



Newsletter

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

Friday 2nd February 2024

At Sacred Heart School we:

LEAD with fairness & empathy

SERVE with kindness & consideration

COMMUNICATE with respect

ACT with love

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Mark 1:29-39 reveals Jesus' deep commitment to prayer and solitude. After the healing of Simon's mother-in-law, Jesus retreats to a solitary place for prayer, emphasizing the importance of connecting with the Father. This aspect of Jesus' life is a vital lesson for believers, highlighting the need for moments of quiet and personal communion with God. In our busy lives, finding time for solitude and prayer can be challenging, yet it is essential for spiritual growth and discernment.

On this Sunday, we are reminded of the power and necessity of prayer in our Christian journey. It is in these moments of solitude that we can recharge, gain clarity, and align our actions with God's will. Jesus' example shows us that effective ministry and service are rooted in a solid foundation of prayer and relationship with God.

Please use the link below to access the Ten:Ten interactive Collective Worship newsletter for February
www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Prayer Intentions: Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February—For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Virtue to Live By

Our Current Virtue to Live By is **Love of Neighbour**



You **love your neighbour** when:

You treat others as you want to be treated

You say kind and loving things

You share your things with others

You do little things for others that make them happy

You notice when someone needs your help

You show you care by listening to others

Gospel Assembly



Jesus' life was very busy, but He found peace by going to a quiet place to pray and be with His Father. We too can find peace in the busyness of our daily lives.

Going Forth: How could you make special time for prayer this week?

Information / Messages

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.

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 are now live and will close on Tuesday 12th March at 9am. Bookings are made online at <https://sacredheartcathpri.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Unless there are exceptional circumstances, teachers are unable to make alternative appointments outside of the times allocated due to existing commitments.

Morning Gate: From Monday, all children will enter school via the top yard. Y4 should line up outside their classroom, Y5 at the cloakroom door and Y6 in the Shalom Garden. A reminder that the gates open at 8.35am.

Lent: Sent with the newsletter today is a programme of events outlining how we will mark Lent in school

Donations: Mrs Swift is looking for the following donations for den building if anyone can help: Crates (bottle/bread), pipes, wooden poles, wooden planks, buckets, plastic tubes, toggles, rope, hooks, large pegs, large cardboard, large sheets, old curtains, shower curtains, old picnic blankets. Any donations appreciated—thank you!

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 6th February

Book Look 3.20pm

Y1 visit to Hillsborough Park—am—volunteers please see Mrs Mills

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

Friday 23rd February

Good Shepherd Fundraiser—Y3 Fun Run.

Parent Pop In 2.45pm —Supporting writing including dyslexia friendly strategies

	"Virtues to Live by" 
FS2—Rita	FS2—Lily-Anne
Y1— Xylah	Y1— Anikah
Y2— Ethan	Y2— Gabby
Y3— Harlan	Y3— Levi
Y4— Kayden	Y4— Nicholas
Y5— Annais	Y5— Arthur
Y6— Nathan	Y6— Demari



1st— Theresa

2nd— Isha

3rd— Chris

Most active class— Y4



1st— Anna-Sophia

2nd— Mikaela

3rd— Apolonia