Welcome to our Autumn Prayer and Liturgy newsletter. You will find the dates and times of upcoming events and prayer resources .

yer & Liturgy Autumn Newsletter

# **STAY & PRAY**

Please join us for our Autumn term Stay and Pray sessions.

Thurs 7th Nov - Year 4 2:30pm Fri 8th Nov - Y5 2:30pm Tues 12th Nov - Y6 2:30pm Wed 13th Nov - Rec 2:30pm Thurs 14th Nov - Y3 2:30pm Mon 18th Nov - Y1 & Y2 2:30pm Fri 22nd Nov - Nurs 11:00am

# Harvest Family Fast Day

# As Christians we are invited to imitate Jesus in sharing what we have with others.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is a special day when we are invited to fast, pray, and give to support people living in poverty around the world. This year we want us to come together as a school community and make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

We will be collecting donations for the Redcar Food Bank as part of our Harvest celebrations. The Redcar Food Bank provides essential food and supplies to families and individuals in our local community who are facing difficult times.

We kindly ask that you consider donating nonperishable food items, such as tinned goods, pasta, rice, and cereal, to support this important cause. Your donations can be brought to the school during the week of 30th Sept 2024, and we will ensure that they are delivered to the Redcar Food Bank.

# **CLASS MASSES**

Here are the dates for class masses for Autumn I. These will take place at Sacred Heart Church at 9:30am and all are welcome to attend.

Year 6 - Friday 4th October Year 5 - Friday 8th November Year 4, 2B & YIY/G - Friday 6th December Year 3 & IB - Friday 13th December

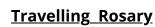
## Month Of Mary Prayer Space Event

We would like to invite you to our drop in Prayer Space event which will be held on the **morning of Wednesday 9th October 8:15am.** 

Here, we will have multiple opportunities and spaces to pray,

reflect and to spend time with your own thoughts. This

will be available to pupils, staff, parents, guardians and parishioners.



During the month of October, all children will have the opportunity to bring home the 'Travelling Rosary'. The purpose of the traveling rosary bags are for the children to pray the Rosary at home together as a family.

THANK YOU A BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES THAT TAKE PLACE IN SCHOOL.





## Remembrance Day Service - Monday 11th November

KS2 Parents and Carers are invited to a Remembrance Service at 10:30am in the school hall.KS1 Parents and Carers are invited to a Remembrance Service at 2:30pm in the school hall.

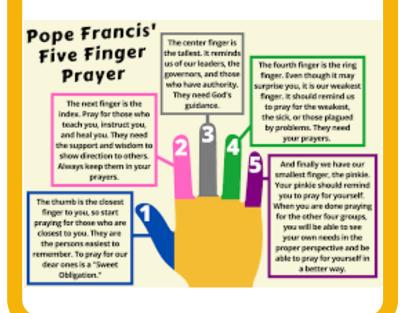


### Prayers at home

"Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity." Pope Francis

If you would like to pray at home, here is an example of Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer you could try together as a family. We believe that there is no right or wrong way to pray to God, we teach children in school that a prayer is like having a chat. You can say one of our formal prayers or you can just say what you are thinking and what you want God to know.

A prayer can start with 'Dear God' and end with, 'in Jesus' name, Amen.'



# Special Feast Days & Celebrations Autumn

ALL SAINTS (1st November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

#### THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED- ALL SOULS (2nd November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (24th November)

#### ADVENT (Begins 1st December)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

#### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (8th December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

## CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (25th December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.