

Happy  
New  
Year



Dear all,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to The Divine Mercy. We hope that you have had a happy and holy Christmas with your families. It is lovely to be back in school and to hear about everything that the children have been doing. Thank you so much for all your kind gifts and cards that were sent into school, they were very much appreciated by all the staff. Here are the dates for your diary this half term, please join us for as many as you can, parents and grandparents are always welcome to celebrate the successes of their children at The Divine Mercy. We have a celebration assembly every Thursday morning at 9.00am and refreshments are available served by our pupil leaders.

**Dates for your diary:**

- **Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 5M Epiphany meditation 9.00am, all welcome
- **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Cinema trip for School Council, Mini Vinnies, GIFT Team and Student Leaders
- **Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 6D Mass Baptism of the Lord 2.00 pm, all welcome
- **Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 3D Assembly Baptism of the Lord 9.00am, all welcome
- **Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 4D Fishers of men meditation 9.00am, all welcome
- **Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Whole school Baptism of the Lord Assembly 9.00am, all welcome
- **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 2 and GIFT Team Mass on Inspirational People 2.00pm, all welcome
- **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 3M assembly on Inspirational People, 9.00am, all welcome
- **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan:** Year 4M Fishers of men meditation 9.00am, all welcome
- **Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 5D Holocaust memorial Mass for St Maximilian Kolbe 2.00pm, all welcome
- **Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 6D Holocaust memorial assembly, St Maximilian Kolbe 9.00am, all welcome
- **Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 3D self-esteem meditation 9.00am, all welcome
- **Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb:** Jesus the storyteller Year 5M Mass 2.00pm, all welcome
- **Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** Year 6M Storytelling week assembly 9.00am, all welcome
- **Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year 3M self-esteem meditation 9.00am, all welcome
- **Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Safer Internet Day
- **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Young Voices concert
- **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** \***WHOLE SCHOOL SPONSORED READING CHALLENGE FOR HCPT WEAR PJs\***
- **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year 4D Mass Presentation of the Lord, 2.00pm, all welcome
- **Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** EYFS Chinese New Year Assembly for parents 9.00am, all welcome
- **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year 2D Meditation Thanksgiving, 9.00am, all welcome
- **Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb:** \***PARENT DROP IN 3.00-4.00pm\***
- **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Whole school Ash Wednesday Mass, Year 4M to lead, 2.00pm, all welcome
- **Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Jan:** \***Valentines Cake Sale for HCPT in hall after assembly (please send in cakes and donations)**
- **Break up Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> February 3.00pm return to school Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 8.30am**

This term we are focusing on Catholic Social Teaching which is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we hope to make present in our unjust and broken world, the justice, love and peace of God.



The children will be introduced to the CAFOD keys and Characters who will help us learn about Catholic Social Teaching.

**Promoting Peace** – We believe in being peacemakers

**The Common Good** – We believe in thinking of everyone

**Participation** – We believe in taking part

**Subsidiarity** – We believe everyone should have a say

**Stewardship** – We believe in caring for God’s gifts


**Distributive Justice** – We believe in sharing fairly

**Preferential Option for the poor** – We believe in putting people in most need first

**Solidarity** – We believe in showing we care

## 2024 Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,  
 As we embrace 2024, guide our steps in this ever-changing world. Fill us with wisdom and strength, keeping our focus on Your eternal love.  
 We pray for global peace, healing where there's hurt, and unity in our communities. May our leaders act with justice and truth, reflecting Your heart.  
 Bless our young people with growth and purpose. Revitalize our church, letting the Gospel's message shine brightly. Deepen our bond with You, teaching us to love as Jesus did.  
 Lord, as we journey through 2024, we trust in Your plan and grace.  
 In Jesus' name, Amen.




- NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS: The Pope Francis List**
- 1 Don't gossip
  - 2 Finish your meals
  - 3 Make time for others
  - 4 Choose the more humble purchase
  - 5 Meet the poor
  - 6 Stop judging others
  - 7 Befriend those who disagree
  - 8 Make commitments
  - 9 Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'
  - 10 Be happy

God bless Mrs Campbell and Mr McLoughlin x



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ The Divine Mercy RC Primary