



## Catholic Life

At St Joseph's our mission is to journey with Christ putting him at the centre of everything we do in order to become 'fully human in Christ'. This understanding is rooted on prayer and liturgies, and on the constant reflective question, 'what type of person am I called to become?' Our daily acts of collective worship are centred around the liturgical calendar, the Jesuit Pupil Profile and the Examen; these enable us to grow in the love and service of Christ together as a faith community. The liturgical calendar also vertebrates the structure of our liturgies, especially during Advent and Lent, but also at other times such as our Remembrance assemblies in November, St Joseph the Worker, and holy days of obligation. We also conclude every term with a whole school Mass and a staff Prayer Service. Our two-hour class retreats have enabled pupils to reflect on their relationships with their families, peers, friends and communities. These retreats are linked to the virtues and pupils have opportunities to pray, reflect and develop meaningful friendships. We regularly welcome our school chaplain, Father John Browne, Monsignor Joseph Cefai and other local priests. We also take part in St Joseph's parish family Masses throughout the academic year.

St Joseph's is a welcoming community which visitors usually describe as 'very friendly'; staff are specially welcoming of those who are most vulnerable; love, care and concern for those who struggle has long been modelled by staff and, therefore, St Joseph's pupils have in turn become welcoming and compassionate towards those who are most in need. This is reflected in our pastoral care system. This stems from the example of Christ and the commitment 'to love your neighbour as yourself'. Diversity and Inclusivity is acknowledged and celebrated in St Joseph's; this is reflected in the curriculum, pastoral interactions, acts of worship, and displays around the school. St Joseph's shows a commitment to educating 'the whole person'; pupils have a number of opportunities to develop spiritually and morally, through daily acts of collective worship in form classes and assemblies, RE lessons, RSE/PSE programme, retreats and charity events. The well-established Sixth Form cycling pilgrimage to Santiago offers an opportunity to develop spirituality through the challenges of the journey that mirrors the journey of life. As a school community, we believe that Jesus is 'the way, the truth, and the life' and that we live life to the fullest when we follow him and show others the way to Christ.