



29th January 2020

“The glory of God is
a human being fully alive!”

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Colleagues,

It is my very great pleasure to mark the first anniversary of our Academy Trust! Please [click on this link](#) to view my video message to you all.

On Monday 1st February you are all warmly invited to follow the Mass celebrated by Bishop David to mark this important milestone and we are delighted that he does so both for our own Trust and for our sister Trust in the North of the Diocese – Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust. If you wish to join us for that Mass it will start at 9am and you can access the live streaming link here: [Live Streaming – Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas of Canterbury \(northamptoncathedral.org\)](http://northamptoncathedral.org)

I will not repeat in this letter what is in my video message but would like to repeat my sincere thanks to you all for all that you continue to do. I was fortunate enough to work with a great Headteacher a few years ago who was simply outstanding in every sense of that word. Jacky Lee was Headteacher of St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School in Luton and she was fierce in her determination that the children in her school should thrive and achieve and that every adult in our schools must always put the children first in all that they think, say and do. When people would push back, she would say firmly, but ever so gently, “They only get one chance”. What she meant was that no child in our schools can repeat today and that whatever the challenges, today must be the best it can be.

St Joseph, PRAY FOR US!
St Margaret of Scotland, PRAY FOR US!
St Ethelbert, PRAY FOR US!
St Anthony, PRAY FOR US!
St John Henry Newman, PRAY FOR US!
St Vincent, PRAY FOR US!
St Martin de Porres, PRAY FOR US!
Mary, Mother of God, PRAY FOR US!

St Thomas, PRAY FOR US!

I wish you well will keep you in my prayers. I would ask that you pray for the growing number of families who have been struck by bereavement throughout the pandemic and pray for those who are in sick. I also ask that you pray for our family of schools as we set out on our second year together.

Sincerely

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