

Theme of the Week - The Holy Family

On Sunday 31st December, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family and many of us will have strong feelings towards this due to do our own parish, The Holy Family Church in Langley and/or our primary school, The Holy Family Catholic primary school, Langley. Why might some have strong feelings towards these? Because they were, and still are and always will be part of them, being part of that community is like being part of the family! And during the feast of the Holy Family, we are given the opportunity to reflect on the wonder that is the incarnation of Jesus into a human family. In giving Jesus to be part of the family of Mary and Joseph, God is providing Jesus a special family to protect and nurture his Son during his earthly life. The family of Mary and Joseph provides us all with a model of how we should be committed to care for the family to which we are all blessed. This will instantly be with our own parents, siblings and extended relations but as being part of St Joseph's Catholic High School, you are also part of our school community; you are part of God's family!

Reflect on your own experience of family life whether at home or in school. What is it that makes some relationships more special than others do? Can you identify ways in which you have come to experience God's love in your family? Do you allow other members of your family to experience God's love through you?

As a member of our own families, we have certain responsibilities. We also have responsibilities as members of God's family.

What ways can you take on some responsibilities this year so too can protect and nurture one another so we all can flourish in our school family?

The Holy Family

Weekly Reflections
31st December 2023



A reading from the Gospel of St Luke (2:22,39-40)

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Prayer for the Week

God in Heaven, in the incarnation of your son Jesus, you provided him with a family.

Thank you for giving us the gift of our own families as well as our school one.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

Saint of the Week



St Mary - 1st January

Christ's mother, the most important and widely revered saint in the Christian canon, is celebrated on the first day of the year.

Although Mary only occasionally appears in the Gospels during the ministry of Jesus, she is understood to have been a continuing presence throughout his life, crucifixion and resurrection; Mary was:

Learned and Wise, Loving and Compassionate, Truthful and eloquent, intentional and prophetic, attentive and discerning, faith-filled and hopeful, curious and active, grateful and generous.

Day 1

Sunday 31st December marked the Feast of the Holy Family.

You are all part of a family at home but remember you are also part of our school family. Can you identify ways in which you have come to experience God's love in your family?

Do you allow other members of your family to experience God's love through you?

As a member of a family, we have certain responsibilities, what ways can you take up these responsibilities so we all too can flourish in our school family?