

FIRST TEACHERS

YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT TEACHERS IN YOUR CHILDRENS LIVES!
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Dear parents and guardians, welcome to our last newsletter of the school year which aims to support and encourage a real community of faith between home, school and parish! As we prepare our children and teenagers for their next stage, leaving primary, entering exam years, or even leaving school altogether one of the most powerful

things we can do is pray for them. Here is a beautifully simple prayer to pray for children of any age.

God our Father, you have blessed us with the gift of children; thank you for these precious gems with adorn our house. Their laughter gives us joy and brightens our lives. They are the expressions of your presence in our home. Their growth shows the mysteries of your love.

May the experience your loving presence, advance in wisdom and grow in your love. Our children's future is in your hand, and yet we have own role to play in shaping that future. Help us to be true to our responsibility so that we may assist them in responding to your graces and thus to become what we want them to be.

Amen.

This prayer and others can be found here, [A Prayer for Children \(sharecatholic.com\)](https://sharecatholic.com) There are also other ways we can support our families in their faith journey as we all barrel towards the summer holidays!

May Devotions to Our Lady

The month of May has long been a time within the Catholic church where we celebrate and honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the cross, Jesus said to Mary, "Woman, here is your son."; and to St John, "Here is your mother." (John 19:26-27).



The Church views this gift of Mary to us as OUR mother to be something wonderful and special. Praying the rosary is part of our relationship with Mary and can be a simple way to start praying together as a family. For very young children (or anyone with a short attention span!) perhaps a mini rosary would do or one decade. For older kids and teens, you could try one of the Mysteries each day or perhaps visit the peaceful Carfin Grotto, our National Shrine to Our Lady. for something a bit different. Further resources and ideas can be found here;

[Meditations for the Mysteries of the Rosary for Young People](#) ,

[The Rosary: Mysteries](#)

[How to Pray the Rosary for Kids Free Printable](#)

[How to Pray the Rosary for Kids - TheCatholicKid.com](#)

The Paisley Diocese is also hosting a Marian themed Family Day which would be a brilliant chance to come along and join other families from throughout the diocese. It's being held at St John's, Barrhead on Sunday 12th May and will be an afternoon of celebration and fun in honour of Mary our Mother, including prayer, activity and games for children. The day will begin with refreshments at 2pm and conclude with Holy Mass at 4pm, celebrated by Bishop John.

June - Sacred Heart

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and is a great opportunity to explore with our children the true nature of the love Jesus has for us. We experience this love in the purest form through the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus has compassion, care, forgiveness and mercy for each one of us when we do things that may hurt His heart. We can think of what some of these might be by going to Confession with our children and encouraging them to repair their relationship with Him in the same way that we do in our own families when we make mistakes.



The Sacred Heart focus is a perfect one with which to end our school year and to practice the same depth of love with each other, especially during the summer break. All of us here at the Family Life Commission, hope that whatever you do over the holidays and whatever the weather, you have a happy, fun, loving and holy summer!