



Vision

In St Luke's Cluster we nurture every child's unique God given talents to enable them to flourish in a climate of high expectations, innovation and creativity.

Values

We value love, faith and understanding.

Aims

To inspire the moral purpose of learning and teaching to; unleash potential, raise attainment, promote equity and transform the life chances of each and every learner, especially those most in need of support



Catholic Education Week takes place each year from the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (16th November) until the Feast of St Andrew (30th November). Schools and parishes are asked to consider which week within this fortnight best suits their local community for marking this important aspect of the school year.

The Catholic Church in Scotland encourages schools, parishes and other agencies to work closely together in order to celebrate the successes of Catholic education particularly during one week each year. The purpose of Catholic Education Week is to highlight the significance of education, not only for young people but for society as a whole. Students, parents, teachers and others are asked to reflect on their own roles in the education process – at home, in school, in the local parish and in other educational settings.

SCES provides support materials linked to each year's chosen theme to assist schools and parishes in their own plans to draw attention to the added value which Catholic schools bring across Scotland. Promotional events, liturgical celebrations, particular classroom lessons and school activities are encouraged in schools and parishes throughout this week. The materials provided can be used at other times of the year.

THE THEME FOR 2022/2023

“Communion, Participation, Mission”

“Nothing leaves Jesus indifferent; everything is of concern to him. Encountering faces, meeting eyes, sharing [everyone's] history. That is the closeness that Jesus embodies. He knows that someone's life can be changed by a single encounter. The Gospel is full of such encounters with Christ, encounters that uplift and bring healing.

Jesus did not hurry along or keep looking at his watch to get the meeting over. He was always at the service of the person he was with, listening to what he or she had to say.” Pope Francis

St Thomas' Primary



Our faith is central to all that we do at St Thomas' Primary School and prayer is an integral part of our school life, so that children develop a personal relationship with God, become aware of the Church year and the sacramental links and reflect and respond to the message of the scripture. The children are taught to respect the feelings and thoughts of the school community and embrace their Gospel Values.

Celebrations of Mass



As a Catholic school, celebrations of Mass are an important time during which we can share in celebrating God's love and learn more about our Catholic faith through stories, songs, drama and games. This year our P7 children attended a Vocations Mass at St Mirin's Cathedral along with peers from across the Diocese. We continue to celebrate whole school Masses in our parish church and our parents are being welcomed back to our Class Masses. We have also welcomed the return of our classes to First Friday Mass at the church.



Rosary in the Playground

For the month of October, before school, St Thomas' children and their parents gathered in the playground to pray a decade of the Rosary together. This was a new initiative piloted by Mrs. Kearney, St. Thomas' RE Co-ordinator. Twice a week during October Parents and pupils gathered in the playground for what turned out to be a beautiful and spiritual start to the pupils (and parents...) day!

Seasonal School Altar



Our school altar continues to be a focal point in our school. Pupils across St Thomas' stop to pray at the altar or interact with it – in November they write their intentions and in May they offer gifts at Our Lady's altar. In this way, children learn and take part in the traditions of our faith.



Morning Prayers & Mini Vinnies



Our Mini Vinnies Ambassadors are organising many different activities for the school and recently they started a Morning Prayer Group on a Thursday during the month of November. Parents, staff and pupils are welcomed before the start of school for prayers and coffee to start their day.



Laudato Si' Ambassadors



St Thomas' continues to support their commitment to Pope Francis' encyclical urging us to care for our common home and are improving their school grounds with new planting. Our Outdoor Learning programme has been extended this year to ensure pupils have many opportunities to explore the natural world which God created.



Raising Money for SCIAF



St Thomas' continues to support charitable work with children encouraged to use entrepreneurial skills to raise money for charities such as SCIAF.

Children's Liturgy

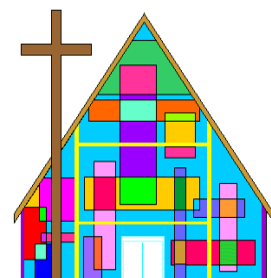
Our school continues to support our parish Children's Liturgy Group by encouraging our pupils to attend through regular Tweets.

St Thomas' Children's Liturgy

P1 to P7 children welcome

Sundays, 10am

In St Thomas' Parish House

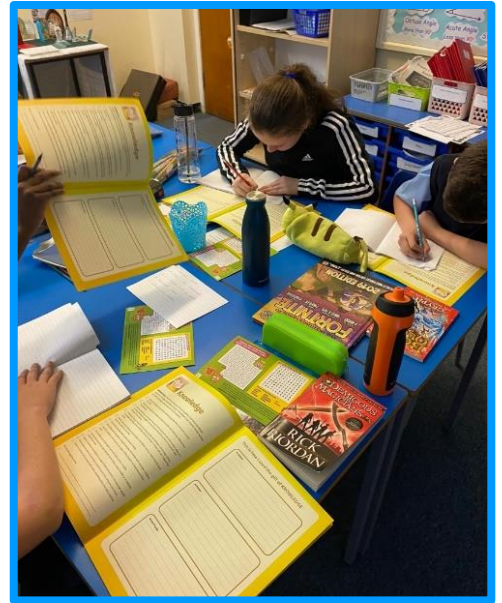


Rosary Group & Pope Francis Faith Award



Our lunch-time Rosary Group continues to be a popular seasonal fixture in the school week and many children give up part of their lunch-time spending time in prayer to Our Lady.

Our P6 & P7 Pope Francis Faith Award Ambassadors continue to show God's love in their daily actions at home, school and parish, promoting faith actions in all aspects of their lives



Pilgrimage

St Thomas' offers experiences for pupils to celebrate and delve deeper in their faith. In September, a group of P7 pupils took part in a pilgrimage to the relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes at the Carfin Grotto, while they were on a national tour. The experience provided a welcome opportunity for pupils to join others across our many communities to bear active witness to our Faith, to be in the presence of St Bernadette's relics and be inspired by her life and her wonderful experience of Our Lady's apparitions to her in the 1850s.





Some of our Primary 7 pupils had a lovely morning at Carfin Grotto. They celebrated Mass with Bishop John and had the opportunity to venerate the relics of St Bernadette which was really special.


“Saint Bernadette, Pray for Us.”




We are delighted that we are able to attend First Friday Mass again following the lifting of restrictions. Each year group will have the opportunity to attend across the session.

“Let the little children come to me.”





St John's Primary School



<p>Class Rosary</p> <p>BEFORE YOU PRAY: INTRODUCTION TO THE ROSARY</p> <p>IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN</p> <p>OPENING HYMN</p> <p>AS I KNEEL BEFORE YOU AS I BOW MY HEAD IN PRAYER TAKE THIS DAY, MAKE IT YOURS AND FILL ME WITH YOUR LOVE</p> <p>Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pray for us</p> <p>Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Pray for us</p> <p>Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Pray for us</p>	<p>Bidding Prayers</p> <p>We pray for the Pope, bishops and priests, that they may lead others to Jesus through Mary <i>Lord, hear us</i></p> <p>We pray for ourselves, that we may live our values of love, faith and understanding <i>Lord, hear us</i></p> <p>We pray for all those in need, that the Lord will hear and answer their prayers <i>Lord, hear us</i></p> <p>We pray for all those who have died, that they may be rejoicing in Heaven <i>Lord, hear us</i></p>
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The Rosary
(the number of decades to say will depend on the intention)

The Joyful Mary

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Birth of Jesus
4. The Presentation in the Temple
5. The Finding in the Temple

Our Father...
Hail Mary (x10)
Glory Be...
Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of the womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ, Amen.

Throughout the month of May, each class visited the grotto at St John's to pray the rosary together. These visits were very special as the children brought their thoughts and prayers to Jesus, through Mary.

“Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us.”



Primaries 6 and 7 have already celebrated their class Masses and have prayer reverently for their special intentions. Primary 6 recently enrolled in the Pope Francis Faith Award and are looking forward to exploring the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. This award is in recognition of young people putting faith into action and showing 'signs of love' to others. The children will promise to do some good deeds at home, in school and in their place of worship. They will gather evidence of their good deeds in a FAITH Journal and will have time to reflect on their actions in class.

“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them

S1 Welcome Mass



Shortly after the opening of academic session 2022-23, teachers welcomed parents and pupils to our annual S1 Welcome mass. This was celebrated in St Luke's by our school chaplain Fr Jonathan Whitworth.



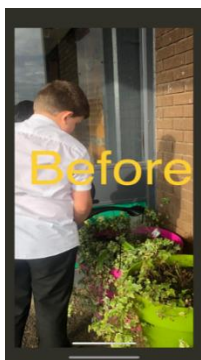
Caritas

Our annual Pope Benedict XVI Caritas award scheme is under way. This programme celebrates the reflective faith witness of sixth year students, both in and out of school. Beyond their own individual efforts, the year group have



collectively undertaken a number of activities including Peer Education in St Luke's, our nurseries and primaries; attendance at the Diocesan Vocational Mass, Mass of St Luke and attendance at the Aid to the Church in Need retreat. They have activities planned for #RedWednesday on 23 November which we are looking forward to.

Laudato Si'



St Luke's continues to support our commitment to Pope Francis' encyclical urging us to care for our common home and are improving our school grounds.

Connecting Classrooms- Rwanda

St Luke's is taking part in the programme as part of a cluster of schools, including St Mark's Primary School, because of its commitment to preparing young people to make a positive contribution to their world. Our young people will be working with their counterparts in Rwanda on an exciting project learning about the Sustainable Development Goals. Connecting Classrooms will also allow the teachers involved to share experiences and success in teaching and implementing global learning in both schools.

Volunteering Award



St Luke's have joined forces with Norwood Care Home to work on an intergenerational project which aims to celebrate the lives of residents. Fifth and sixth year pupils from our Volunteering class have been paying regular visits to interview those living at Norwood Nursing Home and doing research to help them write their life stories.

The seniors volunteered for the project to commemorate the 'Year of the Story' and they showcased their completed work at the end of the initiative with a party in the nursing home.



The Oscar Romero Award Aspire to be more

We were delighted to announce in June that we were the first school in the Paisley Diocese to receive the Oscar Romero Award.

The Oscar Romero Award supports schools to embed the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching in their ethos and culture, so that all within the school can experience life to the full. It will also support schools find ways of being 'good news' to the local, national and global community in their own unique way.

We decided to make an application for the Participator Level which involved the school self-assessing what we already do – how are we living our mission as a Catholic community. The Participator Level had three areas that we had to submit evidence for:

Strategic Curriculum Practical

We submitted a great deal of evidence for each strand: policy documents, letters home to parents, lesson plans and structures, photographs from twitter as well as a summary statements for each of the three areas that make up the award. The summary statements reflect all the evidence that is submitted for the award.





60 Years of St. Mark's

September 2021 marked the 60th anniversary of St. Mark's Primary. Throughout the year, we reflected on the positive impact that our Catholic school has had on the community of Barrhead and considered how we could continue to put our Christian values into action for the benefit of the world around us. Our Mini Vinnies focused on helping people in the Barrhead community by organising a collection for the local foodbank whilst our choir entertained the residents of Fir Care Home with some festive songs. Our celebrations culminated in a beautiful Mass led by Bishop John who spoke of the importance of evangelisation as exemplified by our patron saint.



Laudato Si

We are continuing to develop our understanding of the environment and our responsibility to 'Care for our Common Home'. Weekly outdoor learning and Forest School sessions mean that all children have developed an appreciation of the beauty of God's creation and learned how to interact with nature in a responsible and respectful way.

Primary 3 have been focusing on looking after our school environment as part of their Make Your Mark Award. They have reflected on how they can care for our common home like Pope Francis asks us to. The children are very passionate about the importance of protecting our planet and have even created their own prayers about this.



Pope Francis Faith Award

Primary 6 have started their Pope Francis Faith Award journey, making their commitment during a lovely enrolment Mass with Fr. Joe last month. They have been exploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the actions they will take in school, at home and in their parish to show these gifts in their daily lives. They have also chosen a secret friend to show random acts of kindness to, to help them develop the fruits of gentleness, joy, generosity and love.



Relics of St. Bernadette

Some P7 pupils recently visited Carfin Grotto where they had the opportunity to venerate the relics of St. Bernadette and celebrate Mass with Bishop John. They also had the privilege of holding the crook that Saint John Paul II used when he visited Bellahouston Park in 1982.



Staff Development



Our staff have been using collegiate time to deepen their understanding of *This Is Our Faith* and share good practice in teaching Religious Education. Led by Miss McKay and Miss McAlpine, they are reflecting on the strands of faith and core learning within *This Is Our Faith* and considering how these are incorporated across the curriculum.

Religious Education across the curriculum

In Primary 4, the children have been learning that God created everyone, mind, body and soul; with their own unique blend of talents and abilities. They enjoyed creating self-portraits of their mind and body. They then had a very insightful discussion about the way in which each person contributes to the class community by sharing their God-given talents and skills. As well as the range of talents and abilities, the children were also learning that God has given everyone the gift of free will. The children worked together in groups to act out a range of scenarios, followed by a discussion about the good or bad choices made within the story, linking this to choices made in their daily lives.



In preparation for their Nativity performance, Primary 1 listened to the story of Jesus' birth in class. They talked about the different events that took place and then drew and retold the story in their own words. They are looking forward to being able to use their music and drama skills to share the good news of Jesus' birth with our school community.