

St Joseph's Primary

Pope Francis FAITH AWARD 2025-2027



P6 Pupil Enrolment

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am delighted to inform you that this year we are once again enrolling P6 pupils for this prestigious award which recognises young people putting faith into action and showing "signs of love" to others. It is named in honour of Pope Francis because of the good example he gave to everyone.

Starting this term, our P6 pupils will be involved in the award. They will learn about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can use these in good ways. They will promise to do some good deeds at home, in school and in their parish (if they are Catholic). They will gather evidence of their good deeds in a FAITH Journal provided by the school.

During their P7 year, when they have gathered evidence of their actions, this will be assessed and the Scottish Catholic Education Service will award them a certificate and a badge to mark their achievement. This is celebrated at our annual P7 Leavers' Ceremony where the awards are presented.

All pupils, no matter what their faith, are able to take part in the Pope Francis Faith Award. We hope that you will encourage your child to complete some Faith actions at home and to be involved in the life of their local parish (if they are Catholic) or their place of worship.

On Monday 25th August we welcomed Father Dan to enrol our P6 pupils at our special stage Mass.

The children will receive their journals in the coming weeks.

If your child attends Mass at St Joseph's Parish Church, they can volunteer through the PFFA rota to take part in roles such as welcoming or bringing up the offertory. These roles, along with altar serving for those who already do so, all count toward the Pope Francis Award additional commendation, known as the Parish Commendation. The rota will be available on Google Classroom for children and parents to view, and each child will also complete their own 'reminder form' for the duty they have signed up to.

Further details on the award are available at <u>Scottish Catholic Education Service | SCES | Award Schemes</u>

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Addison

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