



# Newsletter

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

Friday 26th January 2024

At Sacred Heart School we:

**LEAD** with fairness & empathy

**SERVE** with kindness & consideration

**COMMUNICATE** with respect

**ACT** with love

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Jesus' way of teaching starkly contrasts with that of the scribes, as seen in the Gospel reading. The scribes, though knowledgeable, lacked the ability to connect deeply with the common people. Their teachings often hovered in the realm of theory, detached from the lived realities of those they were meant to guide. Jesus, on the other hand, spoke from real life. His authority was rooted not just in knowledge but in experience and empathy. He spoke of the Kingdom of God using parables and examples that resonated with the everyday experiences of His listeners.

This approach made His teachings accessible and transformative. It wasn't about complicated theological arguments but about truth presented in a way that reached hearts and minds. In our own lives, when we share our faith with others, are we speaking from real life? Do we connect our understanding of God's word with the practical realities people face every day? Speaking from real life means making faith relevant and accessible, just as Jesus did.

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

**Prayer Intentions:** As we come to the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we pray for unity within our church and with other churches and faiths. We pray that we might all be one living under God's guidance.

## Virtue to Live By

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



You are a **good friend** when:

You treat others as you want to be treated

You show an interest in others

You say kind and loving words

You share your time and things

You help others when they are in need

You are forgiving

## Gospel Assembly



Jesus' teaching was amazing, it changes people when they hear it, because what He says is spoken by God to show us who God is - are we ready to listen to Him?

Going Forth: Jesus' words matched His actions. How could you let Jesus' words and actions influence you this week?

# Information / Messages

**Discos:** Friends of Sacred Heart are organising discos for children in school. These will take place on Friday 2nd February after school. Children in FS2, Y1 and Y2 will go straight to the disco after school until 4.30 pm. They are welcome to bring a change of clothes in a bag. Children not going to the disco should be collected as usual at 3.20pm. Children in Y3—Y6 can return to school at 4.45pm for their disco which finishes at 5.45pm. The cost is £4 per child which includes snacks and a glowstick. **Please pay on ParentPay by Wednesday 31st January.**

**Year of Prayer:** Pope Francis has announced a Year of Prayer for 2024 so we will be looking at marking this in different ways over the year starting with setting the children a prayer challenge by creating their own five-finger prayer. To do this they will need to draw around their hand and write prayers as follows: Thumb - pray for someone close to them e.g. friends or family; Index finger - pray for someone who points them in the right direction e.g. family member or teachers; Middle finger - pray for someone in authority e.g. church leaders or politicians; Ring finger - pray for someone in need e.g. the poor or ill; Little finger - pray for themselves. Bring them into school before 9th February. The Chaplaincy Team will display all the prayers in school, and choose some to be added to the website.

**National Storytelling Week:** This begins on 30th January. If you would like to come into school to read a story or chapter to your child's class, please contact the class teacher to arrange a time.

**Stationery:** Some children are bringing lots of unnecessary stationery into school taking up lots of table space. Please limit the amount (and size) of what your child brings in. If this continues to be a problem, we will ask all personal items to remain at home.

**Parents' Evening:** These will take place on Wednesday 13th and Tuesday 19th March after school. Bookings will open on Wednesday 31st January at 6pm and close on Tuesday 12th March at 9am. Bookings are made online at <https://sacredheartcathpri.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

## Dates for your Diary

### Wednesday 31st January

Parent Pop In—Concentration and Attention 2.45 pm

Parents' Evening Bookings open 6pm

### Friday 2nd February

School Discos—see above for info

### Tuesday 6th February

Book Look 3.20pm

### Thursday 8th February

Y6 Class Saint feast day sharing 3pm

### Friday 9th February

Break for half term

### Monday 19th February

Inset day—school closed to pupils

### Tuesday 20th February

Return to school

### Wednesday 21st February

Lent Stay and Pray 3.20pm

### Thursday 22nd February

Y3 Parents Child Led Liturgy 9am

Sleep workshop 1pm

	"Virtues to Live by" 
FS2—George	FS2—Matei
Y1— Nehemiah	Y1— Lakah
Y2— Lyra	Y2— Enrico
Y3— Alex	Y3— Luke
Y4— Frankie	Y4— Etta
Y5— Evelyn	Y5— Ruby
Y6— Noah	Y6— Phoebe



1st— Noah D

2nd— Noah

3rd— Raziella

Most active class— Y4



1st— Victor

2nd— Matei

3rd— Hudson