The Parish of the Good Shepherd, Dover and Aylesham

Growing Together in Love

Sunday 30th January 2022

Thanks Giving Mass for School Staffs and KCSP

Priests Corner I agreed to offer Mass this Sunday at 9.15 for the teachers and staff of the schools in our parish, St Edmund's, St. Joseph's and St. Richard's. Later it was suggested I should include St. Mary's, Mongeham and Stella Maris, Folkestone as our schools share Executive Headteachers and St. Augustine's in Hythe as it is in our deanery. I will do so with a full heart.

All those who work in schools as well as doing their usual work have been under huge extra pressure for ages. They have had to do tests, organise bubbles and send children home or stand in for staff at a moment's notice, if they have gone sick or had to isolate. I really don't know how they have done it so well. Let's say a prayer for them at all our Masses, in thanksgiving as well as for their future ministry. They deserve it. Fr. Jeff.

Thanksgiving Mass for Schools and KCSP

PRIEST

Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom, age and favour before God and man.

READER

1 Lord give wisdom to Senior Leadership Teams as they take care of the strategising, advising and managing of our schools.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

2 Lord give wisdom to those who provide the day to day administration of our schools in respect business, finance, office, estate and facilities.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

3 Lord give wisdom to all our primary and secondary school teachers as they help our children and young people as they continually learn and grow.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

4 Lord give wisdom to all our specialist teachers and specialist teaching assistants who use their expertise and experience in teaching children and young people who have a range of special educational needs and disabilities.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

5 Lord give wisdom to all our teaching assistants who support our children and young people as they continually learn and grow.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

6 Lord give wisdom to all school committee governors as they seek to ensure high standards of academic achievement and spiritual growth for all the children and young people in their school and to support and encourage all staff.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

6 Lord give wisdom to all the Kent Catholic School Partnership: to Board Directors, Members, Executive Officers and Office Team members in pursuance of the Trusts core purposes of increasing pupil numbers in Catholic education and providing opportunities for all children to reach their full potential: academically and spiritually.

We commend all our prayers to the intersession of Our Blessed Lady. Hail Mary

PRIEST

Lord enliven all hearts and kindle zeal for learning and teaching.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen