



## RE NEWSLETTER

### REVELATION

January 2020



The FCJ schools around the world share the same vision;

Inspired by the Gospel and true to Marie Madeleine's founding ideal, our vision is that FCJ schools are communities of personal and academic excellence. Strong in companionship, the unique giftedness of every person in these faith communities is recognised, nourished and celebrated. Our hope and expectation is that, through God's grace working in us all, each young person grows into their best self, with zest for life and the generosity and confidence to use their talents and gifts in the service of others.

This vision is encapsulated in our six key FCJ values. This term we will focus on 'Justice.' Justice demands, when challenging circumstances arise, that we seek dignified solutions for all concerned. It acknowledges and embraces diversity and protects the reputation of each member of the community, ensuring fair treatment for all. Justice requires us to examine, teach and promote just relationships and structures within our school community and in the world. It challenges opinions and actions that contradict Gospel values and requires us to stand shoulder to shoulder with the oppressed. This Core Value links beautifully with our work on the rights of a child and this term we will think carefully about ensuring justice for others around the world.



**Excellence**

**Companionship**



**Hope**



**Gentleness**



**Justice**



**Dignity**



The main themes within the **Revelation** topic are:

Year R – God is shown in our lives and through the work of others.

Year 1 – Jesus as a teacher and a healer.

Year 2 – Stories from Scripture, which show how special Jesus is. It looks in particular at the miracle stories.

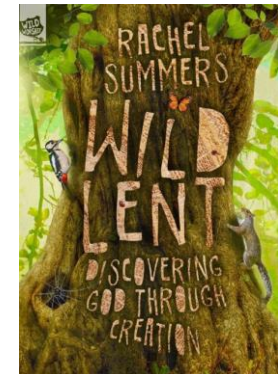
Year 3 – The Presentation and Baptism of Jesus as signs of God's revelation.

Year 4 – How the apostles and Anna and Simeon saw the glory of Jesus as the only Son of the Father.

Year 5 – How the divine revelation is communicated, particularly in baptism.

Year 6 – The personal relationship St Paul enjoyed with God.

### FCJ Bicentenary



Globally, the FCJ congregation has made care of the environment a priority for mission, and in response to the climate emergency, 10 trees will be planted by each FCJ community group in their local areas. Individual FCJ sisters will make efforts to divest of single-use plastics and encourage their colleagues and friends to do so as well.

At FCJ Primary school, we will be participating in 'Wild Lent'. This project will enable us to discover God through creation and in doing so, consider how we can commit to taking greater care of the planet. Families will be able to join in with this event on our Twitter page during Lent.



## *The Catholic Church in Jersey*

Seven Churches, One Parish

**Youth Ministry-JaCy:** Fridays 7-10pm for all young people school year 6 upwards at the youth room in St Thomas' Hall.

**Praise and Play Group.** Mondays - 9.30am to 11.30am at St Bernadette's.  
Fridays- 3pm to 5pm in St Thomas' Hall.

For more details about these groups contact Mary Cahill, Parish Coordinator of Pastoral Ministries: [m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je)

### **Looking for Volunteers**

Many of you may have noticed that we are in need of more volunteers for many aspects of the Ministry of the Church. Why not take this chance and make it your New Year's resolution to become more involved and help us with whatever you feel comfortable in doing? We will be promoting the search in the next coming weeks and will be distributing volunteer forms that you can fill out with all the ways you can help every week.

### **Catholic Gift Shop**

The Catholic Gift Shop based at St Thomas will be closed for January & February. If you wish at this time to buy any goods such as Mass cards, rosaries or other devotional items please contact Cheryl at [blessings41@gmail](mailto:blessings41@gmail)

### **Caritas Jersey**

Last autumn, Patrick Lynch, who attends St Bernadette's 11.15 Mass with his wife and two young sons, took over as CEO of Caritas Jersey. Over the coming weekends, Patrick will introduce himself at the end of our Sunday Masses. He will speak briefly about what Caritas Jersey has been doing, hopes to do and how you can be involved in ensuring it remains the helping hand of the Catholic Church. Please pray for him and ask the Lord's blessing on this important part of our parish life.



JaCy offers a wide variety of events and activities for the young people of the Catholic Church in Jersey.

Jersey Catholic Youth pop up all over our island in their many roles as young leaders, catechists, YSVP/B-Attitude SVP and Youth 2000, as well as candidates on sacramental preparation programmes. Youth Ministry is island wide but we are fortunate to have a youth room base at St Thomas's Church Hall. Friday evenings in the youth room are a chance for youth to meet up with other with other young Catholics from across the island schools, in a relaxed, friendly and safe environment. The main focus of the evening is fun, faith and friendship and a short part of the evening is set-aside for group prayer time led by our older youth.

Our events and activities offer youth the opportunity to participate in engaging, fun and informative catechesis as well as a chance to socialise with other like-minded young Catholics. Our younger primary school youth also have many opportunities available to them through the Marriage and Family Life Ministry coordinated by Mary Cahill and supported by our older youth.

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