

# Year of the Word



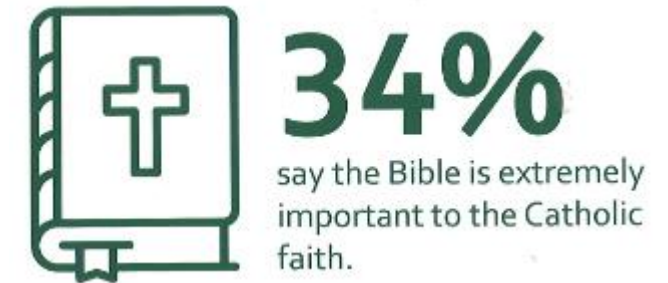
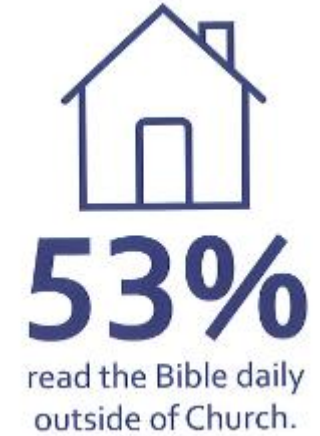
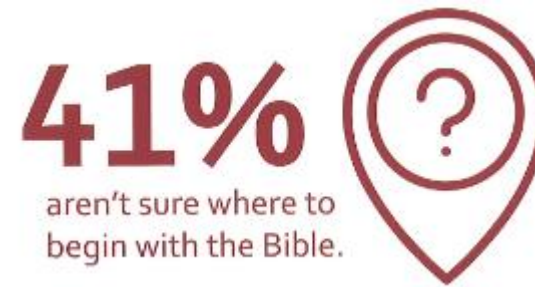
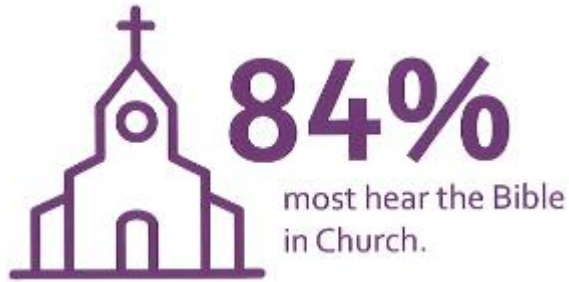
We are delighted to have launched the Year of the Word at St. Michael's Catholic College.

Throughout 2020 we will be exploring scripture as a community. We are particularly focused on taking messages we learn relating them to society and how we can put this into action to help others.

*“Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The Word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other.”*

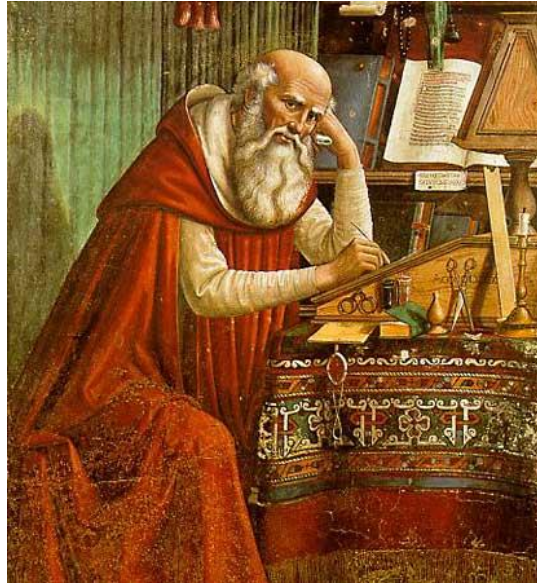


# Why do we need the Year of the Word?



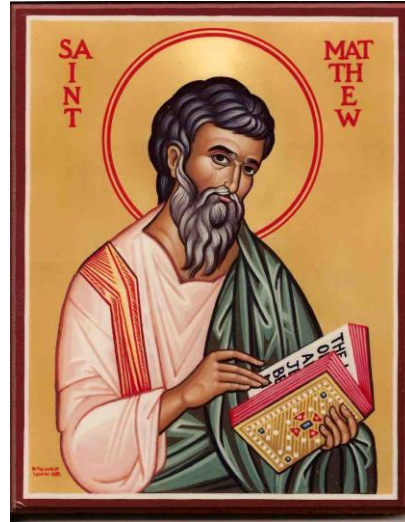


# St. Jerome



*2020 marks the 1,600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Jerome's death. He is an important saint for all Christians due to his work translating the Bible from Greek into Latin. By doing this, he gave thousands of people access to God's word. He is the patron saint of translators, librarians and encyclopediasts.*

# St. Matthew's Gospel



*The Year of the Word is particularly focussed on engaging more with St. Matthew's gospel. Little is known about who St. Matthew is. We do know that he was a tax collector when Jesus called him and asked him to become a disciple. His Gospel focussed on making the words and actions of Jesus stand out to the reader. He wanted both the Jewish and Gentile Christians to work together to bring the Gospel of the Kingdom to all people.*



## The Prologue and Jesus' Birth and Significance

CHAPTER 1:18-25  
The Nativity

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel.

Three Wise Men  
CHAPTER 2:1-12

CHAPTER 3:13-17  
John Baptises Jesus

Always treat others as you would like them to treat you.

Simon Peter, Andrew, James & John  
CHAPTER 4:18-22

## The Kingdom of Heaven is Announced

CHAPTER 5:3-12  
Sermon on the Mount  
The Beatitudes

The Lord's Prayer  
CHAPTER 6:9-15

CHAPTER 7:7-12  
The Golden Rule

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.

Miracle of the Gadarene Pigs  
CHAPTER 8:28-34

## Signs of the Kingdom

CHAPTER 9:27-31  
Jesus Heals the Blind Men

Jesus Sends His Disciples  
CHAPTER 10:5-15

## The Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven

I speak to you in parables.

CHAPTER 13:31-33  
Parable of the Mustard Seed

CHAPTER 12:40-42  
Death & Resurrection

CHAPTER 11:28-30  
Come To Me All Who Are Weary

## The Church, the first fruits of the Kingdom of Heaven

CHAPTER 18:10-14  
The Lost Sheep

CHAPTER 17:1-8  
Jesus is Transfigured

CHAPTER 16:15-20  
Jesus Asks the Disciples  
Who do you say I am?

CHAPTER 15:22-28  
The Daughter is Healed

CHAPTER 14:13-21  
Feeding the Five Thousand

Where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them.

## The Coming of the Kingdom of Heaven

Love God and love your neighbour as yourself.

CHAPTER 19:13-15  
Jesus Blesses the Little Children

CHAPTER 20:20-28  
Mother of the Sons of Zebedee

CHAPTER 21:1-11  
The Entry into Jerusalem

CHAPTER 22:1-14  
Parable of the Wedding Feast

CHAPTER 23:13-36  
Jesus Denounces the Hypocrites  
Woe to you!

CHAPTER 24:29-31  
The Coming of the Son of Man

CHAPTER 25:1-13  
Parable of the Bridesmaids

CHAPTER 26:26-29  
Jesus and the Eucharist

CHAPTER 27:32-44  
Jesus is Crucified and Buried

CHAPTER 28:1-10  
Women Find the Empty Tomb

## The Passion and Resurrection

And know that I am with you always to the end of time.

# JOURNEY WITH MATTHEW

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Advent 2019

# 'The Light that Leads'

Throughout Advent we explored the idea that Jesus is the light that leads and how we can use this light to become leaders in our community.

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. He was with God in the beginning... In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."*



# 'The Light that Leads'

*By Jonas Kitisu*

In an age of darkness, he came in all his might  
The Prince of Peace, shining bright  
Like a glittering star in the depths of the night  
God's son Jesus, our shining light.

Our shining light, our glittering star  
Saviour for all those near and far  
Wonderful counsellor and heavenly King  
Divine gifts this king will bring.

Sprouting through the earth like an elegant  
flower,

We may never see him, but this we know  
His dominance will never cease to grow.

So, through our lives we must learn to be  
The light that through Jesus Christ we see  
Whether we show it to our friends, or to our  
family

He is who we must strive to be.





# How did we put this into action?

Our Year 10 students spent 3 days at St. Vincent's Retreat Centre, where they used scripture and prayer to explore the theme:

**‘Ordinary people,  
extraordinary things’.**



## How did we put this into action?

All Year 7 students had an 'RE-treat' with Sr. Pauline and the R.E. department. It was a great opportunity to reflect on their time so far at St. Michael's and the importance of friendship.





## How did we put this into action?

Ms. Hagan's Bible study group met every Friday lunchtime to read scripture, discuss it's themes and how it influences their everyday life. For example, they have explored 'Imago Dei and the 'Problem of Evil'.





## How did we put this into action?

Year 7 students reflected on the meaning of Christmas and shared it with our community by contributing to our Nativity display.



## How did we put this into action?

On the last day of term, we all joined together to celebrate in our Carol Service. We used scripture and poetry to reflect on Jesus being the Light that Leads.





# How did we put this into action?

In preparation for the OAP Christmas Party 8S hosted a bake sale and raised £102.35 to help those in our local community.





## How did we put this into action?

We welcomed our wider community to celebrate with us. The pensioner's from Southwark joined us for Christmas dinner and to spend time with our wonderful Sixth Form students.



## How did we put this into action?

The Faith in Action group had their first guided reflection with Mr. Kelly. They explored the importance of Love, Service and the Kingdom of God. They lit candles to show that through their actions they can let their light shine into the world.



# How did we put this into action?

Our House Competitions allowed us to reflect on the meaning of Christmas as we all decorated our form room doors to show our beliefs.

For example, the forms in Rua each represented a different part of the Nativity story in St. Matthew's Gospel.





## How did we put this into action?

In R.E. lessons students regularly study scripture and explore how it influences the lives of Christians today. Miss Casey asked the students in Year 9 to become the expert. They successfully analysed scripture and hosted a seminar about it.



## How did we put this into action?

We held a Christmas card competition where students expressed the importance of the Nativity story through artwork.

Winner: Emily Murphy 10MA





## How did we put this into action?

On the last day of term, every student donated some food. This was used to create hampers for the Southwark Irish Pensioners.





# How can you get involved in the Year of the Word?

- Help to raise money for Charity.
- Years 10 and 11- Come along to Ms. Hagan's Bible Study group.
- Lead prayer during tutor time.
- WYD@Home Trip
- Speak to Mr. Kelly about Fairtrade Week.
- Get involved in CAFOD Family Fast Day.
- Participate in the upcoming House Events.