



# Saint Groups



At St Nicholas we celebrate and are inspired by the life of Saints; every child and staff members are part of a Saint Group working collaboratively to earn 'St Nicholas Coins'.

Children can earn St Nicholas' Coins for their Saint Group by demonstrating the Gospel Virtues, being inspired by the life of Saints and living out our school mission.

In the words of John Paul II, *"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints."*

## Saint Bernadette

Saint Bernadette Soubirous was born 7th January 1844 in Lourdes, France. She was a daughter of a miller who did his best to provide for his large family. Bernadette suffered badly from asthma. She claimed to have seen visions of Mary on several occasions. She was canonised on December 8th by Pope Pius XI. Every year, thousands of pilgrims visit the grotto in Lourdes where the visions occurred. Saint Bernadette died on April 16th 1879 and celebrated her Feast Day. Saint Bernadette's is a reminder to us all to be faith-filled and hopeful.

Written by Gethin (Y6) Maureen May (Our School Governor)



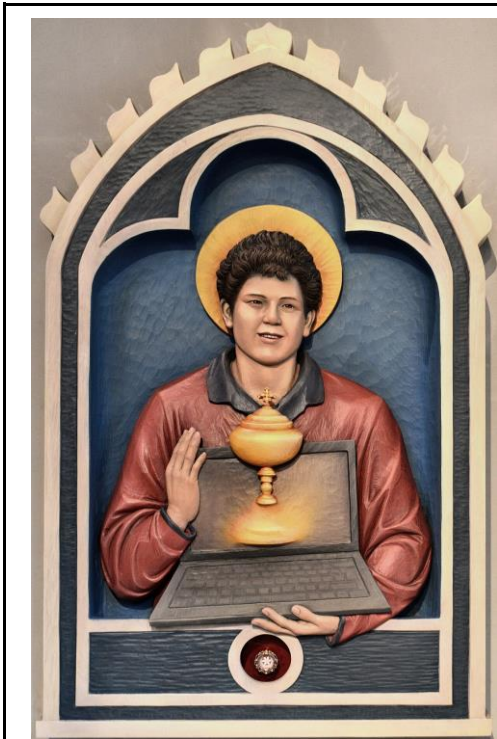
Pray for us, St Bernadette, that like you, we may always be obedient to the will of our Heavenly Father, and that through our prayers and humility we may bring consolation to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Amen.

## Blessed Carlos Acutis

Blessed Carlos Acutis was born on May 3rd 1991 in London but moved to Milan four months later. Carlos' parents worked in a family business. During his early life, he started working with computers when he was only 11 years old. He started a website 4th October 2006, which is also his feast day. Sadly, on the 12th October 2006, Carlos died from cancer, ten days after his diagnosis. Carlos is renowned for using his computer skills to spread the Catholic faith. We eagerly await his canonisation and cannot wait to celebrate this special day together.

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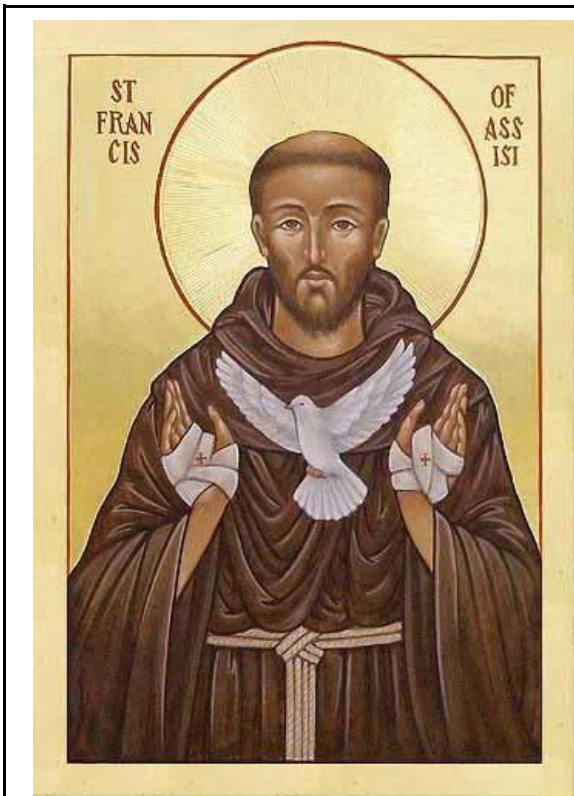
O God our Father, we thank you for giving us Carlo, a model of life for young people, and a message of love for all. Receive his prayer for us. Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted. Grant me too, through his intercession, that I may spread joy through the world so that his smile shines again for us to the glory of your name.

Amen.

# St Francis of Assisi

St Francis of Assisi was born in 1181 in Assisi, Italy and during his life he served in the war between Assisi and Perugia. He founded the Franciscans Friars and the Poor Clare's. He was canonised on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1228. Due to his love of animals and the environment he became their patron saint. He died on October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1226 aged 44 and his last words were "I have done what is mine to do." We are inspired by Saint Francis to look after God's Creation and demonstrate the Catholic Social Teaching of Stewardship.

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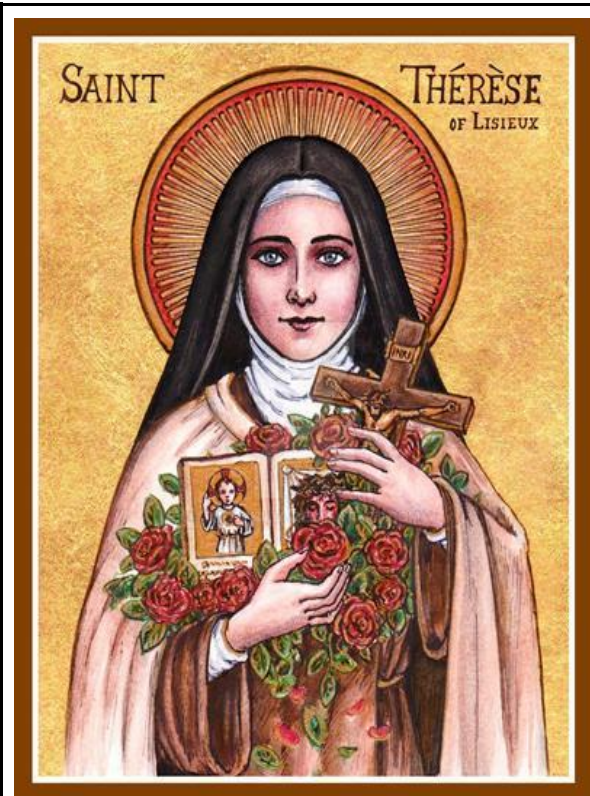
Lord, make me an instrument of  
your peace: where there is hatred,  
let me sow love; where there is  
injury, pardon; where there is doubt,  
faith; where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Amen.

# Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Saint Therese of Lisieux was born on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1873. For all of her life she lived in France. Sadly, Therese suffered from ill health which started with tremors, but her doctor could not offer a diagnosis. A second doctor diagnosed that she suffered neurotic attacks when emotionally frustrated. We celebrate her life on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A basilica located in France, in her name, is a popular place of pilgrimage. She died on September 30<sup>th</sup> 1897. St Therese once said “Let us not grow tired of prayer, confidence works miracles”.

Written by James (Y6) Maureen May (Our School Governor)



St. Therese, Flower of fervour and love, please intercede for us.

Fill our hearts with your pure love of God.

Instil in us your little way of doing ordinary things with extraordinary love.

Give us the heart of a child who wonders at life and embraces everything with loving enthusiasm.

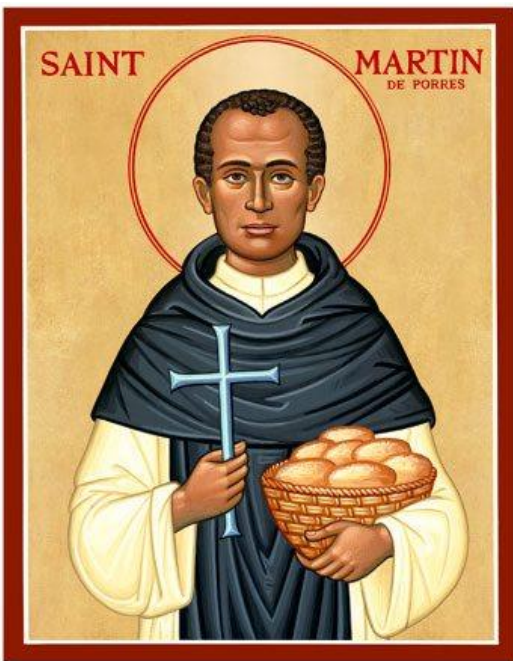
Teach us your delight in God's ways so that divine charity may blossom in our hearts.

Amen.

# St Martin De Porres

St Martin De Porres was born on December 9<sup>th</sup> 1579 in Lima, Peru. He spent a lot of his life caring for the sick in the monastery where he lived as a monk. He was also noted for his obedience, his kindness and his charity. He is the patron saint of the poor, racial harmony and mixed-race people. His feast day is on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. He was canonised by Pope John XXIII in 1962. St Martin died on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1639 aged 59 of a raging fever. We are inspired by the life of St Martin to help everyone in society. St Martin was a great advocate for equity, no matter race, religion or creed. St Martin's work reminds us that everyone is special and therefore demonstrating Catholic Social Teaching of Human Dignity.

Written by Nathan (Y6) and Maureen May (Our School Governor)



Most humble St. Martin, whose burning charity embraces all, but especially those who are sick, afflicted, or in need, we turn to thee for help in our present difficulties and all those in need.

Amen.