



Year 9 assembly

Good morning Dr. Moore, all our teachers and a special word of welcome to you our year 9 pupils.

- It is lovely to see you all again.

We gather here to ask God to bless our year together and to

help us all achieve the best we can with his help. I would encourage you all to keep God as a part of your daily life - call into the oratory to say prayer or attend some of the prayer services that will be happening during the year.

We begin our prayer in the name of the father

Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_gKrbWFjNc&feature=youtu.be Back to school inspirational



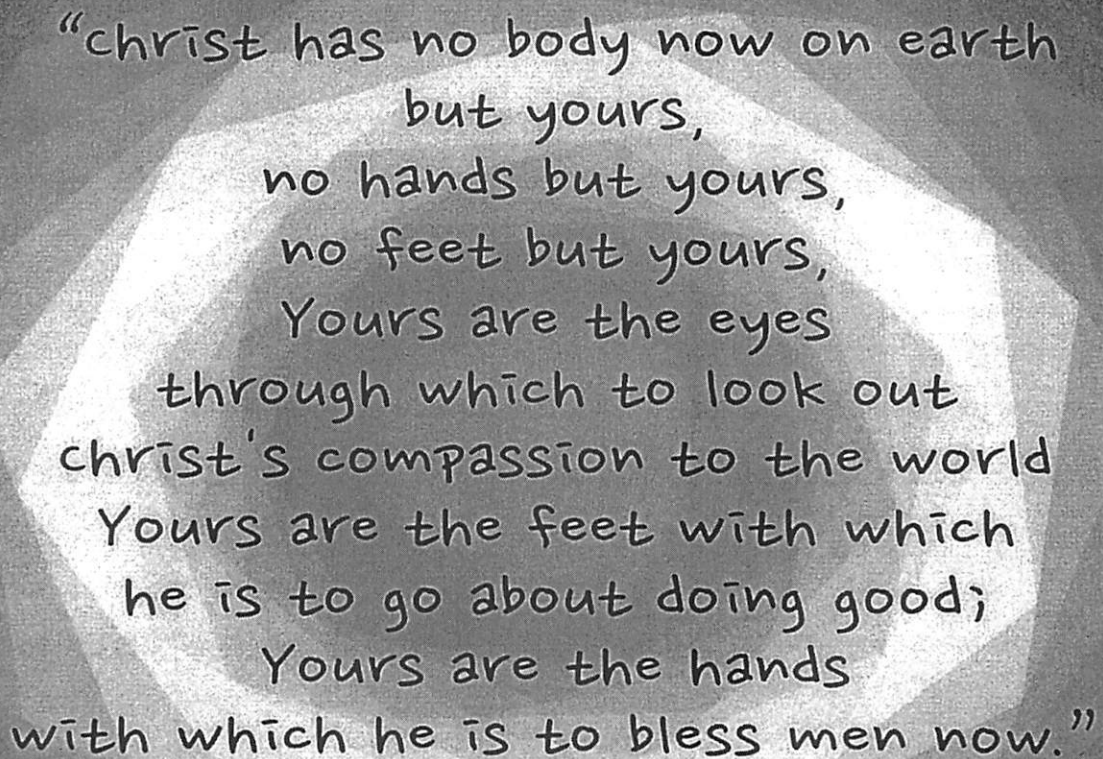
Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open our hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to

be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen

Let us say the following prayer together:-



"christ has no body now on earth
but yours,
no hands but yours,
no feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes
through which to look out
christ's compassion to the world
Yours are the feet with which
he is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands
with which he is to bless men now."

-St. Teresa of Ávila

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The start of the school year, we all have an opportunity to have a new beginning. It is a new year, a new term. Many of you will have new classes or new teachers, and may be new pupils in your year group or class

A new school year gives everyone the opportunity to start again. We might want to change our behaviour, maybe by trying harder, joining new clubs, making new friends or setting ourselves new goals. We might want to show more kindness, be friendlier and help out more.

Christians believe that God wants people to have a new start. They believe that God wants to forgive them for the wrong things that they have done. They believe that God has the power to help people to change.

Let us pause and think for a moment about what we have heard and how it affects us.

Let's think of one thing that we would like to have a fresh start for this year. It could be taking up a new hobby, helping a friend in need, speaking kind words, trying harder at some of my subjects, being more patient, reading more - the list is endless!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FH3akqBwYfo&feature=youtu.be> - Welcome to a new school year

Prayer(John 15:15-17)

Saint John is telling us in this reading that Jesus wants us to be his friends. He doesn't want us just to work for him.

One day, Jesus said,

"If your friendship with me is a real friendship, it will bear a great harvest. But there will be no harvest at all, if our friendship is broken.

You need me.

I have one aim. I want you to know the happiness I know. I don't want anything to spoil your happiness. This is the secret of it - my secret: love one another as I have loved you.

You are real friends of mine, if you do what I have told you.

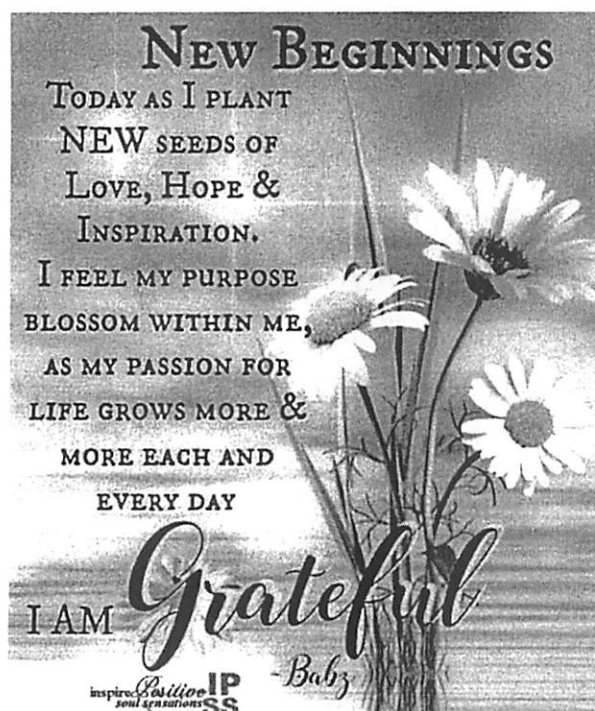
I don't want you to be my SLAVES, just doing the things you are

told to do, without knowing why you are doing them. I want you to be my FRIENDS.

Remember - you did not choose me. I chose you to be my friends - and I want you to be friends with each other."

This is the Gospel of the Lord...

Response Thanks be to God



Dear God,
Thank you for new beginnings.
Thank you that we can start afresh this year.
Help us to achieve the things that we hope for in this coming year.
Thank you.
Amen.

New Beginnings!

Lord, give us insight to see realistically "what is"; but make us dreamers and give us vision of all the possibilities for "what can be." Use us as your instruments to form, inform, reform, and transform those who come to us.



FINAL BLESSING May the Lord bless our year together with happiness and peace.

May you discover new gifts in yourselves, and celebrate the giftedness of others.

May the love of God shine through you at home, in school and with friends.

Dearest Father, God in Heaven, Bless us all, and bless this day of new beginnings. Smile upon all our staff and students, surround us,

Lord, with the soft mantle of your love. Teach this community of St Patrick's High School to follow in your footsteps, and to live life in the ways of Love, faith, hope and charity. We ask this through your name, Jesus Christ... Amen