

Saint Columba's Gospel Values Statement

'We need to build up society in the light of the Beatitudes walking towards the Kingdom with the least among us'. (Pope Francis)

'Rooted in the teaching of Christ, these Gospel Values should constitute the targets and outcomes of the educational enterprise in every Catholic School. For this to be possible, these Gospel Values need to be explicitly named, their meaning unpacked and pupils helped to understand how they relate to their lives both at school and at home and in society.' (Christ at the Centre 2012)

Faithfulness and Integrity:

Blessed is the Poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We give thanks to God for our talents.

We celebrate and recognise the talents of others.

We make learning fun.

We celebrate work and create self-belief.

We encourage children to be intrinsically motivated and learn together.

We celebrate achievements both in school and in clubs and teams after school.

We provide opportunities for all to participate.

Dignity and Compassion:

Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

We are all equal created in the image of God.

We treat all children with respect and teach them about relationships.

We encourage all to respect each other and understand that others may have different views.

We encourage each others feelings and provide comfort and care.

Each new day is a fresh start.

Humility and Gentleness:

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

We will help the children to value others and themselves.

We will encourage to respect others' achievements and be proud of their own.

We will strive to create the correct environment for each individual to reach their full potential.

We celebrate work and create self-belief.

We enable wider support and guidance for children and their families.

Truth and Justice:

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

We have clearly defined rules and boundaries for the children to understand fairness and justice.

We encourage an understanding of fairness and justice worldwide through our charitable donations and work.

We follow our Mission Statement religiously.

We encourage children to make the right choices, be kind, honest and caring.

Forgiveness and Mercy:

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

We set high expectations of behaviour to develop positive relationships and be good role models

We treat others with care, respect, dignity, kindness and compassion.

We teach that forgiveness is selfless and it heals both parties.

As adults we show compassion to children who have done wrong and care for them so they understand what they have done and show them forgiveness.

We encourage positive role models in staff and children.

We admit mistakes and apologise when wrong.

Positive reinforcements - following behaviour policy.

Purity and Holiness:

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Jesus is at the heart of all that we do.

We encourage the children to know and understand why the mission statement is important to us.

The start of some children's relationship with Jesus is within school.

Collective Worship within class provides opportunities to meet God daily in their own time, and in their own way.

For many children school is church and Father Chris is an integral part of our school family.

We encourage our children to develop an understanding of why we celebrate our Catholic faith from the start of their school life.

We enable wider support and guidance for children and their families.

Religious signs and symbols around the school encourage questioning and curiosity.

We invite parents and family members to celebrate faith within school and church.

Tolerance and Peace:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

We are all unique and we celebrate our differences.

We model how to resolve conflict peacefully by giving examples and modelling the language of talking through problems.

We respect different faiths and values.

We encourage children to resolve conflicts peacefully using skills reinforced during bullying week.

Service and Sacrifice:

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice for your reward in heaven is great.



We act as a church community.

We endeavour to build the kingdom of heaven on earth.

We celebrate as a whole community, involving families and governors in events.

We involve parents and grandparents in school life.

We involve the community in services and assemblies.

We give to a wide range of charities, often at the behest of our children.

Our children give service to the local community through various activities including the choir performing at local homes, raising money for the Good Shepherd collection during Lent.

We encourage all our children to be proud to share their beliefs and feelings.

We encourage all our children to not be afraid of being different just to fit in with your peers.