

# Scottish Catholic Education Service

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*Catholic Education Week 2023. Prayer Breakfast.*



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- The theme for Catholic Education Week 2023 is *Pilgrims of Faith*.
- In Scotland, we observe Catholic Education Week from the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November - the Feast of St Andrew, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- Catholic schools in Scotland are invited to participate in a national prayer breakfast on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate 'The Pearl of Scotland'; her life of prayer and piety, and her work to aid the poor.
- The Novena to St Margaret of Scotland is available in a separate document. Schools are invited to participate daily from 8<sup>th</sup> November.
- Speaker notes are available in a separate document for Mass or assemblies.

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During this time in particular, schools are encouraged to celebrate Catholic Education with their families and faith communities.

Clergy/religious orders where possible, should be invited to participate, however young people are encouraged to be leaders of their faith and therefore should feature prominently in the worship and celebration, whether primary or secondary, or as a joint campus celebration.

Schools are encouraged to open their doors to their communities; as an act of charity, and to showcase their Faith Professed, Faith Celebrated, Faith Lived and Faith Prayed. This is an opportunity to demonstrate Church teaching from across all 8 curricular areas in the context of Scottish Education.

Schools are encouraged to 'break bread' with parents and carers; to reconnect with the primary caregivers whose support is relied upon in our schools, as well as in their parishes.

# Suggested programme

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- 0830 Breakfast
- 0900 Welcome and introduction from pupil chaplaincy team/SLT/HT/Caritas/PFFA/  
RE Coordinator
- 0915 Morning Offering led by learners
- 0925 Short presentation on history and identity of Catholic Education  
(see [CEW speaker notes](#)).
- 0945 Day 9 of Novena to St Margaret of Scotland
- 0955 Close and thanks
- 1000 Optional for those able to stay; tea/coffee, tour, and learner showcase.

Times can be altered to suit your school context and sector, and to coincide with breakfast clubs.



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We pray that this is an opportunity for you to celebrate your vocation to teach, and encourage you to communicate with partner agencies such as Parent Councils, SVDP, Legion of Mary, or other Church agencies, to invite them to participate and where suitable, contribute to your event.

*Please share your plans for the day with your followers using the hashtags #CatholicSchoolsGoodForScotland #CEW2023.*