

A Word From Father John

A parish without a school, struggles. A parish with a school, comes to life. Our parish is so lucky. We have a great school and right next door is the parish church.

I am lucky because:

- at 8.30 am I can go to Assembly, on Mondays and Thursdays.
- I can go to the Staff room for a cuppa, any day.
- children come to church for Class Masses.
- children organise class Masses on Sundays throughout the year.
- I can always find Mums and Dads around 2.15pm waiting to pick up their children
- I can meet children any time of any day at school.

Catholic life and Catholic 'Culture' are at their best when school and parish work together...and we do that so well at St. Cecilia's. Children make me young and make me enjoy being a priest. Children help grown-ups to live life to the full. Sometimes I just wonder!

What would school be like without teachers?

What would school be like if we had no parents?

What would life be like if we had no children?

What would a parish be like if no children ever came to Mass?

And as we grow older we hope that our faith grows stronger and we become better people. We need each other!

Fr. John

