

Curious and Active

Pupils are growing to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

What does this mean?

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by leading pupils to be **curious** about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning,



Pray it

Linking Curious and Active to prayers of the Church and Liturgical Season.

Prayer suggestions and activities: -

We pray that we may actively seek Jesus like the Wise Men did (Epiphany 6th Jan)
We also pray the Jubilee Prayer for Schools on this day at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year.

We pray that the Lord's peace may actively spread throughout the world. May nations and communities live in peace with one another. We pray especially on the Day of Prayer for Peace 2nd Sun Ordinary Time and Christian Unity week (Octave of Prayer 18th to 25th January).

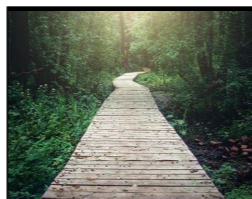
Day of the Word of God (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time). Use Lectio Divina to help you read, reflect, respond and rest letting the Word of God speak to you. Explore prayer journaling as another form of praying with scripture.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick 11th Feb: We pray for all who are sick, that they may experience God's healing presence, strength, and peace.

Pray especially on 1st Feb for Racial Justice, 2nd Feb World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, & 8th Feb for Victims of Human Trafficking.

Please pray for the Pope's Prayer Intentions and pray the Prayer for Candlemas (Staffroom Noticeboard).

We pray for the intercession of the saints who were curious and active in their faith particularly: -St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church - Wednesday 28th January -St John Bosco, Priest - Saturday 31st January -St Scholastica - Tuesday 10th February Please see the [Liturgy Office website](#) for further information.



Explore it

Linking Curious and Active to scripture, meaning and teachings of the Church, Pope Leo XIV and the Saints.

Scripture to Explore: -

Here are some scripture passages and questions for you to explore which reflect the virtues of being Curious and Active:

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday 11th January) – Matthew 3:13–17: Why did Jesus choose to be baptised, even though he was without sin?
Explore the Theological virtues received at Baptism; Faith, Hope and Love (Charity). How might these virtues be expressed in practice?

In the Gospel reading, Matthew 4:12-23, Jesus says 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' How might someone respond if Jesus made this invitation today?

Feb 1st – Matthew 5:1–12: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" What kind of world would exist if people lived by the Beatitudes?

Feb 8th – Matthew 5:13–16: "You are the light of the world" How might this teaching influence the way Christians live in the world?

Why not make a link to the upcoming Sunday's Gospel, helping pupils become familiar with it before hearing it in their parish?

Explore the life and work of St. Josephine Bakhita and how she overcame slavery.

Explore how St. John Bosco supported the life chances of children and young people through education. How did he encourage others to make the world a better place?



Live it

Linking Curious and Active to the way we can choose to live our lives to serve God and to serve others.

Activities and challenges: -

- Reflect upon your Jubilee Pledge. How will you continue this legacy focusing on prayer, social action and fundraising?
- Just as we bless the classrooms in school, you can take some chalk home to bless your home. An example of this can be found on: <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/epiphany/>
- Be inspired by Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation 'Dilexi te' focusing on love for the poor. How will you live out this call?
- Explore Mission Together's 'Global Paintings' resource of Jesus' Baptism. Create your own piece of art inspired by these paintings.
- Plan and prepare a Celebration of the Word focusing on peace. For peace prayers: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayers-for-peace>
- Ask your priest to bless new candles that will be used in your school on 2nd February (Candlemas).
- Catholic Social Teachings underpins the focus on prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking (esp. St. Josephine Bakhita 8 Feb)
- On 11th February, World Day of Prayer for the Sick, write prayers & draw pictures to support those who suffer e.g. in the local parish and hospice.



Sunday Gospels to Explore

Gospels reflective of Curious and Active highlighted

Jan 4th	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh and dwelt among us
Jan 11th	Matthew 3:13-17	When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him
Jan 18th	John 1:29-34	Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world
Jan 25th	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled
Feb 1st	Matthew 5:1-12	Blessed are the poor in spirit
Feb 8th	Matthew 5:13-16	You are the light of the world
Feb 15th	Matthew 5:17-37	It was said to those of old; but I say to you

Sing it

Linking Curious and Active to traditional and contemporary music.



[Seek ye First - Karen Lafferty](#)
[We are one body - Dana Scallon](#)
[The Kingdom - Mike Anderson](#)
[Voice of the Living God - Chris Tomlin](#)
[Amazing Grace \(My Chains have Gone\) - Chris Tomlin](#)
[Who am I - Casting Crowns](#)
[Indescribable - Chris Tomlin](#)
[Lord I Lift Your Name on High - Rick Founds](#)
[Christ Be Our Light—Bernadette Farrell](#)



Further explore Curious and Active by reading The Jesuit Publication found;

<https://www.jesuitinstitute.org/find-resources/jpp/curious-active>

Picture It

Linking Curious and Active to artwork.



In the name of the Father Johnny Myers

Why do you think God chose this moment to say, "You are my beloved Son"?

What emotions can you see or imagine Jesus and John feeling?

How does this artwork show the holiness or significance of the moment?

What does Jesus' baptism reveal about how God chooses to act in the world?