

## TODAY WE FOCUS ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

# We would we like to welcome you all back after Easter break.

### KEY OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY'S ASSEMBLY:

1. Mrs Ridley's  
welcome in the  
new term and set  
of expectations

3. Mr Rooney's  
reminder of St  
Joseph's Way

2. Mr Blaho-Schlogl's  
explanation of Catholic  
Social teaching and link  
to our House Saints

4. Mr Bazen's final  
word and recap on our  
first assembly back...



peace  
truth  
justice  
tolerance  
integrity  
sacrifice  
dignity  
holiness  
forgiveness  
purity  
mercy  
gentleness  
humility  
service  
compassion  
faithfulness

**RESPECT**

"Excellence for the sake of the Gospel"

## **LET US PRAY TO BEGIN WITH IN THE WORDS OF SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN:**

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in confusion, my confusion may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."



John Henry Newman



# Mrs Ridley's welcome to the new term after Easter...



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"TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE FOR  
THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL"

OUR SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT



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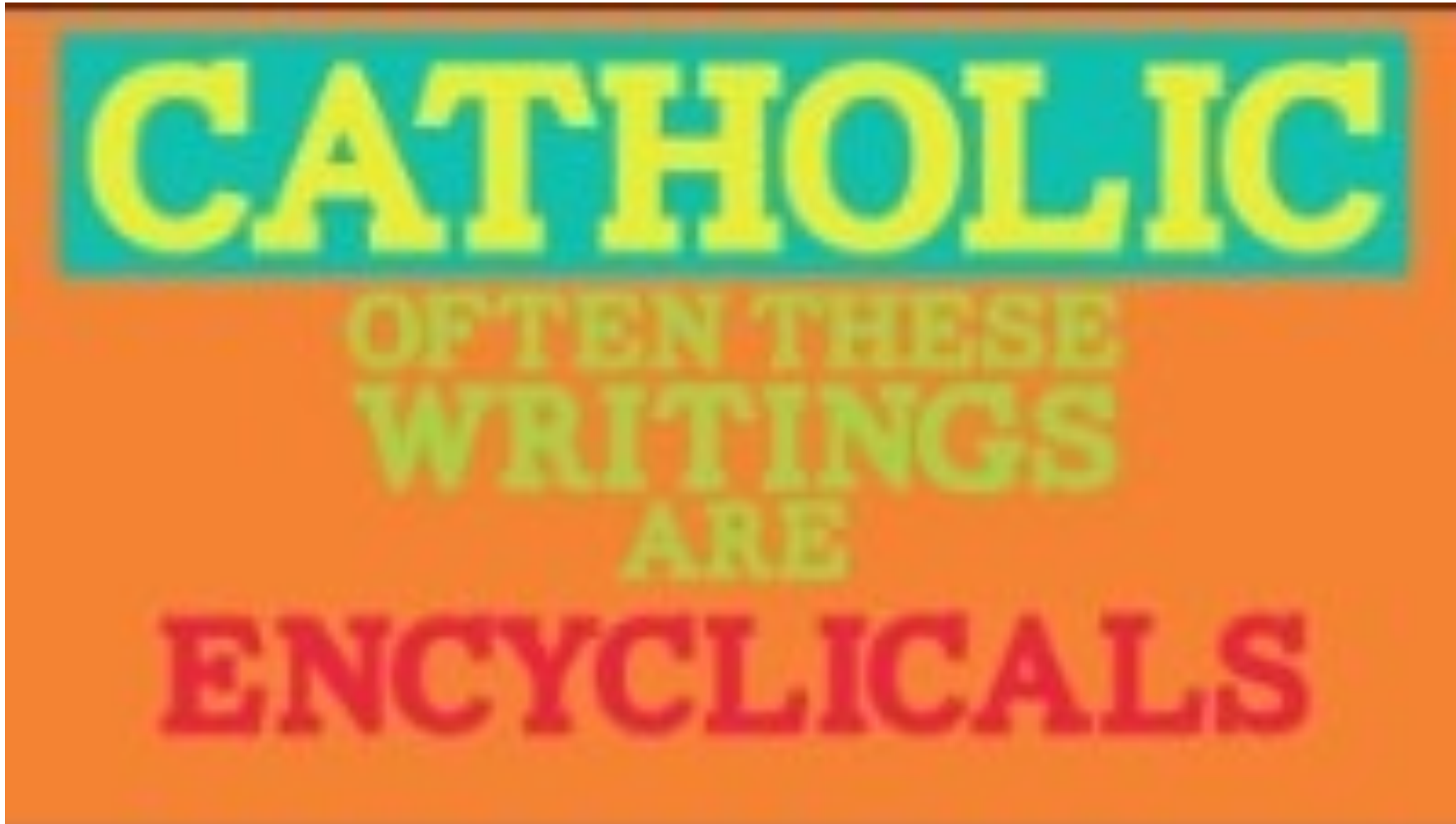
# An easy guide to Catholic Social Teaching Principles







## **Mr Blaho-Schlogl's focus on Catholic Social Teaching**



# ST VINCENT ☺ N HUMAN DIGNITY

The patron saint of charitable societies, St. Vincent de Paul is primarily recognized for his charity and compassion for the poor.



‘We are one and we are many. Each person has an essential dignity but there must be a balance between individual needs and the common good.

No person is an island; we need each other. (Pope Benedict XVI reminds us)

Human beings are social by nature and do not exist easily as individuals.’

‘GO TO POOR AND YOU WILL FIND GOD’ St. Vincent de Paul

# ST TERESA ☺ ON PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR

St Teresa founded the order The Missionaries of Charity, to look after abandoned babies and to help the poorest of the poor, once saying that they "lived like animals but die like angels". In 1979 she received the Nobel Peace Prize and after her death was canonised as Saint Teresa.



Mother Teresa believed that poor people were great people because **she saw their poverty as a form of strength**. In her eyes, the poor had to endure immense suffering and struggle just to survive each day, yet they managed to maintain their dignity and kindness.



# ST FRANCIS ☺N STEWARDSHIP

The patron saint of the environment, St Francis is known for his ministry to the poor and underprivileged, his care for nature and animals, and founding the Franciscan order.



The Pope reminds us that the work of healing comes through care for the Earth just like Saint Francis has done himself. The Pope says: "As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling." We can find out more about the need to care for the Earth from Pope Francis' Laudato-Si – a letter addressed to the world about the need to care for the environment.




# ST MARGARET ☺N SOLIDARITY AND SUBSIDIARITY

St. Margaret is primarily recognized for risking her life by harbouring and maintaining priests. She provided two chambers, one adjoining her house and, with her house under surveillance, she rented a house some distance away, where she kept priests hidden and Mass was celebrated through the thick of the persecution.



Margaret Clitherow



The Church is that one wherein the true word of God is preached, which Christ left to His Apostles, which the same Church hath always observed, the doctors preached, and Martyrs and confessors witnessed. This is the Church I believe to be true.

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# The St Joseph's Way

## Why?

- Our identity & culture
- Calm, purposeful learning environments
- Maximise learning time

## Links to:

- Dignity
- Common Good
- Solidarity
- Participation

We do things the

## St Joseph's Way!

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As a pupil at St Joseph's, I am member of a **unique community**. I understand that I have a right to a first-class education, and have a responsibility to ensure that my classmates also receive a first-class education.

The **St Joseph's Way** is what sets us aside as a school. It helps me to understand why we do the things we do, and to ensure we can all thrive in a first-class learning environment.

**S** **Start lessons well:** Line up, full uniform, stand behind desks, equipment out, respect reflection.

**T** **Take my seat,** title, date, starter & retrieval immediately.

**J** **Join in the learning:** I will respond to questions when cold-called, volunteer answers when I can, and vote when requested.

**O** **One voice:** There's only one voice speaking at one time. This way, we all learn.

**S** **Silent work is good for me:** It's a chance to show what I have learnt and helps everyone to focus.

**E** **Extend my learning:** I will always push myself to extend my learning and access the challenge tasks when I can.

**P** **Plenaries** help me recall my learning and help my teacher to plan for the next lessons.

**H** **Homework is good for me:** It's my chance to show what I have learnt and to practise my skills.

**S** **Sharing ideas** helps me to learn from my peers. I'll use a partner voice if in pairs and a group voice in larger groups.

**W** **Work** is completed to MY best ability.

**A** **Assessments and feedback** are essential for helping my progress; my teacher feeds back to me what I need to do to improve and I act on it with my MRIs.

**Y** **YOLO – You Only Learn Once:** This is a myth! I know reviewing and revisiting my learning helps it stick in my long-term memory.

Let us pray...





## 'TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL'



Loving Father,

Speak to our hearts and help us to see that we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

We pray that we recognise **Catholic Social Teaching's** need to live the key principals just like our Patron Saints have done so well.

We pray today especially that we have strength to live by our values that we continue embracing in our school community and follow closely **Saint Joseph's Way**.

Finally, we pray that we all get recognised by living these values and follow Catholic Social Teaching principles in our daily lives.

AMEN