



# Catholic Schools Week 2019

Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools

27 January - 3 February 2019

## WELCOME TO Catholic Schools Week 2019

Catholic Schools Week 2019 will run from 27th January to 3rd February 2019. The theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week is Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools. The themes for the individual days very much describe the faith life of a Catholic school.

**Day 1 – Our Catholic School: Living Tradition**

**Day 2 – Our Catholic School: Welcoming Diversity**

**Day 3 – Our Catholic School: Intergenerational**

**Day 4 – Our Catholic School: In Service of Our Community**

**Day 5 – Our Catholic School: Supporting Faith**

This year's theme is very much a celebration of the ongoing work of our Catholic schools. We reflect on the Gospel values on which all Catholic schools are built and consider how each of us contribute to our characteristic spirit. The engagement with understanding the Mystery of Christ and the revelation that comes from Scriptures is the 'bedrock for Catholic schools' (Fr Michael Drumm). We consider the elements that make our schools welcoming and think about how welcoming each of us are. What can we do to ensure that each student can say 'I am home' as part of our Catholic school community? And it is not just about the students. We are mindful of all members of our school community. We reflect on the

contributions that the younger generation and the older generation bring to our school communities. This Catholic Schools Week we also take time to think about what it means to serve others / serve God. This requires us to identify times when we have been served but also identify how we serve / have served others. And finally, we look at how we celebrate our faith in our Catholic schools and how this faith connects us to others. This faith calls for a 'free,' 'active,' and 'communal' response. Therefore, our faith calls us to action together.

Again, this year, resources for Catholic Schools Week will be available online. All lessons have resources for both Junior and Senior Cycle. Each lesson contains practices which support the National Literacy and Numeracy Strategy, as well as self-reflective practices as a way of supporting assessment in the classroom. They also include extension exercises as an option for your students.

Log on to [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie) to download the CSW 2019 resources.

Praise be to you, my Lord.  
With every blessing,  
**The Resource Writing Team**

