



A HEARTBEAT EVENT

blessed are the  
**peacemakers**

**YOUTH MASS**

**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 6:00PM**

**ALL WELCOME SACRED HEART CHURCH WESTHOUGHTON**

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS** - The whole school attendance for the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> January was **91.5%**. Congratulations to **Year 11** and **Miss Walsh** for achieving the highest attendance percentage out of all year groups and congratulations goes to joint winners this week **'Bernadette & Devereux'** for achieving the highest house attendance. Also, a massive **'well done'** this week goes to **11 Devereux** for the highest form attendance...**100%**! All year groups need to take special note of the attendance summary as research shows low attendance can lead to a drop in GCSE grade. **As we experience colder/wetter/windy weather, can pupils please bring coats to school to avoid getting ill and therefore not attending. Managers of Learning can always send children home if they are too ill to be in school.**

Year	Bernadette	Devereux	King	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent	Yr.Average
7	87.1	96.7	<b>98.3</b>	93.3	88.5	95.4		93.2
8	<b>99.2</b>	92.0	91.3	94.2	85.0	90.8		92.0
9	<b>98.1</b>	83.0	84.3	91.7	87.1	91.7		89.3
10	91.0	95.2	<b>95.5</b>	85.4	92.0	84.8	81.7	89.3
11	91.3	<b>100</b>	88.0	94.6	90.5	98.1	95.5	<b>94.0</b>
Family Average	<b>93.3</b>	<b>93.3</b>	91.4	91.8	88.6	92.1	88.6	

Attendance	95%	90%	85%	80%
Number of days lost learning in an academic year	9.5	19	28.5	38
Number of lessons lost learning for a 6 period day	57	114	171	228

Is 95% attendance good? This means that your child has still missed nearly 10 school days in one year. Over five years that would be nearly 50 days, this is almost a school term. Research suggests that '17 missed school days a year equals a drop in a grade in GCSE achievement' - DfE



# St Joseph's News

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Regular Information from the St Joseph's Community

**Our theme this week is...**

**Faith & Trust**

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**Up & Coming Events:**

**Year 9 Exam Week**

**16<sup>th</sup> January**

- PSA Meeting, 6 pm-  
School Hall

**17<sup>th</sup> January**

- Year 11 Parents'  
Eve, School Hall

*As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers; Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him.*

*Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.*

Have you ever been so struck by something that it made you gasp?

Most things that surprise or shock us leave us with at least some awareness of what is going on around us. Once in a while, however, we come across something so startling that, even if only for a second, it makes everything else vanish.

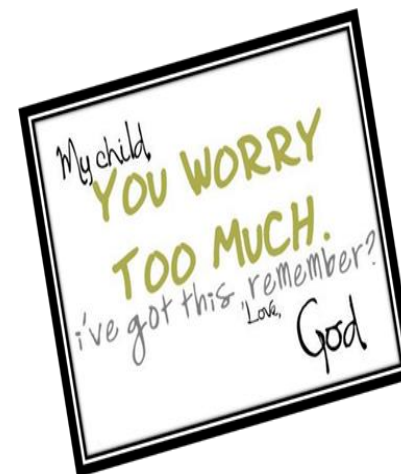
This week, we hear the story of Jesus calling his first disciples - Simon, Andrew, James and John. What is amazing about this Gospel reading is that all four of them drop everything and follow Jesus at once! Fascinatingly, they don't just drop the things they were doing at the time, but their whole lives; they left their boats, their jobs and their families, all for the sake of this man they had just met!

Jesus had only just started preaching at this time, which means the four fishermen probably didn't know him. It is amazing that a complete unknown had the power to make people drop everything to follow him, but he did. Three of those four men were martyred for their faith, all of them saw the risen Christ, and one of them became the first Pope.

It all started with a simple, startling moment.

**Lord God, you called your first disciples to follow you, and you haven't stopped calling yet.**

**Help me to hear your call, to trust in you and have faith in the journey you have prepared for me and my life. Amen.**



### Stewardship@St Josephs's

This week we are launching a monthly competition to find the **cleanest and most tidy area of the school**.

The cleaners will identify which areas of the school are the cleanest; the forms in that area will then receive a prize.

#### **How can you help?**

Simple, if you see any litter in your area or in your form room, pick it up and put it in the bin. Together we can make our community and our environment a nicer place to be.



### Reach for The Future Programme – Year 7

**A new and exciting careers program called 'Reach for The Future Programme'**

All Year 7s will be embarking on a 5 week program (every Tuesday) exploring, What is resilience? - Why is it important? Mental Toughness, The 4 Cs (Confidence, Commitment, Control, Challenge) and Employability, Increasing pupils knowledge of STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and the careers which they relate to.

The 6th week - employers from the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) industry will be invited in to speak to pupils about their particular career



### Reverse Advent Calendar

*During Advent, with support from the school SVP, the staff used a "Reverse Advent Calendar" and collected items for Urban Outreach's Winterwatch.*

***Thank you to all who were involved.***



### PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

	<b>1:10 PM – 1:35 pm</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>Monday</b> Sports Hall Field/Yard	Year 8/9 Basketball MBS	Year 11 GCSE Practical MBS/SW
<b>Monday</b> Dome	Hockey (all years) SW	
<b>Tuesday</b> Sports Hall Field/Yard	Netball (all years) KH	STAFF MEETING
<b>Tuesday</b> Dome	Year 8/9 Badminton MBS	
<b>Wednesday</b> Sports Hall Field/Yard	Year 7 Basketball RC GCSE PE Theory Drop In, Room 5 KH/MBS	Netball Fixtures/Practice KH/SW Basketball Fixtures MBS/RC
<b>Wednesday</b> Dome	Year 11 SW	
<b>Thursday</b> Sports Hall Field/Yard	Gymnastics BOH/KH	Jujitsu/Self Defence MBS All Years
<b>Thursday</b> Dome	Girls Football RC	Hockey (all years) BOH Girls Football Fixtures RC
<b>Friday</b> Sports Hall Field/Yard	Dance BOH	Year 11 GCSE PE PEP Catch up and theory MBS/RC
<b>Friday</b> Dome	Year 7 Badminton MBS	

### Lunchtime Clubs

There is no requirement to bring kit for lunch clubs. These are open to all pupils in the allocated year group.

You **MUST** wear appropriate footwear for each club. You will not be allowed to participate in your school shoes.

Have your lunch before attending any clubs. If you require an early lunch, please see a member of the PE department who will give you a pass which must be given to the lunch time supervisors.