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We often hear children ask “what is the purpose and meaning of **life?**” or “What is my goal in **life?**”

At school we are so accustomed to hearing about Jesus rising from the dead that we could say, “Oh yeah...we know all about it” and miss the grace of this holy season of Easter. But think about it, Jesus rose from the dead! Death is not the end. It is only the door to beyond.

We believe that **Life** has only one ultimate goal, to prepare for the **next life**. That certainly is quite a thought and especially challenging when presenting it to students let alone individuals unfamiliar with the unique nature of Catholic schools. It is radical and bold. This is not to be confused with a morbid obsession with death but rather a comforting fact that this life will come to an end but eternal life continues.

Easter is the greatest celebration of the Church. Jesus’ resurrection reminds us that there is **life beyond the grave**. Jesus’ resurrection reminds us that there is more to each of us than meets the eye, that we may have a mortal body but we also have an immortal soul. Although our body will return to dust, our soul will live forever with God.

I love the sentiments on the cover (photo from a framed version I saw in Manchester) It sums up our earthly life pretty well.

Knowing that our life is time limited gives us the opportunity to encourage our children to

question the greater meaning of life. That you can’t take your house to heaven with you. That you can’t you take your car to heaven with you. You can’t take your bank account to heaven with you.

Our job at McAuley is to allow the resurrection of Jesus to have room in our lives; to let Jesus’ death and resurrection be the centre of our lives. We try to do that by avoiding focussing on the material; that true peace and contentment can only come through developing a spiritual life.

Our Lenten liturgies were absolutely fantastic! They were challenging, moving and beautifully delivered and respected by all year groups. On the first day back after Easter every boy and girl received a chocolate egg; the shell being broken to reveal new life. We sum up our Mission by this from John’s Gospel.

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

John 10:10

We have a wonderful future ahead of us. We will be resurrected like Jesus. That is living life to the full! **So get a life at McAuley!**



John Rooney, Headteacher