



Catholic Schools Week 2019

Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Own Catholic School

Each year Catholic Schools Week provides Catholic school communities with an important opportunity to celebrate 'who they are' and 'what they do'. Catholic Schools Week 2019 aims to achieve this in a more meaningful way by placing each local Catholic school at the centre of our celebrations. This year the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2019 is 'Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Own Catholic School' and we invite Catholic schools to reflect on and celebrate the relationship that exists between home, school and parish through participation in two catechetical moments.

Preparatory Catechetical Moment – November 2018 'Month of the Holy Souls'

Catholic Schools Week 2019 will have a preparatory catechetical moment in November 2018 for the 'Month of the Holy Souls'. This moment is rooted in our belief in the promise that Jesus made when he said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die' (Jn 11:25–6). Our hope as Christians is that death is not the end but that at the end of our time here on earth we will be reunited eternally with Jesus in heaven. Through participation in this catechetical moment, Catholic school communities are provided with the opportunity to joyfully celebrate their Easter faith.

Each November (the month of the 'Holy Souls') the Church, as a family of families, collectively remembers those who have passed away in the hope of the resurrection. This November, as we remember those who have passed away, we invite Catholic primary and post-primary schools to engage with the resources made available as part of our preparations for Catholic Schools Week 2019. The resources for this moment are rooted in our belief in Jesus' promise: 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die' (Jn 11:25–6). In this way, the resources aim to assist Catholic school communities with their reflection and celebrations during the month of the 'Holy Souls' as they prepare for their celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2019 beginning on 27 January 2019.

Primary School Resources:

- Relevant content from the *Catholic Preschool and Primary School Religious Education Curriculum for Ireland*
- Junior Lesson (Junior Infants–Second Class/P1-P4)
- Senior Lesson (Third Class–Sixth Class/P5-P7)
- Prayer Service of Remembrance

Post-Primary School Resources:

- 1 Junior Cycle Lesson Plan
- 1 Senior Cycle Lesson Plan
- 1 Liturgical Resource





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Catholic Schools Week 2019 will run in the same format as previous years from 27 January to 3 February 2019. As in previous years, each day of Catholic Schools Week 2019 has a theme and a correlating resource for the following class groupings:

Primary Schools

Junior and Senior Infants (P1 and 2)
First and Second Class (P3 and 4)
Third and Fourth Class (P5 and 6)
Fifth and Sixth Class (P7)

Post-Primary Schools

- 3 Junior Cycle Lesson Plans (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)
- 2 Senior Cycle Lesson Plans (Wednesday, Friday)
- 1 Liturgical Resource
- 1 Board of Management and Staff Reflection

The daily themes are:

Monday: The Living Tradition of Our Catholic School
Tuesday: Welcoming Diversity in Our Catholic School
Wednesday: Grandparents' Day/Intergenerational Education
Thursday: Our Catholic School in Service of Our Community
Friday: Celebrating Faith In Our Catholic School

On Wednesday we celebrate Grandparents' Day. On that day we offer some suggestions for class activities.

A prayer service for use in the school or classroom is also available, as well as suggestions for parish celebrations for Sunday, 27 January.

All resources are available as Gaeilge.

All resources are accessible via www.catholicschools.ie.

