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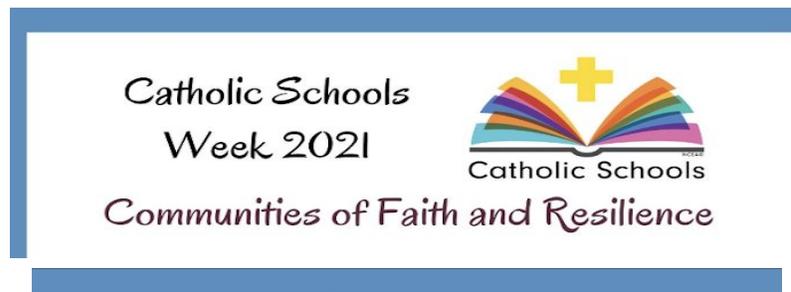
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25th January, 2021



A Chairde,

This is Catholic Schools Week. Since its inception, St Mary's has been defined by its Catholic ethos and Mercy principles of compassion and equality of opportunity for all. Sr Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Mercy order, was a woman of prayer and deep faith. She believed that each day brought us closer to God and encouraged her sisters to take one day at a time and strive to make each day a better day. The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week is very relevant: Communities of Faith and Resilience. This is further broken down into daily topics as follows:

Monday - Catholic Schools Communities of Faith
Tuesday - Catholic Schools Communities of Learning
Wednesday - Catholic Schools Communities of Love (Grandparents' Day)
Thursday -- Catholic Schools Communities of Resilience
Friday - - Catholic Schools Communities of Hope

Pupils will be working with these themes over the course of the week with their teachers.



Usually on the Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week we celebrate Grandparents' Day. We hope to uphold this tradition this year by making a Collage of photos of Grandparents and celebrating our grandparents on Wednesday with a Zoom Assembly. Here is a lovely song about grandparents and how special they are to us: <https://youtu.be/n2rZkvilaEO>

We encourage pupils to say their prayers at home. The usual daily prayers are Morning prayer, The Angelus, Grace Before/After meals, the Hail Mary, the Our Father and the Prayer at the end of the day. Some classes have their own special prayers which are really beautiful. Perhaps the pupils could say them at home with their families this week. Children in the Sacramental Classes will have other prayers to learn also. Eg. The Act of Sorrow

Regarding the sacramental celebrations this year, here is an excerpt from the Bishop's letter to the parish:

"While I am working on a draft schedule for Confirmation, it will not be possible to publish a definitive list until the current restrictions are lifted. Unfortunately, it is outside our control at present." Bishop Tom Denihan

Fr Paul also advised that the same applies to First Confession, which would usually take place in February. As soon as the parish receives an update from the Bishop, we will inform the schools, parents and children.

A reminder also that Mass is broadcast on weekdays from our beautiful church at 10:00 am and at Sunday Mass times. The children may have classes scheduled at this time during the week but it might be nice to tune in some day if time permitted. This is the link:

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-parish-trim>

We continue to remember in our prayers the family of dear Adam from Room 9 whose funeral Mass took place last Friday. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Wieczny odpoczynek racz mu dac Panie, a swiatlosc wiekuista niechaj mu swieci, niech odpoczywa w pokoju wiecznym, Amen.



Mrs Nally

Zoom Assemblies:

- 1. Grandparents' Day:** Wednesday 27th @ 9.00. Photos or drawings of pupils' grandparents, with names, to be sent to Rebecca (office@stmarystrim.ie) by **6.00 today Monday**.
- 2. Catholic Schools Assembly:** Theme is Hope. Friday 29th @ 9,30. Copies of work done during the week, with names, to be sent to Rebecca by **6.00 on Wednesday**.

Links will be sent out the day before.

Mr Carmody's Five Minute Daily Workouts are now posted on our website. Check out <https://stmarystrim.ie/>

Application for Enrolment Forms for this year are now available on our website (under "Forms") or through this link

<https://stmarystrim.ie/wp-content/plugins/smart-slideshow-widget/2020/10/Application-for-enrolment-and-enrolment-policy-to-email-2-1.pdf>

Submission Date: On or before 29th January 2021 (in order to be included in the first round of offers).

Please return by email or post in preference to hand delivery. Offer letters will be posted on Friday February 5th.

Finally, the world watched as the new President of America was sworn into office last week.

Despite the restrictions brought about by the virus, the occasion was one of great hope and celebration. The new President called for unity and strength among the American people. Given his great love of Ireland, it's a wonder he didn't use 'Ni neart go cur le cheile'!

A highlight of the inauguration ceremony was the recitation of the poem, *The Hill We Climb* by the young Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman. Without a doubt, this young lady will be a role model for many, having overcome many obstacles in her own personal journey. Her message of hope is universal and one we all need to hear at this time.



Mise le meas

Cóilín Ó Coigligh

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Príomh Oide.

Community News

Green News

Nathanna na Seachtaine: In ainm an Athar agus an Mhic agus an Spioraid Naoimh. (In the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit)

Seanfhocal na Míosa: Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí
(Praise young people and they will flourish)

Green News



These beautiful snowdrops appeared last week in Trim! Snowdrops are the first flowers that bloom at the end of winter, defying the hardened frosty ground and sometimes a heavy sheet of snow. They symbolise hope.

Our Green Theme this year is Global Citizenship - Marine. To reiterate what was said last week The marine environment plays a very important role in maintaining our climate. Ireland's seabed territory is one of the largest in Europe and more than 10 times Ireland's land mass. There is a lot of ocean to protect!

Our oceans and seas are very important ecosystems. There are many threats to the marine environment, in particular the threat of marine litter. This type of litter is any man-made material that has ended up in the marine environment after being lost or discarded on land or at sea. Marine litter can become a health and safety issue for beach users but can also be ingested by wildlife which in time could end up in our food chain. Some classes are working on Marine themes this week including deep seabed species. The oceans can teach us many things. We will be learning a lot about it over the coming months.

Here is a nice child-friendly link to help explore this theme a bit further:

<https://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/>

Also for the next 6 weeks the National Marine Aquarium will be delivering live lessons via You Tube. Each week there will be 2 sessions.

Deep Science (1- 1:20pm)

Mermaid tales (1:30 - 1:45pm)

For more information head here:

<https://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/learning-at-the-aquarium/home-learning-sessions/>

Remember to keep safe and keep green!

Community News



Trim LGFA
are delighted to welcome
Meath All-Ireland Winning players
Vikki Wall and Emma Troy
to join us for a virtual
Meet and Greet via Teams

Wednesday, 27th January, 2021
at 6:45pm Sharp



Link available by emailing Ruth at
Trimathtroim.meath@lgfa.ie
before 3pm on Wednesday 27th