The Patrons of the College

St George Catholic College has two principle patrons St George and Our Lady of Guadalupe

The College was named after St George the patron saint of England and a saint whose cult is strong in the Orthodox, Protestant and Catholic tradition. The story of St George is well known a Roman Soldier who was born in what was Cappadocia and was probably martyred under the Diocletian persecution. The legend of the dragon comes later and is an allegory for the fight against evil which the Christian has to undertake each day. His body is reputed to lie in a tomb in Lod in Israel.

The lessons to learn from our patron are to put Christ first even if this leads to suffering, St George did this but from it he gained eternal life. The life of St George although romantisced throughout the ages is one to follow and ask for assistance from our heavenly patron.

St George ,pray for us



Our Lady of Guadalupe

The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the miraculous Tilma (cloak) still housed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico city is also well known and led to the conversion of the Aztec people. Even today millions still visit the Basilica to pray and see the beautiful image left behind by the Virgin for her people.

People ask why choose Our Lady of Guadalupe as a patron, the answer is this, when she appeared to St Juan Diego in the 1500s she appeared as a '*Mestiza*' a woman of mixed heritage both Aztec and Spanish, she is the mother of all peoples. With our cohort of students from around the world Our Lady of Guadalupe was an obvious choice. In June of 2021 Bishop Philip Egan entrusted the college to Our Lady of Guadalupe on the same day he opened a building named in her honour.

We encourage a strong Marian devotion here following the example of the great saints and Popes knowing that Mary is the perfect disciple and mother to all our community.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us

