

What is “LECTIO DIVINA”?

Lectio Divina is the Latin for 'Holy Reading'. It involves taking a short passage of Scripture and reflecting upon it.

At our school, the evening is divided into two parts. The first part starts with a reading, usually the Sunday Gospel, for adults and children. Children and adults then proceed separately until the second part.

- *For Adults*

There follows a reflection on the reading by Fr Dione Cutajar who ably provides a very practical explanation of the Word of God. All are free to participate and share their thoughts and experience.

A few minutes of adoration before the Holy Sacrament provide a priceless moment of silence and serenity where one is able to gather his/her thoughts and reflect in the presence of God.

- *For Children*

Children over 3 years of age are invited to partake in their very own specially prepared session. During the session the Gospel is re-read and explained to the children in their own terms and they too have a chance to give their opinion and reflect on how the gospel applies to their daily lives.

Based on this, the children also prepare together a short presentation, which they share with the adults during the Mass sermon-time later in the evening.

- *For All*

The second part of the evening is preceded by a short tea/coffee break, an opportunity to talk with each other and, for those who want to, Fr Dione is available for confessions.

Holy Mass is then celebrated. The readings are those of that weekend's Sunday Mass. During the sermon time, the children present the short explanation of the Gospel they had prepared in the first part of the evening.

Should I come?

Definitely! All are welcome: parents, teachers and other staff members, and bring your family along if possible. The “LECTIO DIVINA” provides individuals and families, especially those living a fast-paced life, with an evening of calm and collected reflection before God. It also provides an opportunity to meet together and build the school community.

When, where and how?

The LECTIO DIVINA is held monthly throughout the scholastic year. Dates are communicated via the school website and via school circulars. The evening starts at 7.00pm and finishes around 9.30pm. You do not need to bring anything with you. You can come alone or bring your loved ones with you. The LECTIO DIVINA is held in St Paul's Hall on the school grounds. Parking is available in the school grounds.