



All Hallows  
Catholic High School  
*'Growing Together in the Spirit of Christ's Love'*



"As Catholics, we do not make our way through life alone, but as members of God's family, his Church".

Cardinal Donald Wuerl

# Being a Catholic Community

## WORD OF THE WEEK

Matthew 18: 20

"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am among them."

## THE SIGN OF THE CROSS



Praying the sign of the cross at the start of our prayer time is an important part of our Catholic tradition. This prayer should remind us that God is with us always and in a very special way when we come together to pray.

The sign of the cross reminds us of who God is.

Listen to this song (and try out the actions if you like) which tells us who God is and what He has done for us.

[\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

[Sign your Cross- Mark 10 Mission](#)



## Prayer for the Week

Loving God,  
You are present to us whenever we gather as a faith community. We pray that our school will be a place where everyone feels accepted, safe, and loved. Help our school and our local community be places of faith so that we can help others believe in You. Fill us with Your Spirit so that we may reflect Your light and love to each other and the whole world as one Catholic Community.  
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



## GOD IS WITH US...

As a Catholic school God plays a really important part in our school community. We believe that God is present in our school helping us through each day.

Sometimes we might not even notice, but God is present in the smiles of strangers, the kind words of friends, the inspiration of a teacher. God is good, so when something is good in our lives God is there, that is God at work in our lives.

So what is good right now?  
What are you grateful for at this moment?

During this week make an extra effort to notice what is good around you, and maybe make a written or mental note of it so you can take some time in your day to thank God for being with you that day.



***“No one saves ones self.  
The community is essential.”***



## A COMMUNITY OF SAINTS

When we pray we never pray on our own, we have a community/communion of saints praying with us too. We have 6 saints which are special to All Hallows; Bernadette, Catherine, Francis, John, Margaret and Vincent.

They all pray with us and for us when we pray. Do you have a special saint that you can ask to pray for you? Maybe its a saint that shares your name?

Maybe its your confirmation saint?

Listen to this Litany of Saints, a prayer which calls on many different saints to pray for us. As you listen ask your special saint for their prayers.

[CLICK HERE](#)

(Litany by Matt Maher lyrics video)



## A COMMUNITY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

The first part of this week's Word of the Week talks about praying together. It tells us to come together to pray. Prayers are powerful when prayed together.

Do you have any thing you would like others to pray for with you?

Take a moment now to share as a class some things you would like the class to pray for, today and this week.

Maybe make it a regular thing to share your prayer intentions.



## OUR WIDER CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Our Catholic Community extends well beyond our school gates. Our local parishes are the hub of Catholic life and offer us lots of opportunities to connect deeper with Jesus.

Challenge for the week:

Find out where your nearest Catholic Church is.

This year there will be lots of opportunities to get more involved in our local parish and community.

How could you use your gifts and talents in our parishes and local community?



### *A Lunctime Prayer*

***Bless us, O Lord, as we sit together.***

***Bless the food we eat today.***

***Bless the hands that make the food.***

***Bless us, O Lord.***

***Amen***