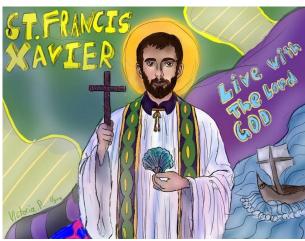


A Book of Saints









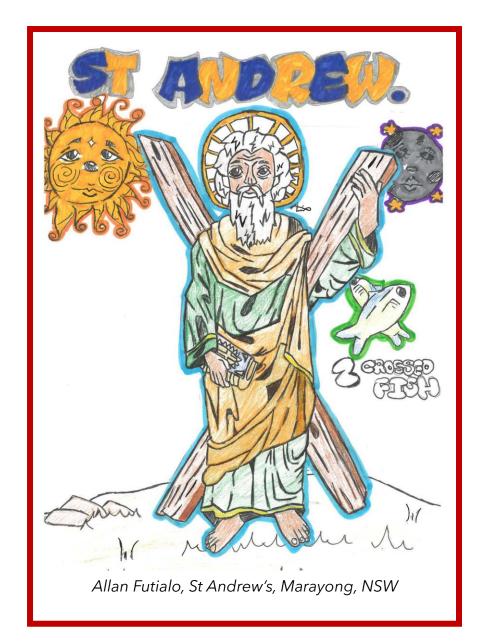
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St Andrew

In the village of Bethsaida, a village overlooking the sea of Galilee, a boy was born. His name was Andrew, and he was a fisherman by trade, and a follower of John, the Baptist.

But one day, as he thrust his nets into the water, a man in white called him. He beckoned, 'Come, be a fisher of men instead.'

So, Andrew followed him. He walked with him through thick and thin, in countrysides and cities, on dry land and on sea.

He had faith in his ability to perform miracles, and gave him five loaves and two fish, trusting in his power to make them enough for a crowd of five thousand.

After the man in white was crucified, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, Andrew continued his mission, before being martyred on a saltire, in Patras.

And even now, his legacy continues, a legacy of fidelity, and of courage.

Evelyn Moras, St Andrew's, Marayong, NSW



Bernadette Chinn, Butterfly House artist in residence

St Agnes

St Agnes is the Patron Saint of women and girls. She was born in 292 and died in 304.

St Agnes lived during the time of the Roman Empire where it was illegal to be a Christian. She came from a wealthy family and was known to be pretty.

As she grew older, many men wanted to marry her but Agnes wanted to devote her life to God and Jesus. She kept refusing all the men.

St Agnes was threatened with death if she did not renounce her faith. She even refused to have anything to do with the governor's son when he was interested in her.

So the governor sentenced Agnes to death. Even at the time of her death, she was brave and stayed strong and followed her beliefs.

News of her bravery spread and when Christianity became legal in the Empire, one of the emperors, Constantine, visited her tomb to have his daughter baptised.

Her feast day is 21 January and she was one of the very early women to be made a Saint of the church.

Andrew Chinn, Butterfly House, writer in residence



St Anthony

St Anthony was born on 15 August 1195 in Lisbon Portugal and died 13 June 1231.

It is said he could talk to animals. He gave his life to the poor and those who suffered from poverty. His favourite animals were pigs, cows, horses, sheep and chickens. He is known for many miracles including The Heretic's Mule, The Drowned Child, Eurilia Comes Back to Life, The speaking infant and The Liberation of Padua.

He became a saint because he was noted for his powerful preaching, deep knowledge of scripture, devotion to the poor, and the numerous miracles he performed.

His parents were Vicente Martins & Teresa Pais Taveira. He is the patron against shipwrecks, against starvation, American Indians, amputees, animals, Brazil, the elderly, expectant mothers and faith. He is also known as the patron saint of lost items.

His motto was "Ecce Crucem Domini Fugite partes adversae Vicit Leo de tribu Juda, Radix David Alleluia" (Behold the Cross of the Lord Begone, all evil powers The Lion of the tribe of Judah, The Root of David, has conquered Alleluia).

Isla Williams, St Anthony's, Riverside TAS

Violet, Larmenier School, St Leonards, TAS

St Athanasius

Saint Athanasius was born the year 296 and died May 2, 373 which makes him 77 years old when he died.

Athanasius was the greatest champion of Catholic belief on the subject of the incarnation, which is the belief, that God became a person in Jesus.

In his lifetime he earned the title of "Father of Orthodoxy".

Athanasius had a famous quote: "The Son of God became man so that we might become God". Another one is "One cannot possibly understand the teachings of the saints unless one has a pure mind and is trying to imitate their life".

The words written in memory of him are "Athanasius against the world". This signified that Athanasius' was so strong in his beliefs that he would strongly defend them.

Georgina, Larmenier School, St Leonards, TAS

Alexis S, St Augustine's, Frankston South, VIC

St Augustine of Hippo

St. Augustine was born on the 13th of November 345 AD.

Even though his mother tried to bring him up as a Christian, Augustine was pagan like his father, Patricus. When he was young, he lived a sinful life. He stole and was very wasteful, but soon the guilt of his choices took over him. No matter what he did, his mother always prayed for him to convert.

When he was older, he moved to Milan and became a professor. One day, he went to listen to Bishop Ambrose. After this, he reflected on his choices and life.

In 386 AD, he converted to Christianity, becoming a priest and the Bishop of Hippo.

He was one of the most important church writers, and in 397, he wrote his famous autobiography, 'Confessions'.

He is the patron saint of printers, theologians and brewers. His feast day is on the 28th of August.

Hazel B, Sienne E and Veronica G, St Augustine's, Frankston South, VIC

Logan Hingston, St Patrick's, Latrobe, TAS

St Basil the Great

St. Basil the Great was born in Cappadocia in 330. He was one of ten children. Several of his brothers and sisters are also saints. He had a great love of learning from a young age and travelled to Constantinople and Athens to study.

He was a great orator, which means he was great at speaking and teaching crowds.

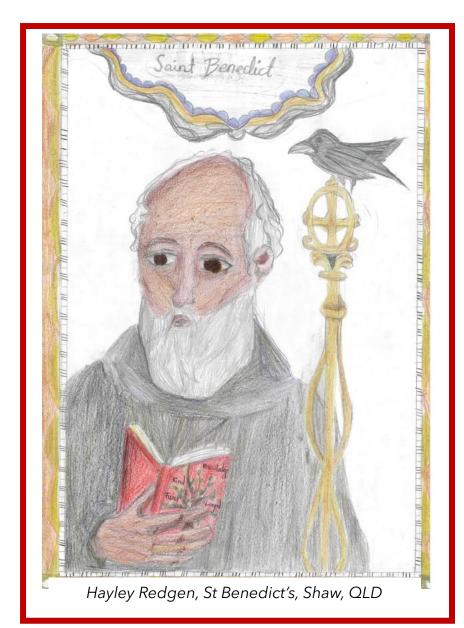
He founded one of the earliest monasteries in Eastern Europe. He became the bishop of Caesaria in 370.

The term "Great" means he is considered one of the great teachers of the church, and after his death became known as a Doctor of the Church.

He was known for helping victims of drought and famine and tried to improve the standard of priests.

He was a man of great holiness, and one of the great orators of Christianity. His <u>feast day</u> is January 2.

Andrew Chinn, Butterfly House, writer in residence



St Benedict

St Benedict of Nursia (c. 480 - c. 547 AD), is the patron saint of St Benedict's Catholic School, all of Europe and students.

St Benedict was a Christian monk, a strong believer of God and is known to be the founder and creator of the Rule.

He was born in Nursia, Italy, and was educated in Rome however he quickly left the city to begin living the life of a hermit near Subiaco. This attracted attention from various spiritual influences across Europe.

St Benedict also founded the Benedictine Order which is now a big part of Western monasticism. In 529, St Benedict founded the monastery at Monte Cassino, which is still standing today.

St Benedict's Feast Day is celebrated on July 11, although his death date is known as March 21st.

St Benedict is remembered for his charitable actions around social justice and is praised for his survival of two assassination attempts.

Mia Foley, St Benedict's, Shaw, QLD

St Bernadette's, St Marys, SA

St Bernadette

Saint Bernadette Soubirous was born on January 7, 1844, in Lourdes, France.

As a toddler, she suffered from cholera and severe asthma due to living in poor and unhealthy conditions. Despite this, she led a simple life, being the oldest of nine children in a poor household.

When she was 14 years old, Bernadette was sent with her younger sister, Toinette, and a friend to gather firewood. There she saw a beautiful lady in a grotto near Lourdes, called Massabielle. This lady was later identified as the Virgin Mary.

She had over 18 visions, leading to Bernadette being told to dig a hole in the dirt, which later led to the discovery of a miraculous spring of water that many people believed to heal the sick and injured. This event attracted thousands after finding out about how it had a healing power.

Saint Bernadette's feast day is on April 16th.

Chanel G, St Bernadette's, Sunshine North, VIC

Kaitlyn Bourk, St Brendan's, Coragulac, VIC

St Brendan the Navigator

Saint Brendan was born in 484 AD near the town of Tralee in County Limerick, Ireland. Saint Ita, who ran the local school, cared for him and taught him about God and Jesus.

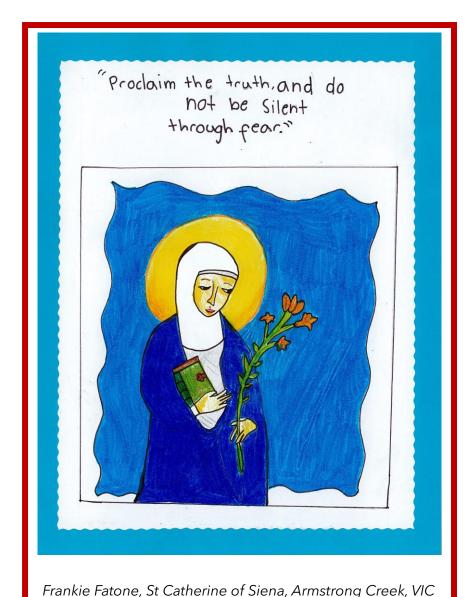
He was interested in astronomy and sailing and studied the stars. When he was 18, Brendan set out to travel around Ireland to meet people who taught the word of God.

When he was roughly 26 he was ordained a priest. He built many churches around Ireland and became known as a holy man of God.

Saint Brendan had heard stories about a land across the sea. He prayed to God and decided to go find this land. He gathered 14 holy men, built a curragh and set off across the sea. It was a hard journey.

Upon returning home he continued his missionary work, starting schools and churches. He died in 577 AD and was made a Saint in 1284.

Grace Bayne and Harriet Rock, St Brendan's, Coragulac, VIC



St Catherine of Siena

St Catherine of Siena was born in the year 1347. She had a huge family, with more than 20 siblings, but unfortunately most of them passed at a young age. When she was young, she still had a strong love and belief in God.

When she was a teenager, she left home to do further studies about God and helped people who were sick. St Catherine took care of people that were so sick people were scared to go near them.

She also was an amazing writer, and she wrote quotes and letters to powerful men.

One of her most famous quotes is "Be who you were created to be and you will set the world on fire."

St Catherine believed in everyone, no matter where they were from, who they were, or their health.

Maddison Elsby, St Catherine of Siena, Armstrong Creek, VIC

Emily French, St Anthony's, Riverside, TAS

St Clare of Assisi

St Clare was born into a rich and royal family in Assisi on the 16th of July, 1194.

From a young age, Clare felt a call to follow prayer and help those who suffered from poverty.

Later in her life, she met St Francis and she lived to be like him, a Saint. She cut her hair short and let go of all the things that made her 'rich'.

One day while praying with her foundation, The Poor Clares, another town invaded her town. She held up the Blessed Sacrament or the Eucharist, and a bright light shone from it; it fought off the invaders and they fled.

She died on August 11, 1253, which is also her feast day.

Ivy Furfaro, St Anthony's, Riverside, TAS



St Columba

A longtime ago, in Ireland, a boy named Columba was born in the year 521.

He came from a rich family, but instead of living like a prince, he wanted to learn, pray, and help others.

When he grew up, Columba became a monk. He loved God very much and started many churches and monasteries in Ireland. These were places where people could pray, study, and take care of the poor.

Later, Columba and twelve friends sailed to an island in Scotland called Iona. There they built a big monastery. From Iona, Columba and his monks taught many people about Jesus.

Columba also loved nature. He cared for animals and respected rivers, mountains, and trees because he believed they showed God's beauty. He died in 597, but today he is remembered as a holy man Ireland and Scotland who taught love, kindness, and faith.

Nicholas, St Columba's, Wilston, QLD

Nico Carna, St Damien's, Dawesville, WA

St Damien of Molokai

St. Damien of Molokai was born in Belgium in 1840.

He became a Catholic priest and went to Hawaii to help people. He chose to live on the island of Molokai where people with leprosy were sent.

Father Damien helped care for them by building houses, churches, and he gave them hope. He loved the people so much that he caught leprosy too.

He died in 1889 from the disease.

St. Damien is known for his kindness and bravery.

He is the patron saint of people with leprosy and HIV/AIDS.

People remember him for his big heart and for helping those who were forgotten by others.

Peter Hazebroek, Assistant Principal, St Damien's, Dawesville, WA

Dyhan Pulikkal Praveen, St Mary's, Dunedin, NZ

St Dominic Guzman

St Dominic Guzman was born a long time ago in the year 1170 in Caleruega, a town in Spain.

Before St Dominic was born, his mum had a dream that a dog was running around with a torch in its mouth, and it was lighting up the whole world! This meant that Dominic would grow up to spread the light of God's love everywhere he went.

Dominic was very kind and always wanted to help people learn more about God. Even when he was little, he was very clever and liked to study.

When he grew up, he became a priest and travelled to different places to teach people about Jesus. He wanted everyone to know the truth about God and to be kind to each other. He didn't care about being rich—he just wanted to live simply and help others.

St Dominic started a group called the order of preachers called Dominicans. They spent their time praying, studying, and teaching others about Jesus.

According to tradition, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in a vision. She told him to teach people to pray the Rosary to bring them back to God. St. Dominic listened to Mary and began sharing the Rosary with everyone. St Dominic died on August 6, 1221.

St Dominic's, Blockhouse Bay, NZ

Raffielle Williams, Samaritan College, Whyalla, SA

Blessed Edmund Rice

Edmund Rice was born in a town called Callan in Ireland in 1762. When he grew up, he saw that many people in Ireland were being treated unfairly and were very poor. He and some friends from Waterford wanted to help, especially because their Catholic faith taught them to care for others.

In 1802, they started a free school for boys who couldn't afford to go to school. It was in an old stable on New Street. They were inspired by a kind woman named Nano Nagle and a group called the Presentation Sisters who also helped poor kids.

Even though it was really hard, Edmund and his friends didn't give up. They created a way to help young people escape poverty and live better lives. In 1808, they made special promises to live as a religious group, and by 1820, they became known as the **Christian Brothers**.

Edmund believed that God was always with him, especially when he helped poor people. He wanted to follow Jesus by being kind and generous to those in need.

He died in 1842, but his work didn't stop there. Today, schools and groups inspired by Edmund Rice exist in more than 20 countries! In 1996, the Church honoured him in Rome for all the good he did.

Andrew Chinn, Butterfly House, writer in residence

Year 6 students (2022), St Francis of Assisi, Tannum Sands, QLD

St Francis of Assisi

St Francis of Assisi is an amazing saint who loved God, and saw God's greatness in all of creation and in all people.

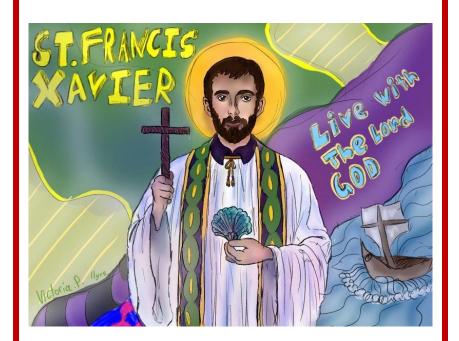
Many stories are evidence of Francis' deep love for God - when he tamed a wild wolf that was scaring a village. Instead of hurting it, Francis spoke to the wolf gently, and they became friends.

Another story is when he preached to birds because he believed all creatures were part of God's family. The birds even sat quietly and listened!

St Francis of Assisi is a model for Christians because he shows us how to be kind, caring, and brave. He gave up his fancy clothes and riches to help poor and sick people, teaching us that love and generosity are more important than having lots of things. He also reminds us to care for nature, like planting trees or protecting animals.

By following his example, we can make our school, our communities and our world a place of kindness and peace.

Sianna Corbett and Gracie Kunde, St Francis of Assisi, Tannum Sands, QLD



Victoria, St Francis Xavier, Manunda, QLD

St Francis Xavier

St Francis Xavier was known as the apostle of the Indies and the apostle of Japan for his extensive missionary work in India, Japan and Southeast Asia throughout the 16th century.

He was a Spanish Roman Catholic Missionary and co-founder of the Society of Jesus. He is widely reasoned to be one of the greatest missionaries since the time of the apostles.

St Francis Xavier arrived in Goa in India in 1542. He preached among the fisherman on the Southern coast of India. He built schools and churches and learned the local languages. He also went to Malacca and the Molucca's in Indonesia and evangelised to the local populations and Portuguese settlers.

In 1549 he visited Japan and was the first Christian Missionary to ever enter Japan. At the time he learnt Japanese and translated parts of the Bible.

Before he died, he visited China, however the mainland was closed to foreigners. Unfortunately, he died on December 3, 1552 at Shanchuan off the coast of China while waiting for permission to enter.

In 1622 he was canonized to be a Saint by Pope Gregory XV. He was one of the greatest missionaries in Christian history!

Sara Heckscher, St Francis Xavier, Mackay, QLD

St Gregory's Junior School, Campbelltown, NSW

St Gregory

St. Gregory also know as St Gregory the Great or Pope St. Gregory, was born around 540 in Rome.

He was born into a rich Roman family but left his career as a Roman Prefect, part of the government, to become a priest and embrace poverty.

He was the Pope of the Catholic Church between 590 and 604. He worked hard to reform the church and liturgy. He is now remembered whenever we hear the words "Gregorian Chant".

Pope Gregory was famous for the emphasis he put on missionary work. He sent many people out to bring many to Jesus and into the Church.

He especially cared for the poor and was known to be very generous. Pope St. Gregory made changes in the mass that still remain today.

Pope St, Gregory is the patron saint of singers, musicians, teachers and students.

With thanks to Robyn Bowen, St Gregory's Junior School, Campbelltown, NSW



St Helena

Saint Helena is known for finding the real cross of Jesus, on which He was crucified and being the mother of Constantine I, Roman Emperor.

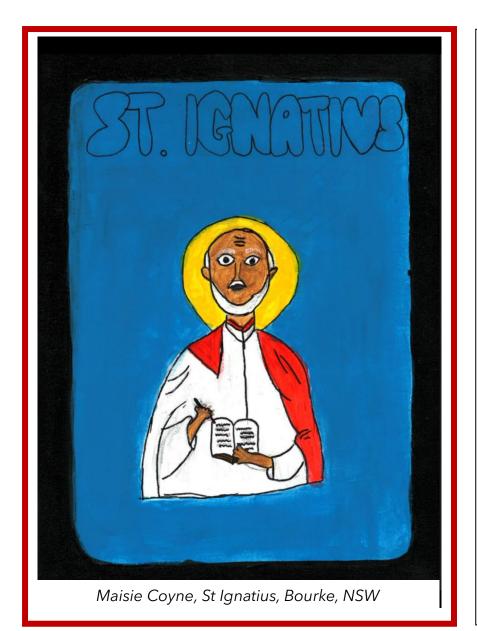
She was born in 248 AD in Drepanum, Asia Minor (now known as Turkey), and she died 328-330 AD in Nicomedia, Asia Minor.

Saint Helena did many great things in her life. Saint Helena was born into a humble family, but her life changed greatly when she married Constantius I Chlorus, who was a Roman Emperor and they later had a son Constantine, who took his father's role as the ruler of the Roman Empire.

Constantine embraced the Christian faith and was responsible for introducing it in the Roman Empire. Later in life, she travelled to Jerusalem and discovered Jesus' cross, close to the place where He was buried. On the site of discovery, Helena's son, Constantine ordered the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Churches were also built on other sites found by Helena.

Helena is a very important Saint in the history of the Church, playing a very important role in establishing Christian faith and a patron of new discoveries. Most importantly, she is a Patron Saint of our school, where inspired by her love for Jesus we do "Something Beautiful for God" every day.

Asha Bear, St Helena's, Ellenbrook, WA



St Ignatius of Antioch

St Ignatius of Antioch, also known as Ignatius Theophorus, was born 35 AD in Roman, Syria.

Ignatius was the Bishop of Antioch, an important city in the early Church. He wrote many letters that encouraged Christians to stay strong in their faith and to remain united with Jesus through the Eucharist.

Ignatius is remembered for his courage, as he refused to give up his faith even when he knew it would cost him his life. He was taken to Rome, where he was martyred by being thrown to lions in the arena.

His spiritual family was the Christian community he led and loved, and in his letters he often called himself "Theophorus" which means God bearer. This shows that he thought of God as his true father and the Church as his family.

"I am God's wheat and I am to be ground by the teeth of wild beasts, so that I may become the pure bread of Christ." He quoted.

Eden Marshman, St Ignatius, Bourke, NSW



Syrah Byron, St Brendan's, Mackay, QLD

St Ignatius of Loyola

Saint Ignatius of Loyola was born in Spain in 1491. When he was younger, he was a soldier. But after getting hurt in battle, he started thinking more about God and how to live a better life.

Later, he became a Catholic priest and started a group called the **Jesuits** with his friends Peter Faber and Francis Xavier. Their job was to travel around the world to teach people and help others learn about God. Ignatius became the leader of the Jesuits in 1541.

Jesuits make special promises, like staying poor, being obedient, and not getting married. They also promise to listen to the Pope and go wherever he asks them to go. They helped the Church grow stronger during a time called the **Counter-Reformation**.

Ignatius wrote a book called *Spiritual Exercises* to help people get closer to God. Today, his way of praying and thinking is called **Ignatian spirituality**.

He was officially named a saint in 1622, and people celebrate his life every year on **July 31**. He's the patron saint of the Jesuits, the Basque regions of Gipuzkoa and Biscay, and of people who go on spiritual retreats to connect with God.

Andrew Chinn, Butterfly House, writer in residence

Willa, Year 3, St John the Baptist, Gladstone, QLD

St John the Baptist

St John the Baptist is someone who helped people get ready for Jesus.

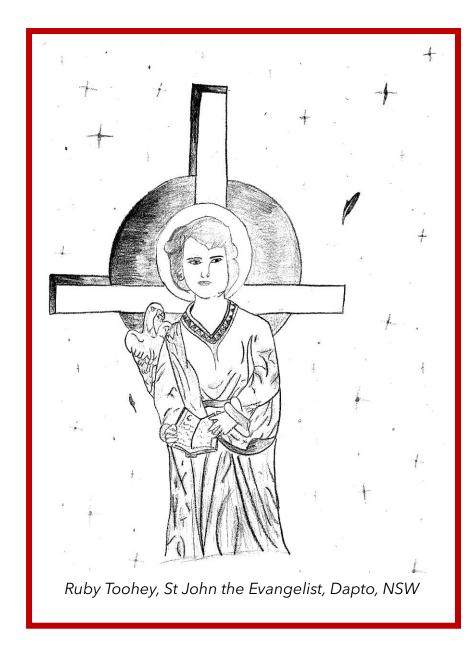
John the Baptist baptised Jesus in the Jordan River. When he did this Jesus saw the heavens open and the shape of a dove come towards him. It was the Holy Spirit.

John lived in the desert, wore camel hair and ate locusts with honey.

People thought he was the messiah, but he told people there was someone better coming. John told people to stop doing bad things and to listen to God.

John was the cousin of Jesus.

Clare, Year 3, St John the Baptist, Gladstone, QLD



St John the Evangelist

St John the Evangelist also known as the Apostle John and as the disciple Jesus loved, is the patron Saint of my school St John's Dapto.

St John was one of the original twelve apostles. He spent some of his life as a fisherman with his brother James. He was the disciple who stood at the cross with Mary when Jesus asked him to care for his mother.

He was also the one who wrote the fourth gospel (known as the Gospel of John) the three Epistles (1 2 and 3 John) and the book of Revelation.

In my picture I have drawn a book to represent the books he wrote that are part of the bible. I drew a bird as a sign of his wisdom. Finally I did the cross to show how he was asked by Jesus while Jesus was on the cross, to take care of Mary.

Ruby Toohey, St John the Evangelist, Dapto, NSW

William, St John Vianney, Manly, QLD

St John Vianney

St John Vianney was born Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney in 1786 France.

He was a poor shepherd boy who was called to the Priesthood. He studied for some time at the Lyons Seminary in France and was eventually ordained in 1815.

St John Vianney's first Parish was in a town called Ars.

St John Vianney is often referred to as the Cure D'Ars, in English this simply translates to the Priest of Ars.

During his life time he was renowned for hearing confessions.

After his death in 1859 his works of love and charity spread across the world.

St John Vianney was canonized in Rome in 1925.

St John Vianney's Feast Day is the 4th of August.

He is the patron saint of our school and the patron saint of priests.

From the website of St John Vianney's School, Manly QLD

Jackson St Loseph. Jackson Nguyen, St Joseph's, Otahuhu, NZ

St Joseph

St Joseph was a carpenter, best known as the husband of the Virgin Mary and the earthly father of Jesus Christ.

Although often a quiet figure in the bible, St Joseph stands as one of the most significant saints in Christianity. He was a soft spoken man never raising his voice when The Angel told Joseph not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife, because her pregnancy was from the Holy Spirit.

His silence highlights his complete trust in God and his willingness to follow divine instruction, even when it was challenging.

St Joseph's life provides a powerful example of how to live a faithful and holy life.

Brooklyn M, St Joseph's, Condobolin, NSW

Saint Joseph was a kind, loving and hard working man. He was a carpenter and Jesus' foster father. He took care of Mary and Jesus.

He was a righteous man, who was faithful to his family and listened to God's call.

Saint Joseph teaches us to do the right thing even when it is hard.

James Elschot, St Joseph's, Otahuhu, NZ

Jasper Teakle, St Lawrence's, Geraldton, WA

St Lawrence

St Lawrence was born on the 31st of December in 225 AD. His parents, Patience, and Orence, had him in Osca, Spain. He died in Rome, San Lorenzo in Paspernia, on August 10th, 258 AD, during the reign of Emperor Valerian.

St Lawrence's childhood was characterised by spiritual and intellectual gifts. These gifts were preparing him for a life of devotion and service to the church and the poor. St Lawrence became a saint because of his unwavering faith and martyrdom. St Lawrence was a good saint.

St Lawrence's death is quite a notable event, like most saints. It all started when Emperor Valerian ordered a persecution against Christians in 258 AD. Eventually, the Roman prefect came to St Lawrence and demanded the treasures of the church.

St Lawrence requested three days to gather the treasure. In these three days, he gave some treasure to the poor and needy and sold the rest to give them money. When the three days were up, he gathered the poor and suffering people and showed them to the Roman prefect instead of gold and silver. This angered the Roman prefect, and, in his rage, he sentenced St Lawrence to be executed on the gridiron.

When St Lawrence was being roasted, he didn't feel any pain because God stopped him from feeling any. He joked with the guards, at one point famously saying, "Turn me over, I'm done on this side."

Joli King, Tyler Shepley and Arley Cameron, St Lawrence's, Geraldton, WA

Allegra, Sophie and Annie, St Martin of Tours, Rosanna, VIC

St Martin of Tours

St Martin of Tours was born in 336 in the city of Sabaria. He lived with his father who wanted him to become a soldier. He wanted to learn more about Christianity and God. At the age of 10, he decided to convert to Christianity.

As Martin grew up to become a teenager, he decided to leave his home and go live with a foster family to learn more about his faith. Once he felt he knew enough about Christianity, he started sharing stories about God and Christianity all over the country. After that, he decided to go back to his original family and home. When he returned, his father forced him to join the Roman army.

After a few years as a soldier, Martin was riding his horse along a road only to find a poor man sitting on the cold floor looking helpless. Martin felt bad and chopped his cloak in half and gave it to the beggar. That night he dreamt of Jesus wearing a half cloak too.

Later in his life, he gave up being a soldier and became a monk and later a Bishop. Saint Martin is remembered for his kindness, generosity, and humility. His life, teachings, and actions continue to inspire others to this day.

Milana, St Martin of Tours, Rosanna, VIC

Theo Howard, St Mary's, Mooroopna, VIC

St Mary

Mary was the mother of Jesus and wife to Joseph. She always made time for people, especially family, and was supportive of Jesus' decisions in life.

Mary saw beauty in little things because she was grateful for everything.

Mary was brave and had courage and faith in God when the Angel Gabriel came to her saying she was going to have a baby and call him Jesus.

In the Bible, it says that Mary "often pondered" which is thinking before acting. This teaches us about being kind to everyone. She was always peaceful and took time to pray and reflect. Her flower symbol is a lily.

We can often pray to Mary and she can help us live by her example.

Mary has many feast days to celebrate her amazing life. Her birthday is celebrated on September 8th and the day she ascended into heaven is celebrated on August 15th.

Madelyn Pearce, St Mary's, Mooroopna, VIC

Nazia Khan, St Mary Magalene's, Elizabeth Grove, SA

St Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene (her name indicates that she was from Magdala) is an important part of the bible as one of Jesus's friends and followers. Jesus helped Mary through some difficulties she faced in life.

History suggests that Mary Magdalene was very rich, and beautiful, but chose to leave that life behind to follow Jesus. She was with him during his crucifixion and was the first to see his resurrection. Mary travelled with Jesus and helped support his work out of the resources they shared. She helped him tell stories of God. And even helped a married couple become Christian.

Mary was a believer in God and would pray every day. After Mary had delivered the message that Jesus had resurrected, she is often referred to as the "Apostle to the Apostles".

Legend has it that after Jesus resurrected, Mary and some other disciples were put on a boat without rudder. They were left on the boat in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea to die. By some miracle, the boat landed in Marseille, France. Mary then shared Christian stories with everyone and even helped people to become Christian.

Mary spent her last few years praying to God even more, and angels would come and sing her their songs. On her last day she received a special blessing and died peacefully. Her remains are said to have been buried in a Church in France called Church of Maximin.

Charlotte Hooke, St Mary Magalene's, Elizabeth Grove, SA



Diya Vinoth Kumar, Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys, NSW

St Mary of the Cross

Mary Helen MacKillop (Mary of the Cross) was born on the 15th of January in Fitzroy and was born to Scottish immigrants.

Mary was the eldest of eight children and spent most of her early years of life supporting her family. At the age of 24 she devoted her life to God and was known as Mary of the Cross.

Mary alongside Fr Julian Tenison Woods opened up a school in an abandoned stable in Penola. She opened it to provide education to disadvantaged children and many women came to help her then Mary and Julian founded: The Sisters of St Joseph.

Over time, Mary's mission to open schools spread throughout Australia and on to New Zealand and later to other parts of the world.

Mary has some well know sayings:

- "Never see a need without doing something about it"
- "We are but travellers here"

Mary's Feast Day is celebrated on August 8th each year. She was canonised on October 17, 2010.

Coral, Mary MacKillop, Narre Warren North, VIC



St Michael

St Michael the archangel is a powerful protector and warrior who fights for what is good.

He is the king of angels and protector of the Church. His name means 'Who is like God?".

The Feast Day is celebrated on September 29 known as Michaelmas.

St Michael is the patron Saint of police officers, military personnel, and those in dangerous professions.

St Michael is the name of our school community, displaying our virtues of compassion, inclusion, respect and service.

When greeting people we ask St Michael to protect them.

He is a great inspiration for all.

Joseph Frith, St Michael's, Nowra, NSW

Abby, Annlia, Ally & Celena, St Patrick's, East Gosford, NSW

St Patrick

St Patrick is Ireland's patron saint and our school's saint.

St Patrick's birthday is unknown, however it is thought he was born on or around the 7th of March.

St Patrick grew up in Wales, but when he was about 14 he was kidnapped by Irish pirates. They took him to Ireland and he was their slave for six years.

During that time, he had a dream about God. This dream prompted him to become a priest. He was sent to Ireland to teach people about God, and he used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity.

Many people were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

His Feast Day is celebrated around the world on March 17th.

Harrison, Roisin, and Liam, St Patrick's, East Gosford, NSW



Elodie, Sacred Heart, Launceston, TAS

St Perpetua and St Felicity

A long time ago, in the year 203 AD, two brave women named Perpetua and Felicitas lived in a place called Carthage, in North Africa. Perpetua was a young mother from a rich family, and Felicitas (also now known as Felicity) was her friend who was also a slave and pregnant.

Back then, the Roman Emperor didn't like Christians, so he made it illegal to follow Jesus. Perpetua and Felicitas were Christians, and they refused to give up their faith—even when they were thrown into prison.

Perpetua kept a diary while she was locked up, writing about her feelings and what happened to her and Felicitas. Even though they were scared, they stayed strong and believed God was with them.

Sadly, they were killed because of their beliefs, but people remember them as heroes. Every year, many Christians celebrate their courage on March 7th.

Andrew Chinn, Butterfly House, writer in residence

Zimone, St Pius X, Melville, NZ

St Pius X

Pope Pius X was a very important leader of the Catholic Church.

He was born on June 2, 1835, in Riese, Italy and his name was Giuseppe Sarto. He was born poor but became a powerful leader in the Church, serving as Pope from 1903 to 1914.

During his time as Pope, he made many changes to help people understand their faith better. He worked hard to bring joy and love to the Church.

Pope Pius X is also remembered for his dedication to the teachings of Jesus, making it easier for kids to receive their first communion and even carrying candy in his pockets for them.

Pope Pius X was declared a saint on May 29, 1954, by Pope Pius XII.

Amyll, St Pius X, Melville, NZ

Valentina, St Rita's, South Johnstone, QLD

St Rita of Cascia

St Rita is called the Saint of impossible things because she trusted in God even when it seemed hard.

St Rita was born in Cascia, Italy, in 1381. She was married young and had twin sons. She was widowed when her husband died in a war and then her two sons died from a disease.

After this she became a nun with the Augustinian sisters. She worked for peace and looked after those who were grieving.

St Rita taught us to be brave, loving and forgiving of others.

We thank you, St Rita, for being a beacon of hope for our school community at St Rita's, South Johnstone, and for inspiring us to live with faith, courage, and compassion every day.

St Rita's Feast Day is celebrated on May 22nd.

Valentina, St Rita's, South Johnstone, QLD

Mabel Neylon, St Stephen's, Pittsworth, QLD

St Stephen

Stephen was born 1 AD in Greece and lived in Jerusalem.

He was the first Christian Martyr who died because of his strong beliefs about God and Jesus. Stephen was stoned to death by the member of Sanhedrin in 36 CE.

He always served others and walked in the footsteps of Jesus.

He is usually shown in photos with stones as a symbol of how he died, also palm leaves are shown as a symbol of Martyrdom and prayer.

St Stephen taught others and always cared for the most vulnerable members of the community.

He is remembered for standing up for what he believed in, even when it cost him his life.

His story inspires people to be brave, to help others, and to stay true to their values.

Evie Krieg, St Stephen's, Pittsworth, QLD

Kassie, St Teresa's, Bluff, NZ

St Teresa of Jesus

St Teresa of Avila was born on 28th of March,1515, in Avila, Spain. Teresa's family was wealthy. She was seven years old when she convinced her older brother to go to the Moors to become a martyr, but their uncle found them by the town walls.

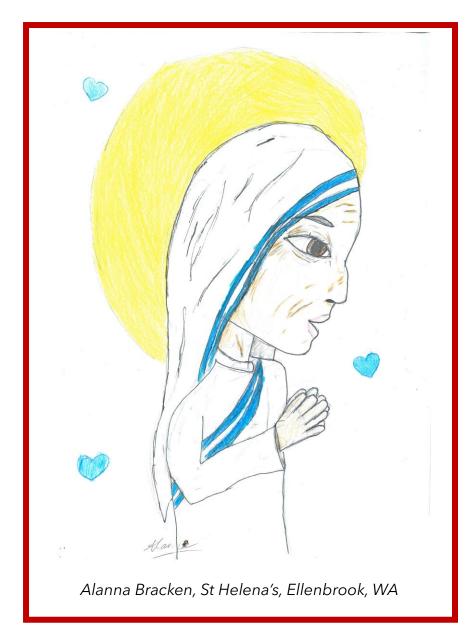
When she was fourteen, Teresa's mother died and she started to pray to the Virgin Mary. She went to a convent school. While there Teresa became very ill, she believed it was because of praying to St Joseph that she recovered.

Teresa thought that the Carmelite nuns were not being strict enough and letting too many people visit the convent.

In 1562 Teresa got permission to start a new order of the Carmelites. She called it St Joseph's. The rules were complete poverty and having no things. Teresa opened 17 convents before her death in 1582 aged 67 years.

Forty years later, in 1644, she was made a saint by Pope Gregory XV. Her feast day is October 15th.

Moana Miller and Aleesya Attfield, St Teresa's, Bluff, NZ



St Teresa of Calcutta

Mother Teresa is a phenomenal woman, sharing her deep love with Jesus and God. Spreading compassion and comfort to everyone. She is best known for her work for charity and love for global missions to help anyone who needs it most. Saint Teresa is remarkable for keeping up her work, for her whole life.

Mother Teresa was born on the 26th of August 191 0 in Skopje, North Macedonia. She died on September 5th , 1997, Calcutta (now called Kolkata) in India.

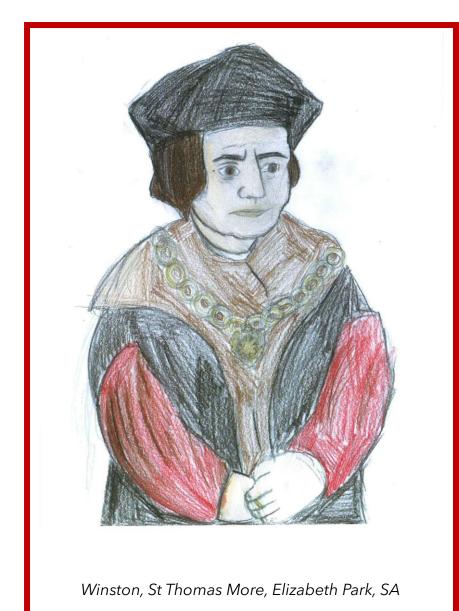
When she was eight, her dad died, which left her family in a terrible financial state. Ever since she was little, she loved hearing stories of missionaries. When Saint Teresa was twelve, she was deeply motivated to live out a Christian life through the devotion to her work.

After years, Saint Teresa went to pursue work, having her first mission in India. Saint Teresa started to teach at St. Mary's School for girls. After a few years of teaching, she became the principal.

Sadly, Mother Teresa's cause of death was due to a heart failure. She was deeply missed, for her smiley soul and her love for all. Mother Teresa was canonised after two healing miracles and helped two souls from potential death. The first miracle, was of a lady who had a cancerous abdominal tumour, miraculously healed in 1998 by Saint Teresa. The second miracle was healing a man that had brain abscesses and tumours in 2008.

After these two miracles, Saint Teresa was canonised on the 4th of September 2016, by Pope Francis in a ceremony at St. Peter's Square.

Alanna Bracken, St Helena's, Ellenbrook, WA



St Thomas More

St. Thomas More was born in 1478. He was a lawyer, judge, writer and a statesman. St. Thomas More believed in God and always tried to be like God. He showed courage, justice and compassion to everyone. St. Thomas More always tried to do the right thing even when it meant he had to disagree with the King. St. Thomas More loved learning, especially writing books. He is famous for writing a book called Utopia. St. Thomas More was a faithful and kind person. Our school is named after him.

Aidan 3/4 SH, St Thomas More, Elizabeth Park, SA

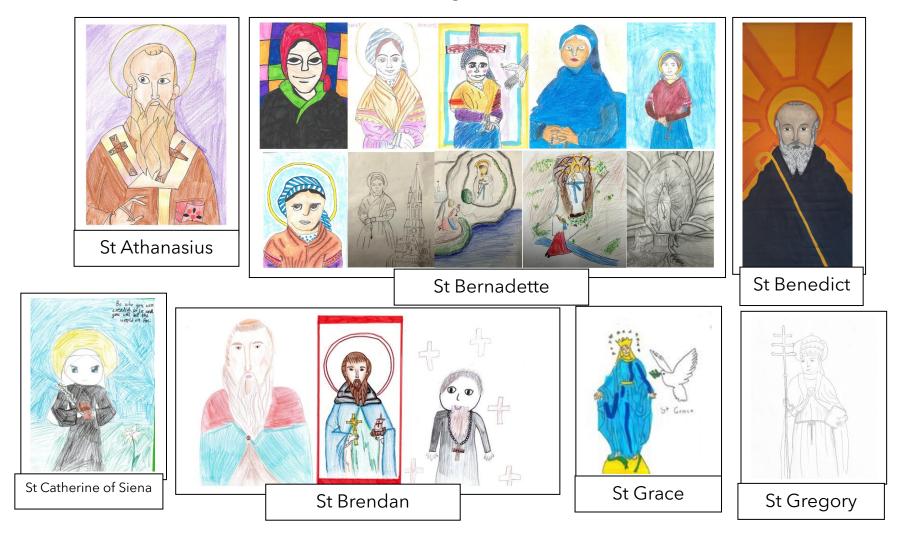
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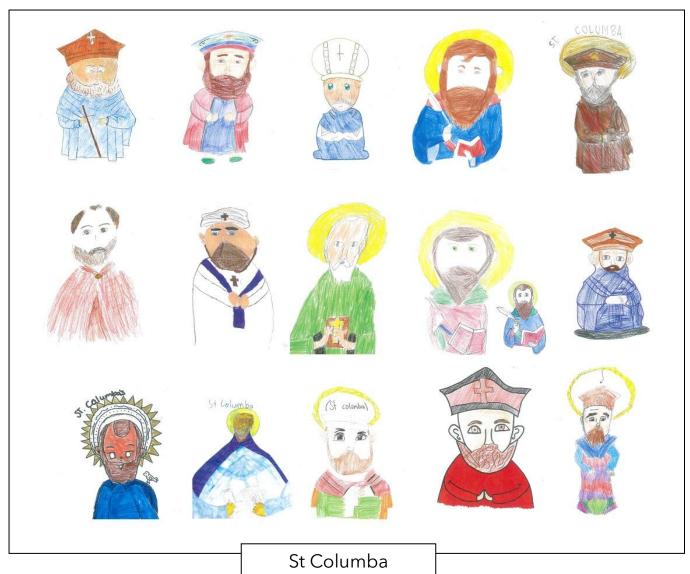
Kayleigh Year 1CC St Thomas More, Elizabeth Park, SA

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Theo Year 1CC, St Thomas More, Elizabeth Park, SA

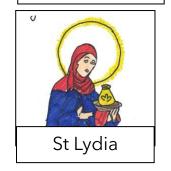
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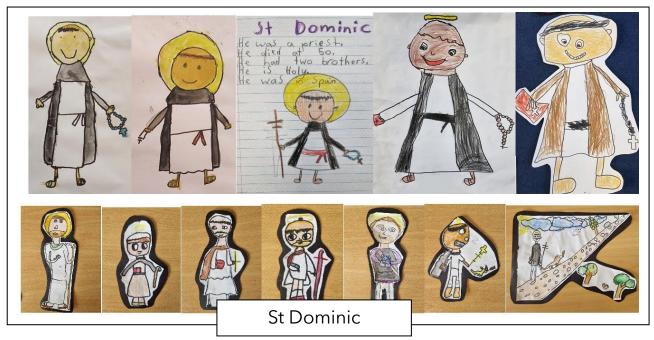






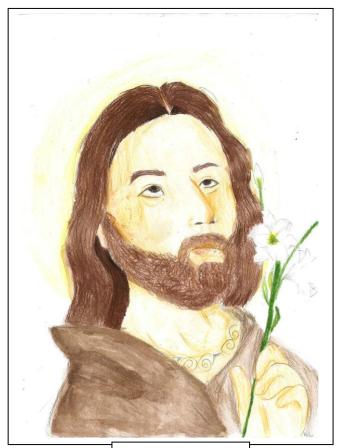






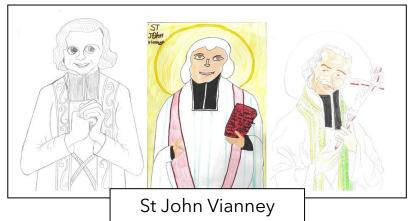






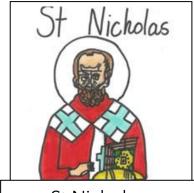
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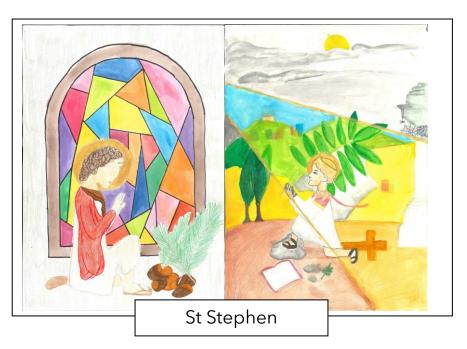


St Rita



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