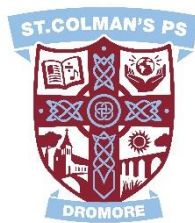


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Catholic Schools Week

Sunday 21st January – Sunday 28th January 2024

Catholic Schools: Communities of Service

Dear Parent/Guardian

Next week is an opportunity for our school community to celebrate the important contribution we, as a Catholic school, make to the collective goal of education. This year's theme reminds us that each of us belongs to a community; this might be our local sports' club, village, or town. Jesus calls us to be a community and tells us that when we gather in faith, hope and love, even in small numbers, he will be there too: *'For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'*

Every Catholic school is called to be a community that serves, inviting students to use their gifts and talents at the service of others. In our schools we model love, kindness and care towards ourselves, others, God and creation. This Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the unique contribution our schools make at the service of our pupils, our communities and our Church.

Here in St. Colman's P.S we will be celebrating throughout the week in a range of different ways.

- Every class will be participating in prayer and activities each day to encourage us to think about how we can walk together in Faith, Hope and Love.
- As part of Catholic Schools Week, a day is set aside every year to celebrate the special role Grandparents play in the lives of our children, especially in helping to nurture and grow their faith. To recognise this, we will be celebrating a special Mass for Grandparents on **Tuesday 23rd January in St. Colman's Church at 9.30am** and invite all Grandparents to attend. (We ask that you pass this information on to them.)
- A special Catholic Schools Week Service for our Diocese will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin in **St. Thérèse's Church, Banbridge on Wednesday 24th at 10.30am**. Some of our children will be attending to represent our school. **Everyone in our wider school community is also welcome to attend.**

It is recognised that not all children will have a grandparent they can ask along to these events, so parents/carers/Godparents, or those people who play a special part in your child's life, are very welcome.

If you wish to find out more about Catholic Schools Week, please visit:

www.catholicschools.ie

We hope that you can support us in celebrating Catholic Schools Week by talking to your child about what they have done in school during the week, or by attending one of our events.

Ms M Savage