

Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Encounter – St Columba’s Cluster Pilot

Provider – Jacquie Stacey (jacquiestacey@gmail.com)

Date – Week beginning 31 October. Once we know the number of classes which each school wishes to involve, we can agree a timetable over the five days. *Dates agreed wb 31 October. We can agree a timetable. Mondays and Thursday for Primary visits. (Thursday pm for St Andrew’s)*

What is involved?

- In Secondary, Jacquie has engaged all Year Groups. Which years would you want to focus on? *As many as possible.*
- In Primary Schools, her practice has been to engage P7 Classes. (Would you want to engage younger pupils?) *Stick to P7 classes.*
- Each class session will last 50-60 minutes.
- Jacquie will begin in a classroom with a presentation on a whiteboard.
- The class will move to the oratory or suitable space for prayer where there will be a short period of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Veneration of a Relic of Carlo Acutis and ending with pupils writing a prayer.
- The pupils will then go back to the classroom where there will be a Q&A session.

What is needed?

- Contact person for each school (and email address). *See attached Info Sheet.*
- The number of classes to be involved. *See attached Cluster Info Sheet.*
- Classroom with a whiteboard. Jacquie will email her presentation in advance and would be grateful if this could be loaded onto a PC/laptop connected to a whiteboard.
- Oratory or suitable space for prayer and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. *Available – two minutes from the RE classroom.*
- Do the schools have Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who could assist with exposing and depositing the Blessed Sacrament? *Yes*
- Monstrance (although Jacquie can bring one). *St Columba’s has a monstrance and will provide a consecrated host.*

Setting up the Exhibition

It would take Jacquie 30-40 minutes to set up the posters. If your session started first thing, she would need access before the start of the school day.

Where would you want to locate the exhibition so that it is near the class and the prayer space to reduce movement? *RE class is two minutes from oratory. St Columba’s will host the exhibition and provide financial help for transport for P7 classes.*

Links with the Parish

It would be good if the chaplain could drop in for part of the day. *Schools are asked to liaise with chaplains.*

Parents

Jacquie would be willing to put on a session for parents/parishioners – one evening session for the whole cluster. This could be in a local parish or one of the schools (in the latter case, it may be better to use St Columba’s which has an Oratory). If it were in a parish, Jacquie would need a screen, laptop and digital projector. If necessary, the Diocese could provide these.

This will take place in St Columba’s on Thursday 3 November – two sessions at 3.30 and 6pm/6.30pm, open to staff, parents and parishioners.

Costs

There is no charge for the exhibition although it would be appreciated if a donation to offset petrol costs from Sheffield to Inverclyde and across the five days from Paisley (where Jacquie will be based) to the school.

Planning Meetings

It is proposed to hold a TEAMS meeting with Jacquie on Friday 30 September at 11am. Each school is invited to send a representative to 'meet' with her and fine tune the planning of the experience.

Jacquie is also hoping that she could come to Inverclyde on either Monday 24 or Tuesday 25 October to make brief visits to each school, meet key people and see the facilities which will be used.

Monday 24th – at a time to suit Kerry's in-service day commitments.