September 2025

As children settle into their new class or school, the new academic year presents fresh opportunities to learn and grow.

Our September resources focus on the love of God. Children will learn that God's desire is for us to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him by sharing His love with those around us. By growing in generous love toward others, we can experience more of God's love for us.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout September, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

COME DINE WITH ME

The first assembly of the term begins with a party! Children consider who their dream party guest would be and why they would make a good guest. Exploring the week's Gospel, children will discover that the guests Jesus wants us to invite might be different from what we expect.

Children are reminded that we are invited to love all people, to see others as Jesus does and reach out to them with God's love and care. This kind of generous love inspires us to put God first in our lives and build God's Kingdom on Earth today!

With your child/ren, you may also like to ...

- Discuss the scenario question 'If you could invite anyone to be a guest at your party, who would you invite?' The party guest can be any person; someone you know, someone famous, living or dead.
- Think about your neighbours and those in your community. What invitation could your family make to reach out with support, company and compassion to others?
- Invite God to fill your hearts with His generous love as you pray together. You might like to use the words 'Lord, fill us with your love' as you pray.

SYMBOL OF LOVE

The assembly for the week beginning 15th September highlights a central Scripture verse in the Christian faith - <u>John 3:16</u>. Through exploring the significance of the Cross as a symbol of love and hope, and focusing on the Catholic sign of faith - the Sign of the Cross, children will be reminded of the love the Father has for each of us and that He sent His only Son so that we can know His mercy and love.

With your child/ren, you may also like to ...

- Make the Sign of the Cross (In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen) slowly as you pray and thank Jesus for the hope and love He brings.
- Discuss what other signs, symbols and images remind you of God's love and perhaps find a place of prominence to display this in your home.

CARLO ACUTIS - A MODERN DAY SAINT

On the 7th of September 2025, Carlo Acutis will be canonised by Pope Leo XIV. On the 7th of September 2025, Carlo Acutis will be canonised by Pope Leo XIV. Children will learn more about this modern day saint in our special resource including a video (by CYMFed) that you can access through the Online Parent Portal.

LISTEN AND BELIEVE

In the prayers for the week of the 29th of September, children will focus on the important messages of the prophets that point us to Jesus. The liturgical calendar this week also gives us the opportunity to celebrate the feasts of several angels. In the pupil-led prayer time, children will look to some of God's angelic messengers.

In your family prayer time you might like to ask God to inspire you through the examples of the saints and holy angels and perhaps you'd like to ask for their intercessions by using the following prayer litany.

Saint Michael, pray for us. Saint Gabriel, pray for us. Saint Raphael, pray for us. Amen