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Dear parents/guardians,

Within St Clare's Abbey and across the diocese we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2015 during the week 25th-31st January. The theme this year is all about how we, adults and children, are called to serve God and each other with:

- Love
- Kindness
- Joy
- Truth &
- Justice

What a lovely reminder for us all!

The teachers will explore these callings with the pupils throughout the week and we will make a special effort to give thanks for the gift of our faith based education system. This is a very valuable thing and the faith element has been proven in numerous studies to enhance the quality of a child's education, it is very important that we stop and consider this and give thanks to our many forefathers, including Blessed Edmund Rice, St Clare and Saint Francis who handed it down to us.

Two additional special celebrations will be interwoven into our 'Catholic Schools' Week' celebrations:

1. St Clare's Abbey pupils will be involved in each mass taking place in the parish this weekend. Please look out for them when you are at mass.
2. Primary seven pupils will enjoy a pre confirmation celebration, 'Service of Light' with their teachers and school chaplain on Thursday afternoon. We ask their parents to talk to them about this on Thursday evening as it is a lovely reflective start to their sacramental preparation.

Thank you for entrusting your child into our care. I have attached a copy of our school aims which we have been working on since August. You will see that 'developing your child's awareness of God's great love for us all' features strongly. We consider this to be so important and truly feel that it is a privilege to be working in partnership, with you, on this.

Have a lovely weekend and second term,

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan.

