

St Bede's Catholic School

Weekly Theme

T Evangelii Gaudium
The spread of the Gospel

18th September - 22nd September 2023



The liturgical
colour is **GREEN**

We are in the
ORDINARY Time

Lord, may your Mission become the central concern
for our Church community throughout the world.
Bring us closer to our brothers and sisters, so that we
bear witness of our faith in Christ and announce his
Gospel.

Embolden us to go out and meet the many people
who ignore the Good News that you love us and you
want our happiness through the construction of a
better world, your kingdom!

We ask you this through Jesus, your greatest
missionary with us.

Amen

Sunday 17th September is when the Catholic Church celebrated *Evangelii Gaudium*. This used to be called Home Mission Sunday. It is now known as *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* which is latin for 'The Joy of the Gospel'

This is an opportunity to inspire Catholics and help them to engage with the mission of the Church.

Often when we hear the word 'Mission' it is associated with the valuable work of sharing our faith and helping people in other countries. Whilst this is still important, the Home Mission Office helps Catholics to share their faith with those they love, know and meet on home turf.

If home is where the heart is, the best place to start sharing our faith is with the people we carry in our hearts.

What does this mean for you?

Home Mission Sunday is about getting Catholics to think about that mission. It is getting Catholics to think about how they can spread the word of God. It is getting Catholics who may no longer go to church to return.

But what if you are not Catholic. It doesn't matter. Jesus wanted us to be kind, helpful and live a life in the service of others. We can all do this.

As you leave today think about the following:

Can you help a friend in need?

Can you do something nice for a member of your family?

Can you hold open the door for someone in school?

These acts of service do not have to be big but they help us to live out the mission of Jesus.