



Newsletter

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

Friday 15th December 2023

At Sacred Heart School we:
LEAD with fairness & empathy
SERVE with kindness & consideration
COMMUNICATE with respect
ACT with love

Third Sunday of Advent Year B

Considered together, the readings for the 3rd Sunday in Advent intertwine to create anticipation and illumination. In Isaiah, we hear the jubilant proclamation of good news, a vivid depiction of the joyous fulfillment that comes with the Messiah's arrival. This joy, as echoed in Thessalonians, is not a fleeting emotion but a state of being, sustained by continuous prayer and gratitude, deeply rooted in the promise of Christ's transformative presence. In John's Gospel, we encounter John the Baptist, the herald of the Light, embodying the role of a witness to the one true Light, Jesus Christ. This Light, which John testifies to, is the same Light that Isaiah foretells will bring freedom and renewal. The call in Thessalonians to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances is a response to this Light that illuminates our path, revealing the way to truth and salvation.

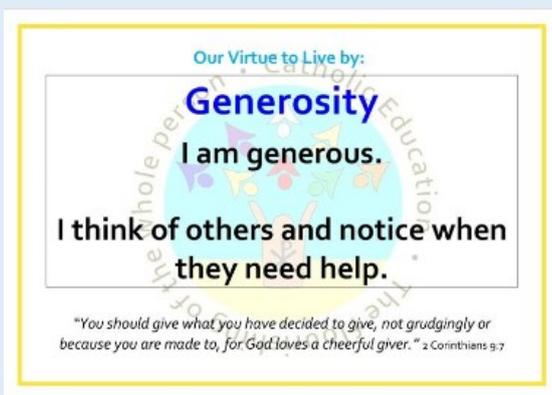
As we journey through Advent, we are reminded that our preparation for Christ's coming is not only a remembrance of a historical event but an active participation in the unfolding of God's plan. The convergence of joy from Isaiah, the testimony of John the Baptist, and Paul's exhortation to continual prayer and thanksgiving, shapes our Advent season as a time of deep spiritual renewal and expectant waiting for the fullness of God's salvation.

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/

Prayer Intentions: We pray for strength and encouragement for our clergy and all who minister in so many ways. May the amazing message of you coming to dwell with us in love shine through to all who connect with the Christmas story this season

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



The Gospel reveals Jesus as 'the light'. John the Baptist continues his role as a witness, who helps others to believe that Jesus, the light, is the long-awaited Christ. Will you be ready to believe, and worship Jesus this Christmas like the shepherds and the kings? Going Forth: Think about how you can worship and rejoice in Jesus this Christmas.

Information / Messages

KS2 Advent Presentation: KS2 children should return to school at 5pm on Monday via the main gates. They need to return to school in their uniform even though Monday is a non-uniform day in school.

Raffle Tickets—Please return any money and ticket subs to school by Tuesday ready for the draw.

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 and currently only 48% of parents are signed up.

Festival of Cribs: On Tuesday, we are inviting our families to send in nativity scenes to display in school. These can be homemade or ones that you put out at home. We will display them in school and invite families to see them after school. We will have a donation bucket out to raise money for our Advent charity.

Playgroup: Our new playgroup will be launching on Thursday 11th January from 9.15—10.45am for children 0—pre-school age. All welcome so spread the word to non Sacred Heart families. £1 voluntary contribution to cover costs.

Lost Property: Please take a look in lost property before the end of term for any missing items as anything left will be donated / disposed of over the holiday.

Absence Messages: When leaving an absence message on the answerphone, please be specific about why your child is not attending school so we can record the absence accurately. If you leave a message, we may call back so please expect a call from school if your child is absent.

Attendance: Each term, we are required to review attendance and inform parents if their child's attendance is causing concern. Whilst we know, in most cases, there are genuine reasons for absence, we still have to follow this procedure. Attendance letters will be sent out where required next week.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 18th December

Christmas party day—non uniform
KS2 Advent Liturgy 5.30 pm—see above

Tuesday 19th December

Festival of Cribs—see above

Wednesday 20th December

FS2 / Y1 Theatre trip
Y4 Carol Singing at Burton Street
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

Monday 15th January

FS2 Admissions deadline for Sept 2024

Friday 19th January

Parent Pop In—Confidence and Self-Esteem 2.45pm

	"Virtues to Live by" 
FS2—Aria	FS2—Olivia
Y1— Chimdi	Y1— Adam
Y2— Flynn	Y2— Carter
Y3— Jack	Y3— Ava
Y4— Isla	Y4— Natty
Y5— Josh	Y5— Francis
Y6— Nathan	Y6— Bridie



1st— Josh

2nd— Kayden

3rd— Francis

Most active class— Y4



1st— Fraser

2nd— Peggy

3rd— Gabrielle