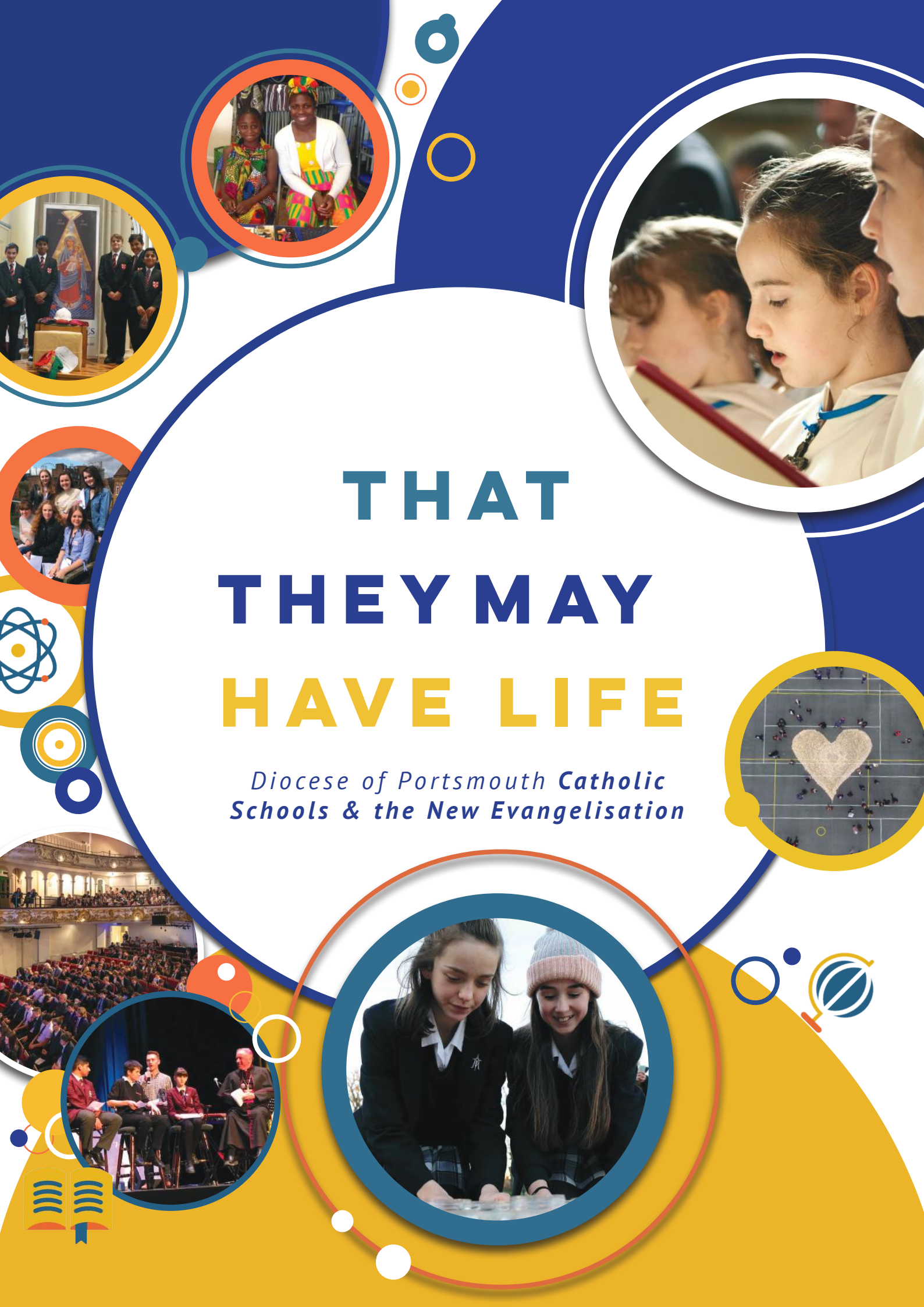
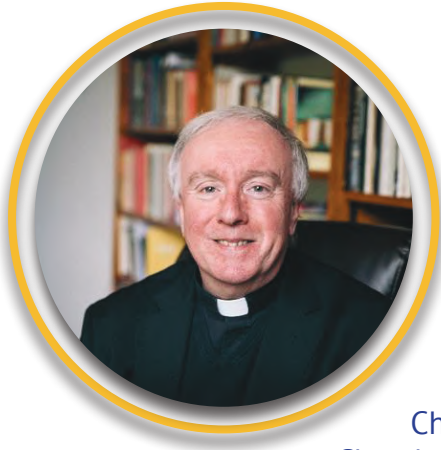


THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE

*Diocese of Portsmouth Catholic
Schools & the New Evangelisation*







FOREWARD FROM *Bishop Philip Egan*

The mission of our Diocese of Portsmouth is Bringing People Closer to Jesus

Christ through His Church. I invite everyone, all our clergy, religious and laity, to respond enthusiastically to the command of Jesus:

“Go, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.”

(MT 28: 19-20)

As the Catholic Church, mission and evangelisation is always our first priority. Evangelisation is about hearing Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of the World, calling us by name to follow Him as His disciple within His Body, the Church. As we find our happiness and salvation in Him, we instinctively want to reach out to others to share with them the Good News. For this, we must become totally dependent on the Holy Spirit and prayer. We must try our best to be holy. We must deepen our own faith-formation, and seek to serve others, especially the poor and needy.

Schools and parishes are the principle agencies of the Diocesan mission. If a parish is a Catholic Eucharistic Community, schools are Catholic Formation Communities. In them, teachers, staff,

parents, governors and children are drawn to meet Jesus Christ, to receive His Word and, developing their gifts and talents, to be sent out on mission and service to all.

It is this culture of vocation, the call to holiness, that is the hallmark of our schools and it is this which makes them distinctive in the educational landscape. I am deeply grateful to the Lord for the way He pours out His Holy Spirit each and every day on our schools and for the continued dedication and diligent service of all those involved with the education and formation of our young people.

This is a remarkable brochure! It offers a snapshot of what I know is the rich tapestry of the evangelistic Catholicism we are called to live. I am most grateful to those schools who have responded to the request for contributions to these pages. It is my hope that these and future submissions will celebrate and affirm good practice, inspire greater innovation and encourage and challenge us all continually to go an extra mile on our shared mission. You can read more about the background to this in our Diocesan ‘vision document’ on Catholic education *That They May Have Life*.

I am immensely grateful to the CASO team, to the Education Steering Group and to everyone who is helping us devise a collective approach to Catholic education in our Diocese of Portsmouth. Our Catholic schools are literally a Good News story! Let us celebrate and thank God for the work they are doing for the Church’s mission.

With my prayers and best wishes for you.

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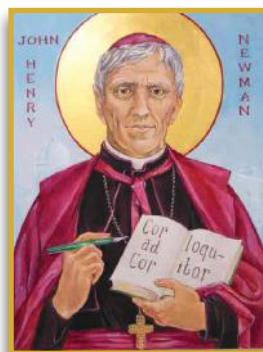
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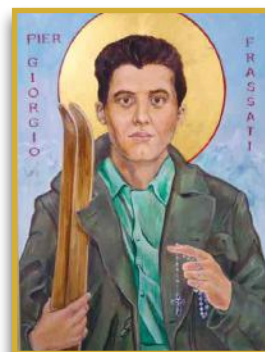
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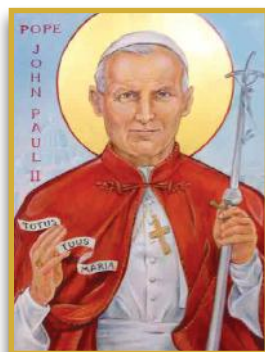


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SCHOOL AND PARISH

Collaborating on Mission



Beaulieu Convent School Jersey is developing closer ties between the school and parish communities. The school Chaplain and Assistant Head (Director of Catholic Life, Further Education and Skills) has established the Beaulieu Institute of Theological Literacy [BITL]. In addition to the provision of ongoing formation for teachers, the Institute explores how the school can be a sort of ‘halfway house’ between secular culture and the fullness of parish life. It was felt that the school might be helpful for those encountering or reencountering the gospel of Christ, in a less formal setting than the parish.



“We include reports of the religious life of the school in our school newsletters, website and social media feeds. Parents are invited to Year Group Masses throughout the year and we plan to share the idea of Parish Ambassadors with St George to enrich the connection between school and our families and parishes.”



Notre Dame school Guernsey have regular children's Mass at the parish church.

ST. ANNE'S SOUTHAMPTON



Pupils at St. Pauls Portsmouth with Lenten prayers for everyone in the Community to write and share.

English Martyrs primary worked with three other local Catholic primary schools to appoint a joint Social Justice and Evangelisation Coordinator. The purpose was for schools to achieve the Romero Award and to be able to respond more fully to the Bishop's invitation to become more evangelical in our outlook. The SJE Coordinator is still in post and has undertaken a variety of different projects in each of the schools and achieved some very positive results.

EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT

with parents



Beaulieu school holds a weekly parent briefing and ‘Sunday Connection’, which keep families in the loop about faith and spirituality initiatives being developed by the school. Blessed Hugh Faringdon utilise social media to continually communicate to the wider public, the ethos of the school, posting items drawn from the liturgical calendar, Feast Days and other devotions. St. Paul’s primary Reading send ‘prayer pouches’ home with one child per class each week to share prayers with parents. Likewise St. Edmund Campion, Maidenhead give the children prayer bags every week to encourage family prayers at home.



“When I was the deputy head at St Joseph’s in Newbury we ran a 6 week course for parents to help them understand various aspects of the Church’s teachings. We had a small group come (for an hour before they picked up their children at the end of the day) for a cup of tea and a chat with the parish priest about a variety of topics: Who was Jesus?; The mission of the Church; The Sacraments; Mary and the Saints; The Eucharist.”

St. Edmund’s primary, Abingdon organise an annual Mother Tongue Day which is tied into the feast of Pentecost inviting parents from diverse cultures and countries to assist in celebrating the many languages and nationalities which make up the school community. The school chapel at St. George College, Southampton is always open to families and has been visited by parents on a number of occasions. Parents are made to feel welcome to attend Mass on Fridays. Notre Dame Guernsey has a thriving PFTA supported by many parents of the community, collaborating with the school to raise funds, support policy and teaching and learning. They are highly organised and make a big difference to improving the school.

LIFE CHANGING *Discipleship*

Our Lady's Abingdon 'Heart of Light' project, was a collaboration with the parish and St Edmund's primary school raising more than £5,000 for Rutsya Primary School. Pupils and parents lit 12,000 candles an enormous heart of light as a symbol of both the collaboration and the act of service for others.



“Students are always reminded that they go out into the world to make a difference with the education they have received at Beaulieu. Liturgically this is symbolised by the giving of individual candles and the anointing for mission during the Yr 13 Leavers’ Mass, as they take the flame of God’s love, enkindled & nurtured by Beaulieu, out into a world badly in need of Christ.”

Blessed Hugh Faringdon and St. Anne's Southampton, engage Cafod to train 6th Form students in leadership assisting them to understand the relationship between faith and justice as well as develop leadership skills. It also shows them an exciting world of skilled careers within the charitable NGO sector.



“At English Martyrs we held a Mission Week when the Sion Community leading a host of different events, enabling all to draw closer to God in prayer, song and through many other different activities.”



Like many schools, the Mini Vinnies of St. Paul's Reading work with the parish SVP group to help alleviate poverty and deprivation in the locality as well as support local food banks. Students at Oaklands in addition to fundraising for their partner school of St. John's, Nairobi in Kenya, have also sent pupils to visit the school. The youngsters share their experiences after they return to further enthuse the commitment of the Oaklands community to the poor both at home and abroad.

EUCCHARISTIC *Commitment*

“Wednesday Mass is the centre of our week and Year Group Masses and St Anne’s Day Masses are the centre of our year. School celebrations often involve Mass. The annual ‘Encountering Christ’ activities (shared with the two other Southampton secondary schools) are Eucharist-centred.”



St Mary & St Michael’s Guernsey have introduced Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for Years 5 and 6 pupils as well as participating in the Corpus Christi procession.

“We took part in the recent Eucharistic Conference in Portsmouth. The students felt that they came back knowing a little more about the importance and significance of the Eucharist in the life of Catholics.”



At Blessed Hugh the Holy Eucharist is at the heart of what we do and who we are. Understanding the Eucharist as an invitation and a mission, we aim to ensure ongoing formation throughout the teenage years. We strive to demonstrate the link between the Sacrament and our students’ natural commitment to social justice and reminding our students of the role of our patron as a martyr, to encourage witness to our distinctive Catholic Faith.

“We are fortunate to have the Blessed Sacrament in our chapel which enables us to offer Eucharistic Adoration.”

ST, GEORGE COLLEGE

The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the chapel on campus at Beaulieu and students spend regular time in the chapel in private prayer and for liturgies. The school run training courses for altar servers both for the school and Jersey parish.



Corpus Christi procession and benediction in school. St Paul’s Reading.

DEEPENING SPIRITUALITY *in Christ through Chaplaincy*



Year 7s learn about Benedictine spirituality because of the patron Blessed Hugh Faringdon. The Head leads Lectio Divina prayer in the school chapel with the Tutor Groups to deepen the experience of meditative prayer. Oaklands make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral to learn about the Mother church of the Diocese.

INITIATIVES PRE/POST *First Holy Communion*

St Anne's Southampton has hosted St Edmund's parish First Holy Communion group in recent years, providing a weekly venue for the catechesis. RE lessons in the school provides ongoing catechesis in the Holy Eucharist prior to Confirmation. Like many primary schools, St. Edmund's Abingdon have a special First Holy Communion Mass in school for the whole community to celebrate with the children. Some of the teachers and teaching assistants are catechists within the parish.

“At St. Paul's Portsmouth we run our own First Holy Communion programme. These children are celebrated at the 'Going Forth' Mass as well as the feast of Corpus Christi Mass where they wear their First Holy Communion outfits once again and share their very special experience with the rest of the school.”



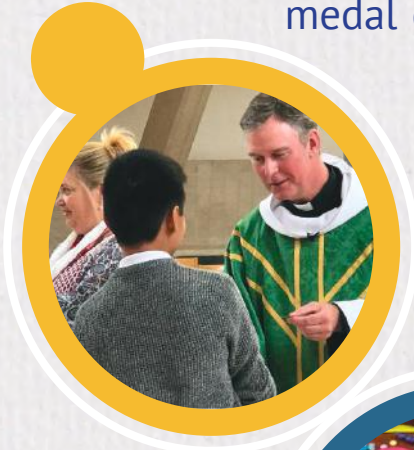
At St Paul's Reading there are prayer partners sessions every two weeks for a period before and after the celebration of First Holy Communion. St Mary & St Michael's Guernsey First Communicants participate in the annual Corpus Christi Procession in the parish.



INITIATIVES PRE/POST *Confirmation*

“The topic on vocation in the RE curriculum in year 8 sows the seeds about confirmation in parishes. We mark Confirmations with a celebration and a small gift for each girl at St. Anne’s.”

Blessed Hugh Faringdon students who have received the sacrament spend a ‘Christian Leadership Day’ at Douai Abbey, organised by school with the monks, where they receive a medal commemorating their new role in Christ.



**“ IF YOU ARE
WHAT YOU SHOULD BE,
YOU WILL SET
THE WHOLE WORLD
ON FIRE! ”**

St. Catherine of Sienna

St George College celebrate the Confirmations of all their students as a school and invite students to train to become Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for both the school and their parish.



SERVICE OF THE POOR, *vulnerable and marginalised*

Mini Vinnies being blessed at St. Edmund's Abingdon as they take their Pledge to serve those in need.



Many primary schools regularly support local Food banks; have Mini-Vinnies; make regular visits to the elderly. Each Year group in the OLA school has an annual 'Mission Effort' where they raise money for charitable causes. This year St George have supported the Jumbulance with money raised from a non-uniform day, collected donations for the food bank, sorted donated clothes for the Women's Refuge and supported the Apostleship of the Sea with hampers at Christmas.

"At English Martyrs we employed a full time family support worker. She regularly worked with the SVP to support members of the school community who were in need. She supported families with particular hardship needs over food and accommodation."

Oaklands Academy was key in establishing The Oscar Romero Award to help schools recognise how they put Catholic Social Teaching in action as well as to challenge schools to explore in which they can promote social justice within and outside their school communities.

The Thanksgiving Mass for the canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero



The Academic Mentoring programme at St. Anne's Southampton helps identify and address any disadvantage. The school ensures that in supporting charities, there is significant local focus as well as global focus. Year 10 students at Blessed Hugh school become Peer Supporters gaining rudimentary skills in listening and 'accompanying' the vulnerable or marginalised among fellow pupils. Beaulieu works very closely with Caritas Jersey especially with sixth formers. Notre Dame primary displays the varied certificates for its involvement support of a diverse range of charitable activity cross Guernsey.

IDENTIFYING THE GIFTS *of young people*



St. George College provides varied opportunities for student leadership; e.g, Prefect, ASPIRE Captain or membership of Head Girl & Boy team. Students also take an active part in the development of the spiritual life through various liturgical roles but also through membership of our developing GIFT Team. St. Edmund's Abingdon holds a Gold Book assembly each Friday to celebrate significant achievements by individual children and groups.

“WOW’ boards in class celebrating extra-curricular successes. There is an annual Talent Show as well as Public Speaking with CAFOD. Head boy & girl, house captains, school councils encourages leadership & communication skills.”

ST. PAUL’S, READING

Each year group at Oaklands has a praise board in the Hall foyer so parents & visitors can see the wonderful achievements. Praise assemblies occur each half term and the Chaplain's Award is presented at the end of the year. They have also introduced a restorative justice system called 'The Oaklands Way' which has been adapted from St. Anne's girls school which has a highly positive impact on behaviour.

“We provide a broad and balanced curriculum through which our girls are encouraged to explore the breadth of opportunities available so that they may discover their own unique gifts and talents.”

ST. ANNE’S SOUTHAMPTON

Blessed Hugh Faringdon have 'Student of the Week' awards to recognise the pupils who make consistently good choices & 'Colleague of the Month' nominations come to the Head for staff members who have gone the extra mile. In May, six students from Our Lady's, Abingdon received the Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards at Buckingham Palace by Prince Edward.





STEWARDSHIP *of Creation*

Oaklands Eco Group raise awareness of the need to take care of our 'common home' through practical action. We operate a recycled paper policy throughout the school. St. Edmund Campion have 'sustainable' doorways in every class through which over time pupils learn about all aspects of care for the environment, respect for creational training events for our staff.

St. Peter's Waterlooville 'Eco-Club' encourages energy saving, recycling and gardening. A group of Key Stage 2 children planting seeds in the church wild flower meadow to support the Laudato Si initiative at Abingdon parish. Our LSU charisms/Vision Statement in all LSU Schools, initiated at St Anne's, underline our commitment to Laudato Si which students study in RE/CAFOD Reflection Days. St. Paul's Reading have an Outdoor learning copse which is also used for liturgies and a gardening club.

Pupils from Notre Dame primary share with listeners to BBC Radio about their work at school on creation.

COLLABORATION WITH *Pastoral Areas & Evangelisation Strategy Teams*

Our Termly Newsletter gives details of the Havant Pastoral Area Services for Easter and Christmas. This is circulated to students, parents, parishes, feeder primary schools and others in our community. The

Principal of Our Lady's Abingdon, is an ex officio member of the Parish Pastoral Council at the local parish of Our Lady & St Edmund. The Chaplain to St. George College has been involved with the Pastoral Area Mission Group.

"Close links are maintained between the Beaulieu and the PAEST. Local clergy are aware that BITL is a resource that is there to serve the parish mission and the new evangelisation."



INTER-FAITH *Dialogue & Collaboration*

At St. Pauls Portsmouth a Muslim parent worked with all classes to show the similarities and differences in our faith. A Hindu member of staff has worked with children to answer questions about the Mandir and to teach traditional dance. The school dedicates two weeks a year to our inter-faith curriculum.

“Close working relationship with SACRE and an excellent working relationship with all of our represented faiths. Pupils and their families are respectful of our Catholic ethos so much so that no one opts out of any activity.”

ST. ANNE’S SOUTHAMPTON

We hold a Faith Day for students in the summer term which includes input from leaders of other faiths. St George College Pupils at St Edmund’s Campion visit other non Christian places of worship. Oaklands Year 9 visit a Sikh Gurdwara participating in their Langar meal at lunchtime.



SUPPORT FOR *Marriage and Family*

At St Peter’s Waterlooville, like many schools we acknowledge the marriages of staff and birth of children in our newsletters and assemblies. St. Mary’s Southampton encourage busy families to spend social time together via Saturday community events like forensic mornings and craft sessions. The School has also been exploring the possibility of hosting marriage enrichment www.loving4life.co.uk weekend.

St Paul’s Reading have a ‘Bumps & Babes’ group for parents and toddlers. St. Anne’s Southampton, like several secondary schools host workshops from the educational charity www.Explorrelationships.org.uk and will be embarking on a fledgling project with St George to ensure a coherent approach from years 7 to 13 based on Theology of the Body. Notre Dame school works actively with parents of students to provide good examples of marriage and family.



*Blessed Hugh Faringdon
Head Simon Uttley
assisting a visiting
Rabbi in teaching
students about
aspects of Judaism
and its similarities to
Christianity.*

PROVIDING A *Christ-centred curriculum*

“At the heart of the work we do is the transmission of the deposit of faith especially through the charisms of our founding order which are well-established across the curriculum. We monitor this annually through our SMSC review.”

ST. ANNE’S, SOUTHAMPTON

Approximately two hundred teachers participated in the programme Christ at the Heart of the Curriculum.

Four twilight sessions were held at Basingstoke covering many topics from which Dr. Andrew Pinsent (Ian Ramsey Centre for Science & Religion, Oxford University) gave us some insights and facts to help view the whole curriculum through the lens of Catholic faith

and history. Many teachers and governors accessed the modules online and these will soon be available along with quiz-type assignments to complete towards a certificate.

Links are constantly made between the curriculum and the Church’s liturgical year. INSET days, twilight sessions, Theology-on-Tap social evenings for staff & parents are led by Dr. Paul Rowan, at Beaulieu school who is exploring the possibility of a new book about The Vision of Pope Francis and the School in the New Evangelisation.

Twelve primary schools have signed for the “Building the Kingdom” pilot project aimed at renewing the curriculum in the light of Catholic social teaching.

“At St. Peter’s Waterlooville, the humanities and English along with the God Matters scheme provides a curriculum with moral perspectives informed by our Catholic Faith.”

All lessons at Oaklands, especially those with additional time in the afternoons, are expected to include prayer and thanksgiving for the life and teaching of Christ. All departments are expected to pray during their lessons at the end of the day. Service children at St Paul’s Portsmouth went to see the Poppy Wave at Fort Nelson. They then came back to school to write a prayer for their parents who serve are in the armed forces.



ECUMENICAL *Collaboration*

At St. Paul's Reading the vicar of local C of E church attends to present assemblies and Mini Vinnies met with local British Legion at Remembrance. St George college hope to establish team of Parish Ambassadors for C of E parishes next year.

At St. Joseph's Newbury, COINS (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools) deliver workshops based on the Christmas and Easter Story and they also run a club in school called JAFFA (Jesus a Friend for All). Beaulieu SLT meet with Churches together in Jersey and individual ministers who work with us, supporting school through various inter-church ventures. BITL and The Business Connect Trust (informing the local business community with gospel values).

“**MY FONDEST HOPE IS THAT JESUS' PRAYER IN THE UPPER ROOM: 'FATHER, THAT THEY MAY ALL BE ONE.'**”

St. Pope John Paul II

Freedom for Life Ministries (working with the disadvantaged in the local communities, especially in relation to issues related to crime and addictions, thus assisting in crime reduction and helping people become contributing members of society).

St Anne's Southampton has very positive links with partner Anglican schools. Staff contribute to the Highfield Church Youth session. St Mary & St Michaels Guernsey take a full and active part in Christian Unity Week.





FORMATION OF *Staff & Govenors*

During 2017-18, CASO subsidised 37 schools to have free access to this unique weekly programme providing video-based presentations on Catholic teaching and education. CASO Primary & Secondary RE leader days are essential training events for our staff. All four area Partnerships have held successful formation/vision days with Sr Judith Russi on Catholic social teaching and the mission of our schools to witness to Christ and Gospel values more powerfully both collectively and individually.

“CASO Headteacher briefings prayer, training, collegial support and a strong sense of belonging to one diocesan family.”

St Mary's Southampton staff faith formation schedule is integrated in to the CPD such as 'Delivering/participating in a Christ centred curriculum', 'Meeting God through His creation' & 'Understanding God's will in our lives'; Staff enjoy guided meditation sessions giving them a mini 'retreat' from the working day. Every meeting at St. Anne's Southampton starts with time for an extended reflection for all staff, as well as full day annually for staff reflection/formation which includes theological input, Catholic Social Teaching, pastoral support and spiritual enrichment.

“I've arranged a bi-annual retreat for staff/governors at all school's I've worked in from Thursday night/Friday morning at Cold Ash retreat Centre. A variety of topics are covered from vocation to Church's vision on sexuality.”

JAMIE CARROLL

The Head at Oaklands plans an induction for all new staff focused on distinctive nature of teaching and working in a Catholic School. Frassati partnership schools shared an inset day devoted to Catholic ethos and identity with renowned speaker/author David Wells. Beaulieu pays for staff to study for the CCRS and other theological/spiritual/pastoral courses offered through BITL.



INITIATIVES TO ENCOURAGE *greater participation in the Sunday Eucharist*



St. Anne's school Southampton are also developing parish ambassadors from among the students. First Holy Communion children at St. Paul's Reading are encouraged to attend Mass and collect tokens.

There is a monthly family Mass and The children are encouraged to become altar servers or sing in the choir Children from St Mary & St Michael, Guernsey take active roles in a monthly Sunday children's Mass in the parish. At English Martyrs Reading, regularly invited children to participate in Mass on a Sundays by asking them to do various 'oles such as readings and being welcomers.



Fr Paul Rowan at Beaulieu Convent school celebrates a Saturday evening Vigil Mass at the school.

Our Lady's Abingdon have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the school chapel each day for pupils and staff in term time Children from St. Edmund's, Abingdon regularly: read, serve, sing the psalm, say the bidding prayers, bring up the offertory and are part of the parish music group. We use the whole liturgy of the Mass for our whole school Masses so that all children learn the full responses and are therefore confident to join in fully with the Mass each Sunday in church.



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