



# Newsletter

Love one another as I have loved you—John 13:34

Friday 8th December 2023

At Sacred Heart School we:

**LEAD** with fairness & empathy

**SERVE** with kindness & consideration

**COMMUNICATE** with respect

**ACT** with love

## Second Sunday of Advent Year B

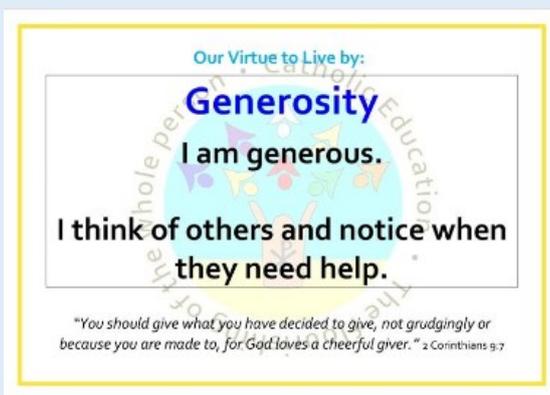
The 2nd letter of Peter, ch3 8-14, serves as a profound reminder for the faithful during the season of Advent. Peter emphasises the timeless nature of God, reminding us that "with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day." This passage invites us to reflect on the nature of our waiting during Advent. Often, we are impatient in our waiting, expecting quick answers and immediate gratifications. However, Peter's words encourage us to adopt a divine perspective on time, one that values patient, steadfast waiting. This patience is not passive but active; it's a time of preparation and growth, mirroring the long wait of humanity for the Messiah. This period of waiting is not just about looking forward, but also about examining our present – how we live, act, and interact with others. It's a reminder that every moment is an opportunity to embody the values of the kingdom, to be "found by him at peace, without spot or blemish," as Peter exhorts. It is a call to personal and communal purification, a recommitment to our baptismal promises. On this 2nd Sunday of Advent, let us embrace this call to purity and peace, preparing ourselves to celebrate the coming of Christ with hearts renewed and lives transformed by His grace.

Please use the link below to access the Ten:Ten interactive Collective Worship newsletter for December [www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/)

**Prayer Intentions:** For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

## Virtue to Live By

Our Current Virtue to Live By is **Generosity**



You are **generous** when:

You notice someone who needs help

You think of others before yourself

You give freely without need of reward

You give more than what is expected

You are willing to make sacrifices for others

## Gospel Assembly



In this week's Gospel, John prepares the way for Jesus and announces that Jesus is more powerful. Advent is a time for getting ready for us to prepare the way for Jesus. Will we be ready to announce His arrival, like the angels on Christmas Day?

Going Forth: How can you be a messenger for God, ready to share His message of love through your words and actions this week.

# Information / Messages

**Raffle:** As well as our main raffle, we will be running mini raffles at each nativity performance so please bring a £1 to buy a ticket and support our Christmas fundraising efforts

**Christmas Fair:** Once again, thanks to all who helped with the Christmas Fair. We raised a fantastic £884

**Water Bottles**—We encourage children to bring plain water in their water bottles as the default healthiest option. If there is a genuine reason why your child needs something different, this should be communicated to and agreed with the class teacher

**Advent Bags**— Please return these to school the following day making sure all items are in the bag. This is important so that all children get the chance to take one home.

**ParentPay**—You will have recently received a letter about signing up for ParentPay. It is crucial that parents do this in order to receive communication from school and to be able to make payments. After Christmas, all letters and the newsletter will be sent via ParentPay only and all future trip payments and consents will be via ParentPay. We are aiming to be completely paperless in our communication with parents.

**After School Childcare:** We are carrying out a consultation with our families on after school childcare. We want to hear from all of our families (even if you don't need childcare) so please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. The consultation ends on Wednesday 10th January. <https://forms.office.com/e/RTvE2mbp1v>

**Advent Reflections:** These take place each Wednesday in Advent after school for 10 minutes. It is a lovely opportunity to take time out from the busyness of the season and remind ourselves of the true meaning. It would be great to see more faces over the coming weeks.

**Staff Recruitment:** In January, Miss Sarah Carberry will join us as Y3 teacher, Miss Hannah Armstrong will join us as a teaching assistant and Miss Hayley Sellars will join us as an admin assistant. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the Sacred Heart community.

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 11th December

FS2, Y1, Y2 Nativity—1.30 and 5.30 pm

### Tuesday 12th December

Y4 concert for parents—2.45pm

### Wednesday 13th December

Christmas outfits—Christmas dinner day  
Advent Reflection 3.25pm—all welcome

### Monday 18th December

Christmas party day—non uniform  
KS2 Advent Liturgy 5.30 pm

### Tuesday 19th December

Festival of Cribs

### Wednesday 20th December

FS2 / Y1 Theatre trip  
Advent Reflection 3.25pm—all welcome

### Thursday 21st December

Thanksgiving Mass for leavers 9.30am

### Friday 22nd December

Candlelit Carols 2.15pm  
Break up

### Tuesday 9th January

Back to school

	"Virtues to Live by" 
FS2—Apolonia	FS2—Adwaith
Y1— Hudson	Y1— Ada
Y2— Cole	Y2— Ivan
Y3— Alex	Y3— Calvin
Y4— Seb	Y4— Tommy
Y5— Leon	Y5— Ivy
Y6— Isaac	Y6— Taylor



1st— Zach  
2nd— Suzie  
3rd— Marlowe

Most active class— Y5



1st— Erin  
2nd— Anikha  
3rd— Niamh