



St. Edward's Primary - Called To Serve

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At St. Edward's, we recognise our duty to continue the mission of Christ through our shared baptism. Our children continually serve each other, their families, our parish and community in word, prayer and deed. As we acknowledge that every human is made in the image and likeness of God, they must be treated as such with dignity and respect from their divine origin until their eternal destiny: the whole child serves the whole person in the whole community.

So far this term, the children have served our community in a range of events, from social to fundraising to charitable donations to worship.

We have hosted a number of events already that outreach beyond our gates to our community: in November, the remembrance sing-a-long saw older members of our parish and local communities invited to join us to commemorate the centenary of WWI, with sentiments deeply rooted in our Catholic faith.

The children attend our weekly parish Mass twice per week and Family Masses continue to take place each half term during the Sunday parish Mass. The children write an introduction and bidding prayers, read at Mass, participate in the offertory and support with the musical liturgy each time. Parishioners Sue Ruddy and Lis Keeley continue to support with the planning and preparation of each Mass. Furthermore, with the announcement of the first World Day of the Poor on 18th November, staff were led in a staff meeting about this occasion and provided with information and resources to then implement in the classroom, with a particular emphasis on prayer. This was marked in school on 16th November in lieu of the Sunday and children wore their own 'dotty' clothes to raise money for Children in Need (which happened to coincide with this day) and a local charity. It was decided that the money should go to the John Paul Centre, a local apostolate that assist those with a range of social and economic problems. A Family Mass was arranged on the World Day of the Poor to bring the school and parish communities together to pray and act together.

The children have continually put their faith into action by helping the less fortunate, recognising Jesus as our motivation. This has been shown by their incredibly generous donations to the Food Bank and the John Paul centre (an initiative spearheaded by the parish); the aforementioned fundraising on World Day of the Poor and the CAUSE Christmas Hamper campaign. These are just some of the school-based initiatives that have taken place this academic year alone. The children regularly fundraise for charities close to their hearts, from cake stalls to hair donations to the Little Princess Trust, to creating and selling items at home to bring in additional donations to school-led fundraising. This is a trend that will continue for the rest of the academic year, not least with our regular Lenten Mission Together drive for which we raised over £600 last year.

A letter was sent out to parents/guardians, inviting them to an Advent reflection each Monday in the school hall during this season, with the first taking place on 3rd December. Furthermore, in December, the first 'stay and pray' session for parents will take place on the 5th, in which the children's families have been invited to help to plan and prepare the liturgy before we pray together. The travelling cribs have been distributed amongst the classes for the children to share the Christmas messages with their families. As in previous years, the Year 5 and 6 children will lead the school and parish communities in an Advent liturgy at our local parish church. This will take place on December 18th at 6pm and provides an invaluable opportunity to come together and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Parents are encouraged to come into school for many reasons, including workshops, social events, fundraising and for worship.

We have often taken our children on events to nurture their faith and to learn more about our history and this December, we are taking a group of children to the cathedral to participate in the visitation of the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham as part of the spiritual preparation of England as the Dowry of Mary.

The children take active roles in promoting the faith life of the school through our Mini Vinnies and pupil chaplaincy team. We meet fortnightly and the children are vital in spearheading initiatives and inspiring their peers to put their faith into action. Our school chaplaincy meets termly and comprises of a range of stakeholders: from staff members, to parishioners, to children, to the parish priest.

<u>Target</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Who is being served?</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>
To launch the Called to Serve mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share our mission within a liturgy in school - Launch the mission at the next Family Mass (Peace Sunday) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children and staff - Families and parish 	<p>Tuesday 18th December 2018</p> <p>Sunday 20th January 2019</p>
To make explicit our duty as Catholics, based on the C2S mission and our own mission statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold a 'Live, Love and Serve' theme week to instill and spread the message of our mission statement - Parish/Family Quiz Night within the week - Culminate the week with a Family Mass - Recognise our common vision and values by celebrating events and feasts in the Church's calendar e.g. World Youth Day, World Day of the Poor, Peace Sunday etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children and staff - Families and parish - Families and parish - Children, staff and families 	<p>Week commencing 14th January 2019</p> <p>Thursday 17th January 2019</p> <p>Sunday 20th January 2019</p> <p>Throughout the year</p>
To raise awareness of the plight of our brothers and sisters at home and throughout the world	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explicit lessons focusing on social and moral issues affecting people worldwide - Assemblies and worship - Most importantly, through community prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children, families and vulnerable members of our local, national and global communities 	<p>Throughout the year</p>
To raise money for those who are less fortunate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue raising money for Mission Together during Lent - Continue donating money to the John Paul Centre - Select a charity with the children to support financially (e.g. Mary's Meals) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees and the supporting community in Jordan - Volunteers and service users - TBC 	<p>Lent</p> <p>Throughout the year</p> <p>Throughout the year</p>

To donate items to the less fortunate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To contact local Food Banks and refugee charities to explore required items, with initiatives spearheaded by the Mini Vinnies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charity service users 	Throughout the year
To provide social opportunities for sick, aged, housebound and other vulnerable members of our community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host coffee mornings in school - Plan and deliver communal events termly (like our Remembrance sing-a-long) - Sing at Care Homes during the Christmas period - To go into Teesside Hospice after Christmas for sing-a-longs - To continue communication and contact with local Care Homes throughout the year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local community - Vulnerable community members - Older community members - Sick community members - Older community members 	<p>Throughout the year</p> <p>Termly</p> <p>Christmas season</p> <p>Spring term</p> <p>Throughout the year</p>
To provide opportunities for the spiritual development of not only the children, but our family and parish communities too	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent 'stay and pray' planning, preparation and worship sessions - Parental prayer workshops, led by parishioner Bernadette Murray - Family Masses - Invitations to communal worship (e.g. seasonal liturgies) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents and families - Parents and families - Parents, families and parish - Parents, families and parish 	<p>Throughout the year</p> <p>To begin after Christmas</p> <p>Half termly</p> <p>Throughout the year</p>
To provide social opportunities for our family and parish communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coffee mornings - Quiz night - Christmas/Summer Fayres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents, families and parish - Parents, families and parish - Parents, families and parish 	<p>Throughout the year</p> <p>Planned for January 17th</p> <p>Christmas and Summer</p>
To care for our common home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gardening club to continue raising awareness of how to look after our school environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School community 	Throughout the year

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To litter pick around our local community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local community 	Spring
To continue to strengthen parish bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to attend weekly parish Mass and Sunday Mass - Continue working alongside members of our parish community for choir, prayer groups and spiritual nurturing - Continue to support parish-led charity initiatives e.g. Food Bank, John Paul Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents, families and parish - Parents, families and parish - Parents, families and parish 	<p>Throughout the year</p> <p>Weekly engagement</p> <p>Throughout the year</p>
To acknowledge and affirm that Christ is at the centre of our community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formally and informally recognise that Jesus is our motivation and inspiration for doing good through discussion and worship - Explicitly instill this belief within the children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents, families, parish, community, children and staff - Children and families 	<p>Throughout the year</p> <p>Throughout the year</p>