



# Newsletter

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

Friday 26th April 2024

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

## 5th Sunday of Easter Year B

The Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Easter presents us with the beautiful metaphor of the vine and the branches. Jesus emphasises the importance of remaining in Him to bear fruit. Like branches that cannot survive, let alone bear fruit when severed from the vine, our spiritual lives wither without a deep and sustaining connection to Christ. This imagery invites us to consider the nature of the fruit we're called to bear. It's not merely about individual accomplishments but about contributing to the flourishing of the whole community, to the glory of God. Bearing fruit requires trust and drawing strength from the Lord. It involves pruning—letting go of what hinders our growth and embracing a process of spiritual refinement. This is not always comfortable, but it is necessary for growth. In the spirit of this Sunday we are reminded that our efforts, grounded in faith and sustained by grace, can lead to abundant life for ourselves and for others.

**Prayer Intentions:** This Sunday is World Day for Safety and Health at Work. As we live out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, we pray that work provides a sense of purpose and dignity for all people and that all workers are equally valued, receive a fair wage, and are treated with justice. *Lord, you look with love upon us in our work. All our efforts to better our lives and our world are pleasing to you. You had your own particular work to do; to share your love with the world. Help us to make this our life's work too. To be missionaries of God's love. Amen*

**Collective Worship Newsletter:** Please find the newsletter for April by clicking on this link [www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/)

## Virtue to Live By

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

Our Virtue to Live by:  
**Confidence**

I am able to do things without fear or doubt.

I place my trust in God and know that God gives me strength.

"Let us be confident, then, and say: "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Hebrews 13:6

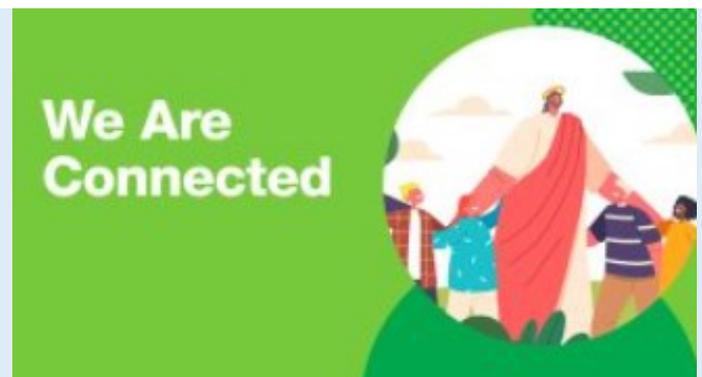
Virtues to Live by

**I am confident**

when

- I think positively.
- I am willing to try new things.
- I believe in myself.
- I know I am worthwhile whether I succeed or fail.
- I trust that God will support me.
- I keep going even when I find things difficult.

## Gospel Assembly



This week's Gospel describes Jesus as the true vine to which we must remain connected in order to bear fruit. This assembly explores this connection through art and children will learn that they too can 'bear fruit' in Jesus' name.

Going Forth: Ask Jesus through the action of the Holy Spirit, to help us to produce good 'fruit' in our lives and think about ways we can show that good 'fruit' this week

# Information / Messages

**FOSH Family Night:** FOSH have organised a family night social on Friday 10th May from 6pm to 9pm. This will take place in the school hall and will include chip shop food, a disco, bingo and a quiz at a cost of £8 per adult and £5 per child. Families are welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks—please bring wine glasses, bottle openers etc. Tea and coffee will be available. Tickets available from the school office—please bring your payment by Wednesday 8th May and fill in an order form.

**Prizes:** For the family night, we are looking for donations of small prizes (wine, chocolates etc). Anyone who brings a raffle prize will be entered into a draw to win 2 tickets for Owlerton Stadium worth £19.20. Please bring donations by Wednesday 8th May.

**Pentecost Celebration:** Pentecost marks the beginning of the church’s mission to the world. As such, we would like to celebrate this feast by inviting our children to share their cultural heritage. On Monday 20th May, children are welcome to come to school wearing their national dress / traditional clothes. They may want to share some traditional foods or bring in an object that represents their heritage to talk about. We will also invite children to join in with a prayer response in their home language—the response is *“The day of Pentecost has come and we have gathered together in this place.”* If your child would like to join in with this, please practice it at home in your home language.

**Y6 End of SATS celebration:** To mark their hard work and effort, Y6 are invited to come to school in sportswear on Friday 17th May as they will be going to Hillsborough Park to play games etc. They can also bring pjs, onesies, to get changed into for a movie afternoon on the same day. Sweets / popcorn to share welcomed (no nut products please). Lunch will be in school as usual.

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 30th April**

Easter Mass 9.15am

**Thursday 2nd May**

Y2 Child Led Liturgy 9am

**Monday 6th May**

Bank Holiday Monday—school closed

**Thursday 9th May**

Ascension Mass 9.15am

**Friday 10th May**

FOSH Family Night Social 6pm

**Monday 13th May**

KS2 SATS week

**Friday 17th May**

Y6 celebration—see above

FOSH Meeting 3.30pm

**Monday 20th May**

Pentecost Celebration

New Parents’ Meeting 5.30pm

**Tuesday 21st May**

Book Look 3.20pm

Notre Dame Y6 Meeting 5.30pm at Sacred Heart

	
FS2—Nathan	FS2— Noah
Y1— Ada	Y1— Chimdi
Y2— Olivia F	Y2— Jaylen
Y3— Liliah	Y3— Thomas
Y4— Isaac	Y4— Skyler
Y5— Arthur	Y5— Theresa
Y6— Gamiel	Y6— Natalie



- 1st— Etta
- 2nd— Carter Ro
- 3rd— Nicholas

Most active class— Y4



- 1st— Adwaith
- 2nd— Logan
- 3rd— Olivia M