



Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral Primary School

2025 will be very significant in the faith life of Cathedral Primary School. Not only has Pope Francis asked that 2025 be a year of Jubilee, we will also celebrate the 150th anniversary of Cathedral school and parish. How incredible to think that pupils, staff, parents and parishioners are part of a community of faith and learning stretching back fifteen decades!

'Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.' (Pope Francis)

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

NOVEMBER 2024

Catholic Education Week

- Children will be invited to write a 150th anniversary prayer. The chosen prayer will be printed onto cards and distributed in January.



Catholic Education Week

- SCES materials
- Education Sunday: 17th Nov
- Education Mass in Motherwell Cathedral: Mon 25th Nov

JANUARY 2025

- Introduction of special 150th anniversary 'Milestone Moment' stickers for use throughout 2025.
- Friday 31st January** (*St John Bosco, patron saint of educators and youth*)
Presentation of 150th anniversary medals to Cathedral pupils and staff after Mass (principal celebrant: Bishop Toal).

- Dedication of Jubilee Door of Hope:** 6th January
- Reflect in class and at assemblies on **Jeremiah 29:11**
'I know the plans I have for you', declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE'.
- Introduce Examen prayer across all stages.



FEBRUARY 2025

- Whole-school mini topic on history of school and parish. Learning will be captured on showcase boards.
- Class visits to Motherwell Heritage Centre.

- Meet Luce** (mascot for the 2025 Jubilee Year)
 - Raincoat: journey through life's storms
 - Staff and shell: signs of a pilgrim
 - Muddy boots: the long journey
- Connecting with the elderly and sick in our local community**, including a programme of visits to nursing home.
'Signs of hope should also be shown to the sick, at home or in hospital. Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. The elderly, who frequently feel lonely and abandoned, also deserve signs of hope.' (Pope Francis)

MARCH 2025

- Tuesday 25th March** (*Feast of the Annunciation*)
Dedication of 150th anniversary stained glass window in stairwell. This will include a reception for invited guests, including former clergy.

- A hope and a future for the poor**, linked to Lenten almsgiving.
'I ask with all my heart that hope be granted to the billions of the poor, who often lack the essentials of life.' (Pope Francis)
- Mark in March:** an invitation to Primary 7 pupils and all Cathedral staff to read the entire Gospel of Mark.
'In our journey towards the Jubilee, let us return to Scripture and realise that it speaks to us...' (Pope Francis)

APRIL 2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week beginning 28th April: Daffodil tea and school tours for former pupils (choir will sing at this event). Every pupil will design a piece of bunting to decorate St Bride's Hall during exhibition in May. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grandparents Day. <i>'I would also mention grandparents, who represent the passing on of faith and wisdom to the younger generation. May they find support in the gratitude of their children and the love of their grandchildren, who discover in them their roots and a source of understanding and encouragement.'</i> (Pope Francis)
MAY 2025	
<p>Tuesday 20th May:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass in Cathedral (10.00am), including debut of <i>Mass of Jesus the Teacher</i>, dedicated to the Cathedral school community. Dedication of stones from the 1895 building in Cathedral grounds. Tue 20th – Thu 22nd: exhibition on history of school and parish in St Bride's Hall (times to follow). This will be hosted by a different Primary 7 class each day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A hope and a future for Cathedral and St Luke's parish. <i>'Christ's life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God's grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit.'</i> (Pope Francis) Staff retreat at Carfin Grotto: Tuesday 6th May
JUNE 2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of digital exhibition on history of school and parish. '150' birds-eye photograph made up of pupils and staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary 7 cluster pilgrimage to Carfin: Wednesday 4th June <i>'A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life.'</i> (Pope Francis)
SEPTEMBER 2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 8th September (Our Lady's Birthday): Feast Day Mass in school. Class parties with 150th birthday cake for each class. Primary 1 Welcome Mass (in Cathedral) Presentation of 150th anniversary medals to new Primary 1 pupils. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A hope and a future for Cathedral Primary School. <i>'Signs of hope are needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm.'</i> (Pope Francis) International Day of Peace (21st September) <i>'The first sign of hope should be the desire for peace in our world, which once more finds itself immersed in the tragedy of war.'</i> (Pope Francis)
OCTOBER 2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting of 150 daffodil bulbs in playground. The outdoor statue of Our Lady will be moved to the same area of school grounds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A hope and a future for Planet Earth. <i>'Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realise that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others.'</i> (Pope Francis, Laudato Si')
NOVEMBER 2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burial of time capsule in grounds of Motherwell Cathedral. 	<p>Catholic Education Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCES materials Education Mass in Motherwell Cathedral Education Sunday
DECEMBER 2025	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each pupil will create a tree decoration with a message of hope as Cathedral looks to the future. These will be used to decorate the school Christmas tree. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit Jeremiah 29:11 <i>'I know the plans I have for you', declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE.'</i>



All Pope Francis quotations are taken from the *Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025*