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Dear Families

Online Virtual Retreat

On Friday 19th March to Saturday 20th March, we warmly invite all our pupils and their families/carers to take part in St Robert's first online retreat. The Covid 19 pandemic has meant that many of our usual activities have been postponed. Retreats, prayer and reflection are an integral part of our mission as a Catholic school, and we hope that this online alternative will provide a chance to take a step back from normal life and look for joy in lockdown. The outline of our retreat is below and all of the resources for the retreat will be directly available through the school website: <https://www.strobertofnewminster.co.uk/catholic-life-and-mission>.

Friday 19th March

- 7pm: Opening prayer led by Father Jim.
- 7.15pm: Reflection led by Raymond Friel and Hannah Bartlett: Finding Joy in Lockdown
- 7.30pm: Families to watch the film "Up" and consider the message from St Francis of Assisi: *Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.*

Saturday 20th March

- 9am: Morning prayer read by St Robert's Pupils
- 9.15am: Walk with Me – Joss Stone
- 9.30am: Finding joy in nature. Pupils and their families are encouraged to take part in a walk which is linked to our theme of finding joy. The walk will be guided with prayer and reflection.
- 12pm: Closing liturgy.

Yours faithfully

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