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Training. A life-saving trio.



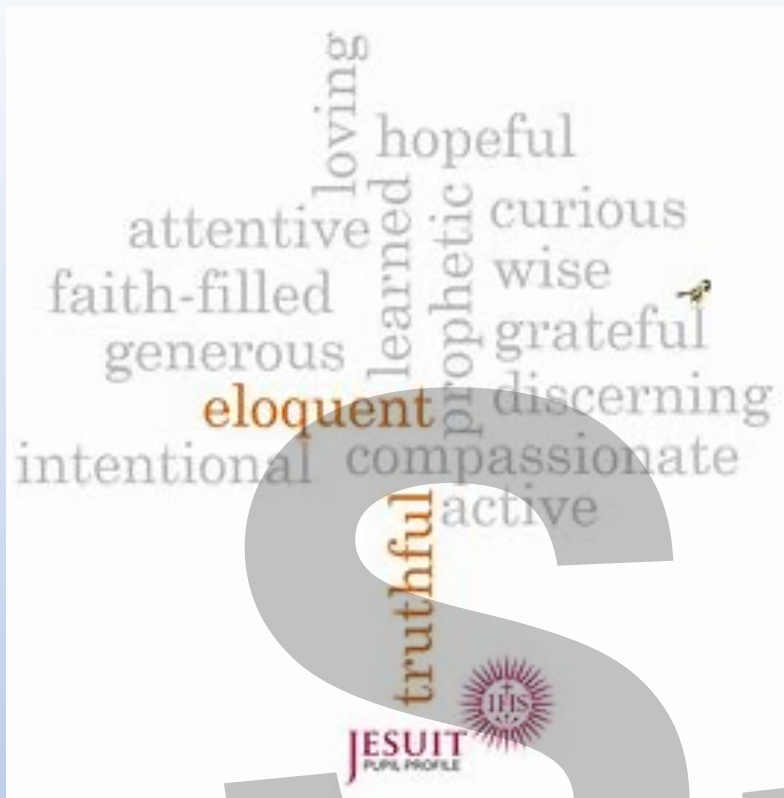
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1 IN 3 PEOPLE DON'T
HAVE ACCESS TO A TOILET

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Let us pray,

God we know there are so many who don't have access to clean water and sanitation. We pray for them now, Lord, for our brothers and sisters around the world who suffer without this essential resource. We are humbled, Father, having known the taste of clean water to drink and having known the freedom of clean sanitation. God, we are humbled that there are those amongst us who live without these luxuries which we know as necessities. We ask for your continued provision, for clean water and sanitation for all your children around the world.

And we ask, Lord, that you open our eyes to our part in ensuring that all those who are in need in this way, can begin to live with the same access that we have known. Guide us to use our resources to offer hope to those in need. Show us our part in the story, Father, and use us to do Your will. Amen.

St Joseph... Pray for us.

TOILET TRUTHS

❑ There are more TVs in Afghanistan than there are toilets. Interestingly, ninety percent of the population has TVs while only 7% has flush toilets.

❑ Did you know that you were flushing up to 26 litres of water in every single flush?

❑ The World Toilet Organization was founded on 19 November 2001 and on this day every year World Toilet Day is celebrated.

❑ It might help you to know that mobiles phones have 18 times bacteria than the toilet handles.

❑ **2.3 BILLION PEOPLE DON'T HAVE SOMEWHERE SAFE TO GO TO THE TOILET.** Almost 1 in 3 people living in the world don't have a safe place to go to the loo. Not only does this make daily life unpleasant and uncomfortable, but it presents a huge risk. There are thousands of deaths every year due to poor sanitation, which fosters water borne diseases such as cholera, and intestinal worms. It's crazy to think that more people have mobile phones, than access to a toilet!

TOILET TWINNING

Every day, over 700 children under 5 die from diarrhoea linked to unsafe water, sanitation and poor hygiene.

Without proper toilets, people get trapped in a vicious cycle

They're likely to become sick through sanitation-related diseases. Illness keeps people from working, children miss school, parents have to pay for medicines or food and fall into debt.

Toilet Twinning funds hygiene education via community-led workshops and sourcing local materials for families and communities to build their own toilets.



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WHAT TO DO? *TWIN THAT LOO*

- Take a moment to think of how many different toilets you have access to. You've probably got at least one at home, several at school or work, plenty in all the cafes, shops and local places you visit.
- As we just read there is an actual World Toilet Day celebrated in November. It is an important day as we are reminded that clean sanitation is still seen as a privilege in many places. This is not the case in all countries. But there is a way we can partner with our global brothers and sisters to increase access to toilets worldwide. The concept of Toilet Twinning can reduce the effects of poor sanitation for people living in poverty.
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Twinning a toilet is £60 or £240 for a school or church block.

Simquambo is proud to have built a new toilet for his family in Zambia.

Before, they used to have to go out into the bush. He'd watch in despair as his children regularly fell ill, without understanding why.

'This is the way it's supposed to be when you're a dad: you're meant to be able to protect your children.'

After Toilet Twinning's partner explained the link between poor sanitation and ill health, Simquambo built his pit latrine. Almost immediately, the children's health improved and there were no more trips to hospital.

'All dads should build toilets for their families!' he says.



TOILET TWINNING

“I take it for granted that I have somewhere to go to the loo. But one in three people in the world don’t. Imagine seeing your children die because your family’s drinking water is contaminated by human waste. My toilet and I are proud to be twinned with a long drop in Bihar, north India. It’s time for a sanitation revolution, and every toilet counts!”

(Mary-Ann Ochota Anthropologist and TV presenter)

“Spending a penny, visiting the loo, washing your hands, powdering your nose, nipping to the dunny, bog or toilet... whenever you GO at Hobbs House Bakery, you can see that we’ve Twinned our Toilets and we’re helping to flush away poverty.”
(Hobbs House Bakery)

St Joseph’s is going to twin our toilets and fund a project in a community that helps families to build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.

NEXT STEPS

Here at St Joseph's we are fortunate to have toilet facilities that cater for all pupils. As we have read this is not the case for everyone in the world today. We believe that school toilets play a key part in the education and development of children.

Everyone at school has a part to play in using toilets sensibly and with respect. At times, pupils avoid using the toilets at school because they are dirty, smelly, lack basic provisions because some people are selfish in how they treat the toilets. It is so important that we appreciate our facilities.



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St Joseph's will be twinning our toilets and fund a project in a community that helps families to build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene. Some of the countries we will be twinning with are:-

- Malawi
- Nepal
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- South Sudan
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe



This term the Community Ministry have chosen to twin with **NEPAL** and **ZIMBABWE**.

Tearfund will send St Joseph's a certificate to hang in our toilets – showing a photograph of our overseas toilet twin and GPS coordinates so we can look up our twin's location on Google Maps! We too will send a picture of our toilets so it is really important that we treat our toilets with respect.

Remember just how lucky we are to have our toilet facilities!



Please ensure your toilets, doors and facilities are never damaged.

- ✓ **Only person at a time in a cubicle.**
- ✓ **Close and lock the toilet door gently and with care.**
- ✓ **Wash your hands.**
- ✓ **Turn taps on and off carefully.**
- ✓ **Use the appropriate amount of toilet paper.**
- ✓ **Put sanitary products in the correct bin.**
- ✓ **Unhygienic to wait around in the toilet – return to lesson!**