



# Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The *sacred Heart* Standard

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear parents and families,

## LITTLE WAY WEEK

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In our Like Jesus celebration of the word this week, we reflected on how believing in Jesus can sometimes mean we have to make hard choices. As it is CAFOD's Family Fast Day this week, we also thought about the choices we need to make to Go Green and protect and care for the beautiful planet earth, which is our home. Our big question was, **'How will you show that you care for others and follow Jesus this week?'**

*John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man who was driving out demons in your name, and we told him to stop, because he doesn't belong to our group." "Do not try to stop him," Jesus told them, "because no one who performs a miracle in my name will be able soon afterwards to say evil things about me. For whoever is not against us is for us. I assure you that anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to me will certainly receive his reward." (Mark 9:38-43)*

John calls Jesus, "Teacher". A teacher is someone who helps us to learn, who inspires and guides us, who shows us how to do things and helps us to be the best we can be. Jesus came to teach the disciples, and all of us, about God, his Father. He came to show us the way to live our lives to please God and to help us to know God better. Jesus tells the disciples that anyone who is not against him, who is not Jesus' enemy, is his friend. Jesus says anyone who treats people well because they follow him will be loved by him and be rewarded in heaven. What would Jesus like us to do?

Just like Jesus cares for us all, he teaches us to care for one another in everything we say and do. Not just for the people we know, like our friends and our family, but for all people around the world. This means being kind and generous, friendly and helpful. It can mean making sure everyone has enough food to eat, clean water to drink, or the chance to go to school. It can also mean a bit more than that, like sticking up for what is right and what we believe in. We might have to choose to do the right thing when others are doing something wrong; to speak out when we see something happening that is not right. This can be hard, but knowing Jesus is with us can help us be brave.

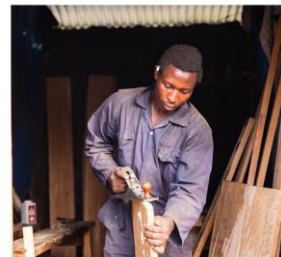
**How will you show you care for others and follow Jesus this week?**

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

It is important for all people around the world to have a chance to learn. Daniel lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He joined a workshop to learn carpentry.

"We learned to make cabinets, tables, beds and many things, like chairs to sit on. I really focused on my work because I knew this was going to help me tomorrow and in the future."

Without this training, Daniel might have ended up in the fighting in his country. He's very glad he did the workshop but feels sad that some of his friends didn't get to go to school.



This Sunday is the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Father will wear a green chasuble. That is why our newsletter heading is in green.

The registration window remains open for the Sacramental Programme – more details below.

Next Friday morning, our 9:05am morning prayer Celebration of the Word is led by 2B; our Y3s will join our parish for the celebration of Mass at 10am. All are welcome!

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# LOVE ONE ANOTHER





**BRIGHTEN UP FOR HARVEST DAY:** This Harvest Family Fast Day, we join children around England and Wales to 'Brighten Up' and raise money to help other people. Thank you to those who came to school today wearing bright, school-appropriate, clothes, instead of their uniform, in exchange for £1, helping us raise funds for the Morning Star Hostel, part of Caritas Diocese of Salford. We are hoping to raise enough, over time, to sponsor a room there. We already began fundraising at the big sleep in last term.

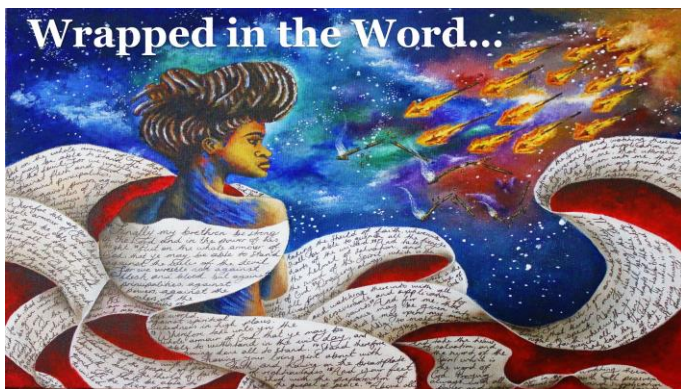
**HARVEST FAST DAY – FOOD DONATIONS:** Today is [CAFOD Family Fast Day](#) and collection envelopes have been distributed at church. In school, we will mark the end of the Season of Creation, and feast of St Francis of Assisi, by encouraging harvest tinned, bottled and packaged food donations which will be shared between the Caritas Cornerstone centre and The Brick, Wigan. **The donation window will remain open during October.**

This our way of playing a small part in rebuilding church – the call that St Francis of Assisi shares with us, and that inspired our Pope to use the name Francis!



**ROLLING WORSHIP:** This week is also the end of the Season of Creation and the feast days of St Teresa of Lisieux and St Francis of Assisi. All classes took part in rolling worship this week. Each class will be prayed in a different way! Little Way week also reminds us that all actions have the chance to make a positive change – they are sacred. St Teresa of Lisieux lived her life that way.

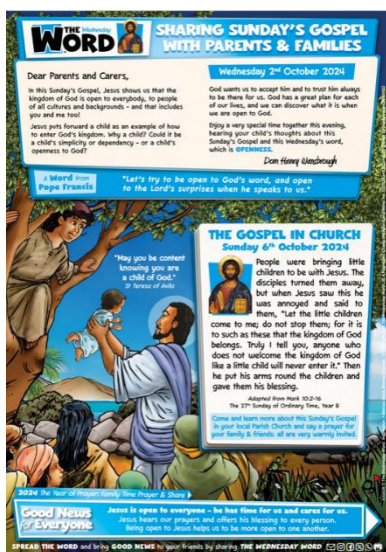




# UNITE + GOD

So that in all things God may be glorified...

**LET US PRAY:** We pray for all people throughout the world: that they may all have the chance to learn the skills they need for the future. We pray for all teachers: that God may give them wisdom as they guide us through life. We pray for our parish, family and friends: that we may be willing to listen and learn from others and to follow Jesus' teaching in all we do. God of life, guide us as we learn and lead us to care for one another as your Son taught us to. Amen. We continue to pray: **Jesus lives in our school: in our minds and words and actions... love one another.**



**THE WEDNESDAY WORD:** You can enjoy the Wednesday Word as a family by [following the link to this week's edition.](#)



**TEN: TEN RESOURCES:** Click here for the [October newsletter.](#)

**CHURCH BULLETIN:** Our parish bulletin can be downloaded from our website at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/parish-bulletin-social-media/>

**OTHER LETTERS ISSUED SINCE THE START OF TERM:** Most updates are via our App. Please ensure you check the app regularly.

## E-Safety Newsletter – October



### Online Safety Newsletter Oct 2024

#### iOS 18 Launch

Apple have recently released their latest operating system, iOS 18. iOS 18 offers lots of new features (some are restricted to newer phones) but one feature that you should be aware of is the ability to now lock and hide apps.

When an app is locked, Face ID, Touch ID or your passcode will be required to open it. This also means that notifications will no longer be shown for that app. Additionally, apps can now be hidden so they can only be accessed through a hidden apps folder that is also locked. This new feature illustrates the need to have regular chats with your child about what they are using their phone for.

#### Vault (secret) Apps

Have you heard of Vault Apps? They are basically secret apps that are created by locking like a normal, less conspicuous app. For example, one of these apps looks and works like a working calculator when opened, but when a passcode is entered, it reveals photographs, videos, documents and contacts. One way to prevent your child from using these apps is to ensure parental controls are set up so you can review all app purchases. You can find out more here:

- <https://www.burk.us/blog/first-hidden-app/>
- <https://www.safeschools.co.uk/vault-apps/>

#### Mobile phones: do you know the risks?

We know that children having access to a smartphone can expose children to risks including:

- Viewing inappropriate content
- Excessive screen time/ use, which in turn can affect their mental health and sleep patterns
- Contact from inappropriate people/grooming
- Cyberbullying
- Spending money on in-app purchases/games

**What effects do mobile phones have on children's mental health?** Companies discuss the research around this important topic, outlining the positive and negative effects that mobile phones have: <https://www.compassion.co.uk/resources/compassion-changing-lives/what-effects-do-mobile-phones-have-on-childrens-and-young-peoples-mental-health/>

#### EE launches Age Guidance

EE has launched age guidance for smartphone usage to improve children's digital wellbeing. In summary, they recommend that children under 11 should use non-smart devices, for children aged 11-13, they advise that if a smartphone is used, then parental controls should be enabled and access to social media restricted. Finally, for 13-16-year-olds they still recommend that parental controls are implemented and appropriate restrictions set up. You can read the full guidance here: <https://www.ee.co.uk/ee-launches-age-guidance-for-smartphone-usage-to-improve-childrens-digital-wellbeing>

**Could you delay when your child is given a smartphone with Smartphone Free Childhood?** The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

**What device?** When you think it is the right time for your child to have a phone, then which? Provide an overview of some options available: <https://www.which.co.uk/news/mobile-phones/article/choosing-a-first-mobile-phone-dont-dumb-phones-and-smartphones-for-kids-a603c798a77c>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Content as of the date released 01.10.24.

#### Instagram: new Teen account features

##### You must be over 13 years of age to set up an account

Instagram is used to post photos and videos as well as send direct messages, make voice/video calls and send disappearing messages. Users can also upload to 'Stories' (which disappear after 24 hours), broadcast live and upload reels (short videos).

##### Teen accounts – NEW feature

Instagram have introduced Teen Accounts to try and create a safer experience for them. With a Teen Account, who they can contact is limited and the content they access will be set to the most restrictive setting to reduce exposure to sensitive content. If a teen would like to override any of these settings, then they will need their parent's permission by setting up parental supervision. These changes will be in place for all new users straightaway so any users that sign up that are under 16 will automatically be given a Teen Account. Existing users will be moved over to Teen Accounts over the next couple of months (in the UK).

##### Supervision settings – new features

Instagram already offers a supervision facility, but they have added to the features to include:

- The ability to see who your child has messaged in the past week (you will not be able to see the contents of these messages)
- The option to block your child from accessing Instagram at certain times e.g. during school or at night.
- The ability to see what topics your child has chosen to see.

Read the press release from Instagram, which outlines all the upcoming changes: <https://about.fb.com/news/2024/09/instagram-teen-accounts/>

##### You may not be seeing everything!

Did you know that you can hide your stories and live videos from specific people so your child could be uploading content but restricting your account from viewing it?

##### Safety Features

Ensure your child knows how to report posts and people, how to unfollow and block people, delete and turn off comments. View here: <https://help.instagram.com/26976504710559>

Make sure your child understands that there is a risk that content they upload can be shared with others without their permission as other users can screenshot it.

##### More information

- Visit the family centre to learn more about the features available: <https://familycenter.mvla.co.uk/>

#### Learn Through Play with Sesame Street

The Sesame Street website has a whole host of resources, activities, and games from supporting with learning, to discussing tough topics such as grief. <https://www.sesamestreet.org/>

#### Expert Approved Apps for Learning at Home

On the Google Play Store, you can find a list of expert approved Apps for learning at home suitable for children up to the age of 12. [https://play.google.com/store/apps/collection/edu\\_approved\\_apps](https://play.google.com/store/apps/collection/edu_approved_apps)

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/whats-to-watch/>

#### Be aware of what you share

Get Safe Online have produced a set of tips to help you avoid oversharing and outline what the consequences might be if you do: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/whats-to-watch/>

#### Staying safe online with Google Families

Google have a one stop resource to help you and your family stay safe online. It includes how to set up parental controls and important steps on how to keep your children safe online. You can find out more here: <https://families.google/>



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**CYMFED:** On Monday afternoon, our UKS2 pupils were introduced to the Faith in Action award that they will work towards this year. Lorraine Leonard from the Diocesan Department for Formation came to introduce us to our mission! Last year's Y6 were successful in achieving the Pin level award. <https://faithinactionaward.co.uk/pin>



The Joyful Mysteries  
The 1st Joyful Mystery: The Annunciation



The Joyful Mysteries  
The 2nd Joyful Mystery: The Visitation



The Joyful Mysteries  
The 3rd Joyful Mystery: The Nativity



### MARK 10 MISSION: [Episode 4: Rosary Challenge](#)

Can you complete the Rosary Challenge? October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and the Mark 10 Mission have travelled to Lourdes in France to invite you to pray a decade with them each weekday. The Rosary is a beautiful prayer of Our Lady where we ask her to take us by the hand and lead us to her son Jesus. Together, by the grotto, we will pray a decade of the Rosary together and [sing the beautiful hymn 'As I Kneel Before You.'](#) This week we have been praying the Joyful mysteries.

**LUNCHTIME ROSARY:** Our Hope Ambassadors have led praying of the Rosary each lunchtime this week, in our Pavilion prayer space.



### ATTENDANCE:

The latest National attendance statistics can be found at: <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/pupil-attendance-in-schools>

| Class        | %                                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Attendance   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2024 |
| Whole School | 96.6                                          |
| RB           | 94.3                                          |
| RS           | 91                                            |
| 1C           | 100                                           |
| 1P           | 93.4                                          |
| 2B           | 97.2                                          |
| 2D           | 98.7                                          |
| 3C           | 99.7                                          |
| 3E           | 99.3                                          |
| 4F           | 93.9                                          |
| 4W           | 98                                            |
| 5A           | 100                                           |
| 5D           | 91.3                                          |
| 6B           | 97                                            |
| 6BT          | 98.4                                          |

**UNIFORM HUT:** We have a new Uniform Hut, where we offer recycled school uniform, and value donations of washed, good quality uniform. The Hut is located by the tall pencils near Y1 and is **now open every morning at drop-off** – feel welcome to take items as you need them, but please keep the hut tidy and organised at all times.





# the Rosary Challenge!

## RECORD SHEET

### THE CHALLENGE

The Rosary Challenge is to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary, each weekday in October. To pray each Mystery, watch our video from Lourdes, listen to the scripture passage and hold it in your heart as you pray an Our Father, ten Hail Marys and a Glory Be.

### JOYFUL MYSTERIES

- 1. THE ANNUNCIATION ☐
- 2. THE VISITATION ☐
- 3. THE NATIVITY ☐
- 4. THE PRESENTATION ☐
- 5. THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE ☐

### SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

- 1. THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN ☐
- 2. THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR ☐
- 3. THE CROWNING WITH THORNS ☐
- 4. THE CARRYING OF THE CROSS ☐
- 5. THE CRUCIFIXION ☐

### GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

- 1. THE RESURRECTION ☐
- 2. THE ASCENSION ☐
- 3. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ☐
- 4. THE ASSUMPTION ☐
- 5. THE CORONATION ☐

### LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

- 1. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS ☐
- 2. THE WEDDING AT CANA ☐
- 3. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM ☐
- 4. THE TRANSFIGURATION ☐
- 5. THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST ☐



# UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE

**THANK YOU** to all who embrace our now established **UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE** strategy. We will continue to develop our work with families this academic year.

**UNITE** are informal gatherings for parents, senior leaders and year group teachers – we explore how to unite to ensure your child is happy, progresses well and enjoys learning, School curriculum and homework expectations are shared and explained.

**UNITE** letters for each year group are below:

[Reception](#) | [Y1](#) | [Y2](#) | [Y3](#) | [Y4](#) | [Y5](#) | [Y6](#)

**ACHIEVE** are monthly drop in days (with drinks and biscuits) where you can share concerns or gain clarity on matters relating to your child's welfare and progress with our SEND, Safeguarding and Pastoral leads. Anyone is welcome – appointments for **ACHIEVE** can be made via the main office or by emailing [achieve@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:achieve@sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk) Of course, the first point of contact for day-to-day matters is always your child's teacher, and Mr Dootson, our senior pastoral lead, is always available to speak to parents. Our next date is: 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 8:30am-4pm

**CELEBRATE** are those regular opportunities to share in your child's learning and progress in a range of ways. As well as class-led Friday morning prayer (class assemblies) we will be celebrating musical achievement every half term in special recitals. Sporting and artistic celebrations will also take place throughout the year. Look out for dates on our newsletters and social media – add them to your diary and join us to **CELEBRATE** together... Our **Annual Plan of Provision** will be made available on the school website. This term:

| Friday morning prayer<br>9:05am, school hall:                                                                                    | Musical achievement recital<br>2:00pm, school hall: | Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - 2B - St Theodora Guérin SP</b><br><br>25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 - 4F - St Martin de Porres | Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - 10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y3</b></li><li>• 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - 9:30-10:30am: Mass at Church – Whole school Mass</li><li>• 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - 10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y1</li><li>• 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - 10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y4</li></ul> |



**OPEN DAY:** We welcome those considering sending their child to Sacred Heart to an open day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. There are two tours, 1:15-2:15pm & 2:30-3:30pm.

**RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP:** Reception parents are invited to a Phonics Workshop on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 3:35-4pm in the Studio Hall.

**Y6: SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE APPLICATIONS:** You can apply for a secondary school place online anytime up to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024, 11:59pm. Please ensure that you meet this deadline in order to secure the best chance of gaining a place for your child at your first choice of secondary school.

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions/secondary-school-places-1>

**Y5 FORD CASTLE RESIDENTIAL:** Our 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> April 2025 Y5 Residential to Ford Castle and Lindisfarne has now been launched. Deposits secure a place; and are due on School Money.



**PARIS2024:** Thank you to all who ensured our children has a wonderful experience at our Paris2024 residential. We especially thank those members of staff who gave up their family time during that week to accompany the children.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:

Registration has now opened for this year's Sacramental Programme. To register, complete the attached form and return directly to Fr Christopher, after Saturday night (6pm) or Sunday (10am) Mass, by 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

### Key dates:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10am: Enrolment Mass  
 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 10am: Mass – We pray  
 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 10am: Mass – We listen  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm: Parents' Session – Reconciliation  
 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 10am: Mass – We follow  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 6:30pm: First Reconciliation  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm: Parents' Session – Communion  
 Three weekends for First Eucharist: 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 10am: Celebration Mass

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LAST WEEK:** Keep an eye on our social media at <https://www.facebook.com/TheJourneyMatters/> to keep up with images from our learning journey...



## The Eucharist - Holy Communion

After all that has been said, it shouldn't come as a surprise to hear that attending Sunday Mass is not an option for any Catholic: it is an obligation and a privilege, because through the Mass we come into the presence of the God who created us and chose us as His.

At Mass not only do we come into His presence, but we enter into communion with Him by receiving the Eucharist which is truly the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Therefore, in the Eucharist, Jesus gives Himself to us as a real gift. St Alphonsus Liguori once said:

Of all the sacraments, the adorable Sacrament of the Altar is the most excellent. The other sacraments contain gifts of God, but the Holy Eucharist contains God himself.

Your child's First Holy Communion represents an important event in his or her life. If you want great things for your child, you will want them to be united to the Eucharist their whole life; for if they are united in communion to Our Lord Jesus Christ, they will truly do great things.

United with God, great things become possible!

### KEY DATES FOR 2024-2025 PROGRAMME.

Friday 27 September, 3 pm  
Parents' Information Session  
Registration opens the next weekend

Please return completed registration forms to Fr Christopher after Mass either on Saturdays at 6 pm or Sundays at 10 am.

Sunday 13 October 2024  
Registration closes

Sunday 20th October 10 am Mass  
Enrolment Mass

Sunday 17th November 10 am Mass  
We Pray

Sunday 26th January 10 am Mass  
We Listen

Friday 7 March 3pm  
Parents' Session—Reconciliation

Sunday 9 March 10 am Mass  
We Follow

Thursday 13 March 6.30 pm  
First Reconciliation

Friday 11 April 3pm  
Parents' Session—Communion

3 Weekends for First Holy Communion

As above

Sunday 8 June 10 am Mass  
Parish celebrates with the children who have made their First Holy Communion this year



## Sacred Heart Parish

### Sacramental Programme 2024-2025

Preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion

### Information for Parents

Sacred Heart Presbytery, 8 Lord Street, Westhoughton, BL5 3SE

(01942) 812174

SRCDT Reg. Charity no. 250037

Welcome, and thank you for showing interest in our parish Sacramental Programme!

Many years ago you chose to bring your child to the Church, the place where God's family comes together, and in that Church, through the sacrament of baptism, your child was 'born again' to eternal life and became, through the grace of God, a member of His holy family.

During baptism, each of you made a solemn promise, before your family, but most importantly before God, to bring your child up in the practice of the faith. This means you promised to show your child WHAT it means to be a Catholic as well as HOW to be a Catholic.

It is important that you remember that God and His Church takes your promise seriously! The Sacramental Programme builds upon the grace that God has freely given your child at baptism. The Sacrament of Baptism welcomes us into God's family, and the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and the Eucharist (Holy Communion) help us to understand and deepen our place in God's wonderful family: the Catholic Church.

The Sacramental Programme is aimed at BOTH you and your child, and it requires commitment.

The Programme is deliberately aimed at you, because as a family, as the Church, we desire to equip you with the necessary tools to help you continue to bring your child up in the practice of the faith. The programme aims to help your child realise the importance of the Catholic faith, and how to live it and share in it through the sacramental life of the Church.

Being a Catholic is not a part-time weekend commitment, it is a life long vocation, calling us to real holiness. It is not just a part of who we are, it is who we are - beloved children of God.

The sacraments keep us focused on that vocation which we all share. Therefore it is important to remember that for Catholics, the sacraments are not optional extras to our faith, they are not boxes to tick, or rituals 'to do': rites of passage, yes, but a passage into something new and wonderful, to be lived with joy and celebrated every day. The sacraments are in fact the heart-beat of our Catholic faith - as Catholics we are sacramental people - the sacraments are the means through which we celebrate together as God's children and family, and we continue our call to holiness, as we meet and encounter God.

How can I help my Child?

Let's keep this really simple:

1. Come to Mass
2. Come to Mass
3. Come to Mass - get the idea? At Mass we put time aside and allow God in: we listen to the Word of God, the story of what God has done for His people in the past and what He continues to do for us now, and we celebrate the saving act of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection.
4. Teach them how to make the sign of the cross, how to genuflect when we come into Church (and why!). Ensure they can say the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Glory Be, and know the Act of Contrition.
5. Discuss with your child what s/he is learning about God, the Church and the sacraments.

During the Sacramental Programme your child will prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Eucharist (Holy Communion).

#### Reconciliation - Confession

Sadly, fewer people today come to this wonderful sacrament, but that doesn't mean people have stopped sinning! Perhaps they no longer take their sins as seriously as they should. The classic definition of sin is *that which separates us from God and each other*. We only need to watch the news or open a paper to know sin is real. But we are mistaken if we think sin is something that only other people commit - it is something we all do. Yes, it can be hard to admit this even to ourselves, but it is true! The good news is that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not about dwelling on our sins, but rather it is focused upon releasing us from the guilt and shame of sin. It brings us healing and can strengthen our resolve. God through this sacrament shows his love for us. He liberates us, forgives us and invites us to truly live the lives we were created for.

Confession is important for all Catholics because through the sacrament we are freed and forgiven so that we may take our rightful place in the Church and worthily receive the Lord in the Eucharist.



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Sacred Heart Parish

Sacramental Programme 2024-2025

Sacred Heart Presbytery, 8 Lord Street, Westhoughton. BL5 3SE  
(01942) 812174

Registration Form

Please print

NAME OF CHILD: .....

D.O.B: .....

PLACE OF BAPTISM & DATE OF BAPTISM:.....

PRIMARY SCHOOL: .....

ALLERGIES: .....

FATHERS NAME..... RELIGION: .....

MOTHERS NAME..... RELIGION:.....

ADDRESS: .....

CONTACT No.: .....

CONTACT Email: .....

I, ..... the parent/carer of .....

would like my child to participate in the Sacramental Programme and be prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

**I agree that I will continue to fulfil the promise that I freely and solemnly made at the baptism of my child, and will do all that I can 'to bring them up in the practise of the faith' by attending Mass on Sunday.**

**My child will attend all celebrations in Church and we will strive as a family to attend Mass every Sunday.**

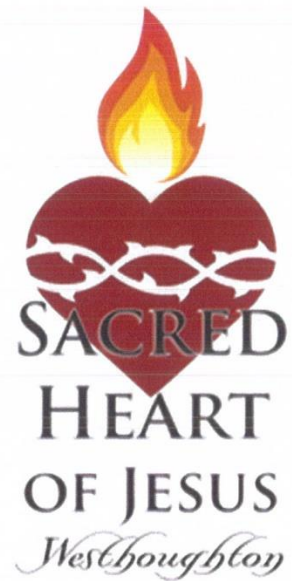
**I understand that the parish priest and the catechesis team have a duty and responsibility, under the direction of the Bishop of Salford, to ensure that my child is ready to complete the programme and receive the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, I accept that failure to fulfil all obligations of the programme may result in my child being asked to defer reception of first confession or first communion.**

The diocesan privacy policy is available at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/privacy-policy/>

Please return to Fr Christopher at Mass by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Signed ..... Date: .....

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**JUBILEE YEAR:** In 2025, the church will celebrate her jubilee, which is celebrated every 25 years. To prepare for this wonderful event, Pope Francis initiated a year of prayer for 2024, to make the year preceding the jubilee 'a great symphony of prayer'. God of blessings, in this year of prayer, give us a spirit of listening, of openness to your word and longing for your kingdom.

As we journey toward the Jubilee, a time of new beginnings, we pray for help and strength, to heal our relationships with each other and all creation.

Sing your song of love over us, renewing our faith and courage, so we may join our voices together, discovering new harmonies of hope, new melodies of reconciliation.

Attentive to the Spirit, and awake to the needs of the world, may we seek your life-giving presence, as we join as one global family, in a great symphony of prayer and praise. Amen.



All religions are paths to God. I will use an analogy; they are like different languages that express the divine.

But God is for everyone, and therefore, we are all God's children.

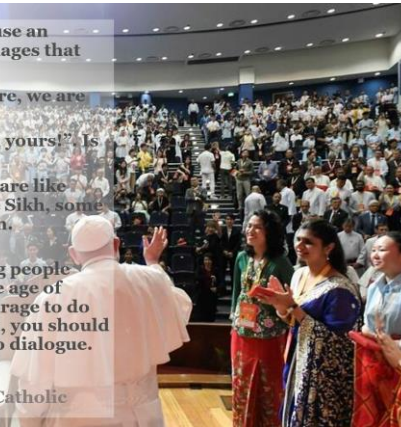
"But my God is more important than yours!" Is this true?

There is only one God, and religions are like languages, paths to reach God. Some Sikh, some Muslim, some Hindu, some Christian. Understood?

Yet, interfaith dialogue among young people takes courage. The age of youth is the age of courage, but you can misuse this courage to do things that will not help you. Instead, you should have courage to move forward and to dialogue.

Pope Francis 13/9/2024

Meeting on interreligious dialogue, Catholic Junior College, Singapore.



**AND FINALLY:** On Thursday, all children in Ks2 took part in a Guinness World Record attempt to celebrate National Poetry Day. The record was for the biggest poetry lesson at multiple venues. Led by poet and author Laura Mucha, the final poem will be displayed on billboards all over the country.



Thank you for your continued support and trust as we walk together.

*M Johnson*

Mr M Johnson  
Executive Headteacher

*B Furey*

Mrs B Furey  
Director of Teach Heart Alliance

*S Bridge*

Mrs S Bridge  
Deputy Headteacher

On October 7, I ask everyone to take part in a day of [#Prayer](#) and fasting for [#Peace](#) in the world. [#PrayTogether](#)

Pope Francis, Twitter @ Pontifex,

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

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**MASS TIMES**  
Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri: 9:00am  
Sat: 6:00pm (Vigil Mass)  
Sun: 10:00am  
Holy Days: 7:00pm (Vigil) | 10:00am  
Confessions: Sat (5:30pm before Vigil Mass)

Note that weekday Mass times are subject to change – please see times advertised on Parish Bulletin or posted in the Narthex window.

**MASS TIMES:** Note that during school term time, Friday morning Mass is at 10am.



## MISSION FILE

## GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

As you slowly read or listen to the Gospel, which line stands out? Highlight it in the text. Pray about how God may be speaking to you through this line?

## MISSION

Begin the Rosary Challenge. The challenge is to pray a decade of the Holy Rosary every week day of October with Greg and Sr Therese. You can use the videos and tracking sheet from our website to help you record your progress.

## WORD OF THE WEEK

## ROSARY

## PRAYER

Pray a decade of the Holy Rosary each day. As you pray, keep one of the Mysteries of the Rosary in your mind.

1X THE OUR FATHER

10X THE HAIL MARY

1X THE GLORY BE



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## SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us that the kingdom of God is open to everybody, to people of all cultures and backgrounds – and that includes you and me too!

Jesus puts forward a child as an example of how to enter God's kingdom. Why a child? Could it be a child's simplicity or dependency – or a child's openness to God?

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

God wants us to accept him and to trust him always to be there for us. God has a great plan for each of our lives, and we can discover what it is when we are open to God.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **OPENNESS**.

*Dom Henry Wensbrough*

A Word from  
Pope Francis

*"Let's try to be open to God's word, and open to the Lord's surprises when he speaks to us."*

### THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024



People were bringing little children to be with Jesus. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was annoyed and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round the children and gave them his blessing.

Adapted from Mark 10:2-16  
The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Come and learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church and say a prayer for your family & friends: all are very warmly invited.

"May you be content knowing you are a child of God."  
*St Teresa of Avila*

2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share

**Good News for Everyone**

**Jesus is open to everyone – he has time for us and cares for us.**  
Jesus hears our prayers and offers his blessing to every person.  
Being open to Jesus helps us to be more open to one another.

SPREAD THE WORD and bring **GOOD NEWS** to your friends by sharing **THE WEDNESDAY WORD**     

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# Good News for Families

## TOGETHER TIME



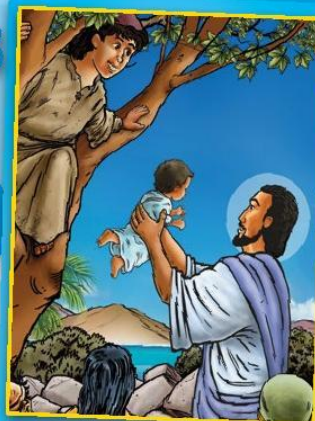
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### READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could bless them, but the disciples turned them away. So Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them, because God's kingdom belongs to people who are like these little children." Then Jesus hugged the children and blessed each one of them.

**Who did Jesus say that we must be like to enter God's kingdom?**

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.



### Sunday Gospel Gallery

Imagine you are here with Jesus. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

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### SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"Love, by its nature, is communication; it leads to openness and sharing." *Pope Francis*

## OPENNESS



Openness to Jesus helps us draw closer to God. Ask your child what the word 'openness' means to them. Who is usually open with them - ready to listen to and support them? How does it make them feel when people are open with them? Good relationships depend upon openness. What happens to a family or community when people are open with each other?



How can we be more open to God and to others in this coming week? Perhaps we can: spend a little more time in prayer, which is listening to God - it's openness; invite someone round and let them - not us - choose what to play; try to listen and understand if someone has a problem; be ready to forgive someone who may have upset us; try not to demand our own way; be open and ready to accept praise or correction.

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★ ★ Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be more **open** to you by being kind and **open** to the people I meet each day. Amen. ★ ★

### FINDING FIVE

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### WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

☒ **LITTLE CHILDREN**  
☐ **BELONG KINGDOM**  
☐ **JESUS WELCOMED**  
☐ **HUGGED BLESSED**

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **a c f** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

**apecoplef tahefsec Gafocd's belfoncgas**

Jesus said, "\_\_\_\_\_ ' kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_ who are like \_\_\_\_\_ little children."



**Good relationships depend upon openness.**

A simple way of showing your openness to God's ways is by treating people in a way you would like to be treated yourself, regardless of any differences.



Find and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture

**This week I will try my best to...**

**Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley**



More about the Catholic Faith: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org) & [cbcew.org.uk](http://cbcew.org.uk)

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