



This is a copy of the Personal Testimony given by Laura Mackie of Sixth Year at the Bishop's Lenten Catechesis on Sunday 15 March 2015.

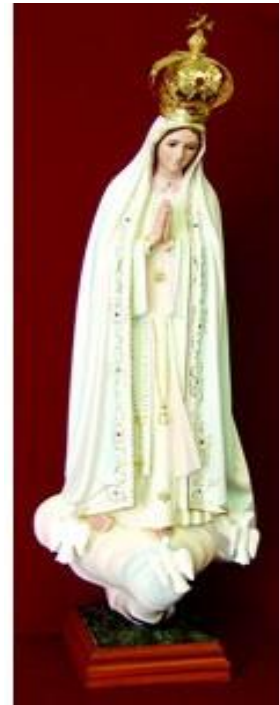
Good Afternoon my name Is Laura Mackie, I'm a 6th year pupil from St Ninian's High School. I am here today to talk about the importance of faith within my life not only in school but also outwith.

Alongside my family, I attend St Cadoc's Rosary Club every second Friday which helps each individual to realise that the rosary is an excellent form of prayer and helps me in my faith. It condenses into itself all the honour that is due to Mary. I feel and hope that meditating on the mystery of the rosary, with Mary will bring me closer to Jesus. This practice increases our understanding of our religion, It gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ himself.



During the weekend we set aside a time of prayer as a whole family to worship God, this has been a tradition in our family for a long time. Some families may find this type of prayer awkward or uncomfortable however due to the continuous prayer with my family it has become a natural thing to do.

Through family prayer we are able to thank Jesus for kind gifts he has given to us. Mary's prayer and the Holy Rosary, has nourished generations of Catholics since it was given to St. Dominic in the thirteenth century. My impression is that the Rosary is of the greatest value not only according to the words of Our Lady at Fatima ,that she wanted peace brought to the world and that through prayer we will always be brought back to God. I feel that Our Lady wanted to give ordinary people, who might not know how to pray, this simple method of getting closer to God.



Through our continual praying of the rosary, Our Lady supports us as we pay our debts to God, our fellow men and women. Our Lady helps us obtain all grace from Almighty God. As a young catholic girl I have been enriched with the love of Jesus, a few years ago i was given a pair of Rosary Beads from my granny which she got for a pilgrimage, I carry these beads in my pocket every day to show my love and commitment toward Jesus.

Each Sunday I attend Children's Liturgy at St Cadoc's Church helping younger children to grow and deepen their relationship with Jesus, through interacting with the children doing different activities to help them understand the life Jesus lived and by simply breaking down The Gospel to help them understand the important message that is being conveyed to them. There are many benefits from this some which include being able to see Jesus entering into many young children's life and seeing the love Jesus has for each and every one of us.



Through children's Liturgy you are also given the opportunity to meet new and current families within the parish. I have been able to strengthen my relationship with the Parish Priest Monsignor Monaghan. Within the Church i am also a Eucharistic Minister. Being able to share in bringing the love of God to others through the Eucharist is a great joy and blessing. The Eucharist shows us how much God loves us—so much that he sent his Son to die for us, so that our sins may be forgiven and we may live forever with him. Receiving Communion lets me realise that i have Jesus with me at all times. Which shows the honor and responsibility i have been blessed with.

Thank you for Listening.