community.
- Continue to encourage increasing numbers of our young people to be involved in the Ministries of Reading and Music.

- Encourage wider participation among pupils in the Worship Group, Helping Hands, Life Group and Catholic Leadership meetings.
- Encourage S6 pupils to support S1 – S3 Liturgies, RE classes and PSHE classes.
- 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 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.
- Invite parents to contribute further to supporting the faith life of our school.
- Continue to build an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God.
- 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.
- Continue to build an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God.
- Maintain our commitment to the integrated education and formation of the whole person, in close partnership with parents as the first educators of their children.
- Continue to make a commitment to communicate Catholic social teaching and thereby to promote social justice and opportunity for all.

Pupil Reflections

"Being in first year and attending both the inaugural mass and vocations mass has allowed me to appreciate we are a community in Faith."

S1 Student

"Being a senior student and being able to give back to the school and faith community through being a Eucharistic Minister and taking part in Caritas is very worthwhile and fulfilling."

S6 Student

"I have always attended mass in the school oratory on Friday morning. Being able to become a Eucharistic minister has allowed me to become a faith leader."

S6 Student

“My faith is really important and it makes Saint Nlnian’s the special way it is. I was fortunate enough to go to Dalmally and it was wonderful to meet Magnus McFarlane-Barrow who was trying to make changes in the world that were good.”

S2 Student

“The faith is very accessible and there are lots of opportunity to develop your faith. I have enjoyed attending the different masses and also being part of the prayer breakfast with the Salesians as well as being part of the life group. It has also helped increase my confidence as I have been asked to read at various events as well as taking part. I have also met lots of new people.”

S4 Student

Staff Reflections

“Having such a spiritual place in the school as the oratory is a gift to all staff. As well as Mass, Liturgical Services and Eucharistic Adoration it is a place where everyone can go to spend time with God”

Senior Staff

“Being a newly appointed member of staff and not of the Catholic faith I have been made to feel so welcome and invited to be involved in all aspects for school life. I am now have an awareness of how important the catholic ethos is.”

Newly appointed member of staff.

“As a newly qualified teacher I am delighted to have gained a place in a Catholic school where I have the option to develop in my subject as well as share my faith with the pupils I teach.

Newly Qualified Teacher.

Parent Reflections

“I am delighted that my children are able to share their faith in the school they attend with various opportunities that vary. These have included Mass, Eucharistic Adoration Catholic Leadership and prayer breakfasts.”

S4 Parent

“I have been fortunate to have children make their way through the school and have seen the faith opportunities afforded to not only my children but the whole family. The school has allowed each one of us to celebrate our faith.”

S6 Parent.

