



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The Sacred Heart Standard

WESTHOUGHTON

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Friday 19th September 2025

Dear parents and families,

WE ARE LOVED

The Sacred Heart Standard

There are crosses and crucifixes all around us in school. In our Like Jesus Celebration of the Word we celebrated the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, the symbol of everlasting love. The cross is a very special symbol of our faith because it reminds us of Jesus' death and resurrection. This feast of the cross helps us remember how much God loves the world and all of us.

Our Think question was: **How will you share God's love with others?**

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

"And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven.

"As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour."

(John 3: 13-17)

In this reading, we hear that God loved the world so much that he sent us Jesus, to help bring us closer to Him. God sent us his Son, even though he knew that Jesus would be put to death on the cross. God knew that Jesus Christ would rise again three days later. Through his death and resurrection Jesus gave us all new life. He is the saviour of the world. This is what we celebrate in this feast.

How does it make you feel to know that God loves us all so much that he was willing to send his only son, Jesus, to be with us here on earth, and to die for us?

How should we treat someone that we love? When we love someone, we want what is best for them. We help them, we care for them, we try to make them happy. We support them when things are difficult, and we celebrate with them when they are joyful. God loves all people whether they are rich or poor, no matter where they live or where they come from. No matter whether they are healthy or ill, no matter the colour of their skin. We are all God's children. We are part of one global family.

We were made by God to love God and one another. Together we can build a better world where God's love for all shines through and all people have what they need to flourish.

We pray: Generous God, we thank you for sending us your Son, whose death on the cross is a sign of new life. Thank you for loving us so much. Help us to share this love with one another. Amen.

How will you share God's love with others over the coming week?

This Sunday is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Fr Christopher will wear a green chasuble.

This is why our newsletter heading is in green.

STAY & PRAY: Parents, parishioners and family members are welcome to 'stay and pray' every Thursday morning, at 8:35am in the Croi. For those new, the Croi is accessed via the door between Y3C and our Reception entrance. Mrs Doodson, our lay chaplain, would love to meet you there, and all are warmly welcome, no matter what your personal faith tradition is.

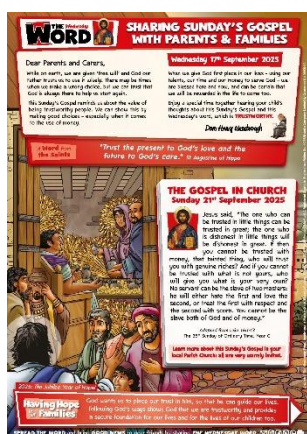




MARK 10 MISSION: This week's 'wonder questions' were:

- What does it mean to believe in Jesus?
- What do you think of when you look at a cross?

Your Mark 10 Mission is to design a cross which will remind everyone of the love of God. Design and decorate your cross however you choose and then make sure to put it on display. This will be a wonderful way for you to mark the Exaltation of the Cross. A template is attached!



WEDNESDAY WORD: You can share the Gospel we will be reading in school as a family, each week, in the Wednesday Word, which is downloadable from <https://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

TEN:TEN PARENT NEWSLETTER: [Click here for the September prayer & liturgy newsletter.](#)

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

ONLINE SAFETY: [Click here for our September online safety newsletter.](#)

UKS2 RESIDENTIALS: Please see below an update on the rollout of our new parent app, MCAS. Once you are set up on the app, you will be able to book your child onto the Y5 & Y6 residentials to Ford Castle & Lindisfarne and Dearne Valley. Deposits must be made to secure a place.

MCAS PARENT APP LAUNCH: 'My Child at School' (MCAS) is now ready and will go live over the weekend. Priority 1 and priority 2 adults linked to each child will receive an email and a mobile phone message from school with a link to the MCAS Parent Login screen from which you can set up an account. All clubs, activities, trips and visits will be booked and paid for by parents and carers using MCAS. Dinner money will also be paid for using MCAS. Any existing School Money balances will be carried over. Please make sure that you activate your account as soon as possible. There will be a prize for the class whose families activate their MCAS accounts the quickest. The deadline to set up will be Friday 24th of October, before we break up for October half term. [Please see attached the MCAS parent guide on how to use the platform.](#)



A MESSAGE FROM GREG FINN: Last weekend, Mr Johnson received a message from Greg at The Mark 10 Mission: I hope you've had a great start to term. I just wanted to ask about a couple of things that you may like to help me with. Firstly, I've been asked by Radio Maria if I'd like to do a live broadcast from a school in October. They would love to send their crew and record live in a school with children praying the Rosary. **I wondered if Sacred Heart may like to be that school?** They have teams around the country and one based in Stockport so we can get them to come on a day that suits. Secondly, I wondered if you had 20 minutes on Monday to hop on a call with me and help with a webinar I'm putting together about planning a year of Prayer and Liturgy. I'm leading it on Wednesday but can slot in a little recorded chat. It would be great to have your input. If you have time for that please let me know. I know it's a bit last minute but I thought it could be an amazing bonus to have you in the webinar. Hopefully the live Rosary is something we can do. It could be anything from a whole school thing to just the apostles.



After thanking Greg for the opportunity he offered our school, and agreeing to be interviewed, Greg continued:

Amazing! The webinar is about planning a year of prayer and liturgy. I can prep a few simple questions today but I'd love to ask about what you aim to provide for the children through prayer and liturgy. You are so good at giving children a **huge range of prayer experiences** and also hitting all the different moments in the Church year. We can talk about that. I'd also love to **celebrate the environment** you have created and ask why you have put such time and thought into the prayer spaces in school. Finally, I want to stress how this is the **'long game.'** I was struck both times I was at Sacred Heart how **the children came into the hall beautifully but there was still a relaxed atmosphere.** You'll know, sometimes children are marched in and they are silent but staff are on them, watching like hawks. **At Sacred Heart I sensed that a culture and expectation had been established** to the point where the younger children observed the older children and just knew that **coming in quietly, reverently was the way to go.** I'd love to speak about that a bit. How do you create a culture of prayer, reverence, "catholicity"??? I will type up a few questions and send for you to look over but the style is going to be a chat and we can edit out anything you don't like.

So, on Monday, Mr Johnson was interviewed and asked the following questions:

- In the context of prayer and liturgy, as a school, what do you aim to provide for each and every child during their time at primary school?
- Trying to plan an entire year of Prayer and Liturgy, it can be a bit overwhelming, how do you and your staff break it down? (Seasons, holy days, Masses, weekly schedule of celebrations of the Word.)
- How do you help new and/or non-Catholic staff integrate and become comfortable delivering prayer and liturgy and guiding children to plan and lead?
- What different prayer experiences do you provide for the children?
- You have a team of 'Apostles.' They were able to not just lead other children but record missions/challenges for the parishioners too. Through their school journey, how do you help children become competent and confident to lead others in prayer?
- You have created a wonderful environment at school (Chasuble in the hall, beautiful chapel space with the Blessed Sacrament, cut out Pope Leo!). Can you tell us about the different spaces you've created in school, perhaps decisions you've had to make to prioritise spaces for prayer and what advice would you give to a school wanting to create prayer spaces in school?

We look forward to Greg's visit, with Radio Maria, focusing on the Rosary. Our Apostles are already planning!



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UNITE | ACHIEVE | CELEBRATE COMMUNICATION & HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP: We believe that strong partnerships between home and school are central to every child's success. Our newsletter, the Sacred Heart Standard, will be regularly electronically distributed to keep you up-to-date with key dates, events, achievements, and important notices. Our school website and social media channel will also be updated frequently. Please check them for the latest news and announcements.

<https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/> | <https://www.facebook.com/TheJourneyMatters>

UNITE: This year's curriculum promises exciting opportunities for learning across all year groups. Our curriculum outline can be found on our website at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/curriculum-map/> and is outlined in the first **UNITE** letters. **UNITE** letters and dates for the year can be found at: <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/unite/>

ACHIEVE: Our monthly drop-in days continue this year, where you can share concerns or gain clarity on matters relating to your child's welfare and progress with our SEND, Safeguarding and Senior Pastoral leads. Anyone is welcome – appointments for **ACHIEVE** can be made via the main office. 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.

The first **ACHIEVE** opportunity is on **Wednesday 24th September** (8:30am-4:00pm). Further dates for the academic year can be found at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/achieve/>

CELEBRATE: The **CELEBRATE** strategy aims to share memorable moments through our [Annual Plan of Provision](https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/apop/) (APoP), found at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/apop/> and to celebrate learning. Our APoP contains most of the **dates you will want to put in your diary**, some specific to your child's class. The APoP is a working document, so look out for any amendments and updates throughout the year.

CELEBRATE are those regular opportunities to share in your child's learning and progress in a range of ways. As well as Celebrations of the Word, we celebrate musical achievement every half term in special recitals. All are welcome when classes join the parish for celebration of Mass (in church). 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. Dates of our Achievement, Wellbeing & Development Reviews – Teacher/Parent/Child evenings (**Wednesday 22nd October** & 11th February); dates that educational reports will be issued & the report drop-in; new Reception intake 2026 dates; and music recitals can be found at <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/celebrate/>

Our first music recital, performed by all pupils, is on **Monday 20th October**, 2pm. All are welcome.

OPEN AFTERNOON TOURS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS: Prospective parents are invited to a learning walk around the school on **Tuesday 21st October**, 1:15-2:15 or 2:15-3:15pm. Please book on the tour by emailing or telephoning the school office.



FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER

CLASS LED FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER: Class led Friday morning prayer, for the Marian term, to which you are invited, begins at 9:05am:

- 26th September 2025: Y6BT – Miriam
- 10th October 2025: Y2D – Martha
- 24th October 2025: Y4W - Lydia

MASS: Our community is welcome to join us for Mass. Our Marian Term schedule is below:

19 th September 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y2
26 th September 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Reception welcome Mass - families encouraged to attend.
3 rd October 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y4



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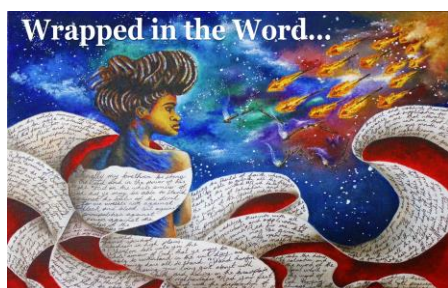
10 th October 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y5
17 th October 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y3
22 nd October 2025	9:30-10:30am: Mass in School – Whole school Mass
24 th October 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y1

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Sunday Mass attendance is required and will be recorded as part of the programme. If you intend your child, who must be in Y3 or above, to be part of the preparation programme for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and first Eucharist, please return the registration form directly to Fr Christopher by 12th October 2025.

TERM	DATE / TIME	FOCUS
Marian Term	Friday 26 th September 2025, 3:00pm	Parents' Information Session (<i>registration opens the next weekend</i>). Forms to be completed and returned directly to Fr Christopher after Saturday night (6pm) or Sunday (10am) by Sunday 12 th October 2025.
	Sunday 19 th October 2025, 10:00am	Enrolment Mass & distribution of passports.
Remembrance Term	Sunday 16 th November 2025, 10:00am	Mass – We pray
Candlemas Term	Sunday 25 th January 2026, 10:00am	Mass – We listen
Lenten Term	Friday 27 th February 2026, 3:00pm	Parents' Session – Reconciliation 1
	Sunday 1 st March 2026, 10:00am	Mass – We follow
	Friday 6 th March 2026, 3:00pm	Parents' Session – Reconciliation 2
	Thursday 12 th March 2026, 6:30pm	First Reconciliation
	Friday 27 th March 2026, 3:00pm	Parents' Session – Communion
Pentecost Term	Saturday 25 th / Sunday 26 th April 2026	Three weekends for First Eucharist – Saturday 6:00pm / Sunday 10:00am Mass
	Saturday 2 nd / Sunday 3 rd May 2026	
	Saturday 9 th / Sunday 10 th May 2026	
Trinity Term	Sunday 7 th June 2026, 10:00am	Celebration Mass
	Monday 8 th June 2026, 1:30pm	School celebration party

MASS TIMES: Note that during school term time, Friday morning Mass is at 10am. Children's Liturgy of the Word is on Sunday, 10am Mass. All are welcome!

The reading for this Sunday can be found on the [Wednesday Word](#)



SACRED HEART OF JESUS
 8 LORD STREET + WESTHOUGHTON + BOLTON + BL5 3SE
 Rev Fr Christopher Dawson JCL + 01942 812174
 A Parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford + Registered Charity No. 250037

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.

LET US PRAY: We pray for the Church: that through God's grace it may be a place of welcome and love for all people, no matter who they are or where they come from; For all people who are facing poverty or illness: that they may find comfort in God's love and the love of those around them. May they receive the practical help that they need; For our parish, family and friends: that we may be moved to share God's love with one another, working together to build a better world, free from poverty and conflict; In this Jubilee Year, we pray that we may be signs of hope in our world through all that we do and how we treat one another. Loving God, we thank you once more for the sign of your great love for us, that is Jesus Christ on the cross. Help us to share your love with others and to support one another to build a better world. Amen.

We continue to pray: **Jesus lives in our school: in our minds and words and actions... love one another. So that, in all things that we think, say and do, God may be glorified.**



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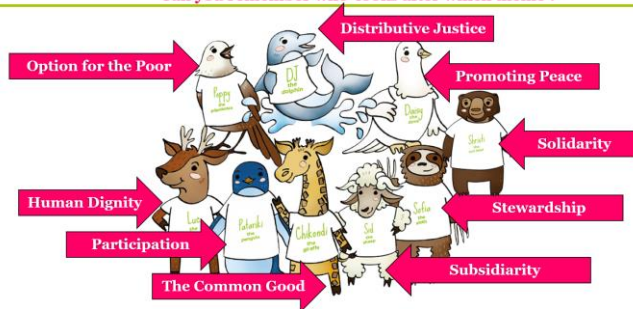
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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: This half term we continue to focus on human dignity.

CAF+D Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Catholic Social Teaching:

Can you remember who looks after which theme?



Human Dignity

We are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development CAF+D

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS: The application window has now opened for Secondary School admissions. St Joseph's is our partner high school; and we also work closely with Westhoughton High in our local cluster partnership. Both open days are detailed below:



St Joseph's Roman Catholic High School

Chorley New Road | Horwich | Bolton | BL6 6HW

Telephone: 01204 697456 | Fax: 01204 669018

Website: www.stjosephsbolton.org.uk | Email: office@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr T McCabe | Deputy Headteachers: Mrs N Yorke Robinson, Mrs J Morgan | Chair of Governors: Mrs P Jones
Registered Charity Number: 1075795 | Facebook/Twitter: StJosephsRCHS

Dear Parents and carers of Year 6

9th September 2025

We would like to offer a warm invitation to St Joseph's RC High School Open Event. This will take place on Tuesday 23rd September from 5-7pm. You will be given the chance to meet our students and be shown around school. I will share a bit about our school, introduce the student leadership team and give you an insight into a day in the life of a student at St Joseph's.

As a Catholic school we welcome applications from anyone who can support our Christian values not just Roman Catholics. We would love to meet you and let you feel the exciting vibe of being part of our community.

Moving to secondary school is such a big step and we want to make the process as smooth as possible so here are a few dates for your diary to plan the year ahead...

Monday 1st September 2025: Application window Opens

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 St Joseph's Open Evening 5-7pm. All welcome.

Late September 2025 – visits to look round the school by appointment

Deadline for applications: **31st October 2025**

Monday 2nd March 2026: Offer Day

Tuesday 18th March 2026 6pm – Parent/Carer Welcome Evening 1

Tuesday 30th June 2026 – Parent Carers Welcome Evening 2.

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July 2026 – transition visits

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 – Welcome to Year 7 – School starts.

If you would like to know more or have a question about St Joseph's please contact us on Transition@st-josephs.bolton.sch.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you into our community.

Kind Regards

Mr T McCabe

Mrs L Durkin Miss S Airey

Headteacher

Transition Coordinators



Open Evening

Tuesday 23rd September 5-7pm
For 2026 and 2027 Admissions

Headteacher's address: 5pm, 6pm

www.stjosephsbolton.org.uk facebook.com/StJosephsRCHS

Open Evening 2025

Wednesday 24th Sept
4.00pm - 7.30pm

Welcome talks are
4.15pm, 5.15pm, 6.15pm, 7.15pm

For full details visit
westhoughton-high.org



Y5 SWIMMING: Swimming begins on Tuesday 30th September, for a ten-week block, for both Y5 classes. As we walk to the leisure centre, please ensure waterproof coats as well as swimming kit are in school.



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We welcome visitors to our school.

We will act to ensure it remains a safe place for pupils, staff and all other members of our community. If you have concerns, we will always listen to them and seek to address them.

Please be aware, however, that raised voices, aggressive, abusive, intimidating, threatening or violent behaviour will not be tolerated in this school. Visitors behaving in this way are likely to be removed from the premises and prosecuted.

No meeting at the school may be electronically recorded without the express permission of all parties, and information obtained without such permission will not be admissible in any proceedings.



HOW WE SPEAK: How we speak to each other is critically important. This sign is in our foyer and meeting room.

It is possible to respectfully agree to disagree without raising voices, using foul and racist language, or becoming aggressive. Doors may also not be forced open and pathways blocked. Not only is this intimidating to the member(s) of staff, but it is also heard by pupils and becomes a safeguarding issue.

Such behaviour does result in being barred from the school site.

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	8th – 12th Sept 2025
Whole School	97.8
RB	97.3
RS	98.6
1C	95
1S	99.7
2D	99
2W	97.7
3C	98.7
3B	99
4W	98
4K	96.7
5D	96.6
5K	96.3
6AT	98.6
6BT	97.6

Attendance Ladder



EASYFUNDRAISING: Help us raise funds for playtime equipment and resources- totally free!

[Click here to download the Easyfundraising app to begin.](#)

OTHER LETTERS ISSUED THIS WEEK:

- [Paris 2025 September Update Letter](#) – final details for those attending our upcoming Paris residential.



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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...



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TERM DATES 2026-2027: Our Governing Board met this week and approved our term dates for the next academic year. Please note them in your diaries, noting the two week Autumn half term, which matches that of St Joseph's RC High School and most of our BoSCEP partner schools.



TERM DATES 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026	SPRING TERM 2027	SUMMER TERM 2027	STAFF INSET DAYS 2026-2027
Term begins: Thu 3 rd September 2026	Term begins: Mon 4 th January 2027	Term begins: Mon 12 th April 2027 Bank Holiday: Mon 3 rd May 2027	1. Tue 1 st September 2026 2. Wed 2 nd September 2026 3. Fri 12 th April 2027 4. Mon 26 th July 2027 5. Transferred to Twilights for Triangulation: 1 hour attached to Wednesday staff meetings on 3 rd Wednesday of each half term.
Half-term: Mon 26 th October - Fri 6 th November 2026	Half-term: Mon 15 th February - Fri 19 th February 2027	Half-term: Mon 31 st May - Fri 4 th June 2027	
Term ends: Fri 18 th December 2026	Term ends: Thurs 25 th March 2027 (Easter Sunday: 28 th March 2027)	Term ends: Fri 23 rd July 2027	
67 DAYS	54 DAYS	69 DAYS	5 DAYS
190 PUPIL DAYS			
195 STAFF DAYS			

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

SACRED HEART RC PRIMARY SCHOOL | WESTHOUGHTON | TERM DATES 2026/2027



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: Our school will be marking Fairtrade Fortnight from Monday 22nd September to Sunday 5th October. [Please see attached flyer with details on how school will be taking part.](#)

AND FINALLY: Next Friday is our Macmillan Coffee morning. Please send any cake donations into school throughout next week. Come along; join class 6BT for their morning prayer at 9:05am, before the coffee morning in the studio hall from 9:30-10:30am. All families and parishioners are welcome. Our Apostles will run the event!



We hope to raise money so those living with Cancer can receive the best care possible. All donations will be gratefully received and we would be especially grateful for any Fairtrade products as this event falls within Fairtrade Fortnight.

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

M Johnson

Mr M Johnson
Executive Headteacher

B Furey

Mrs B Furey
Head of School

F Duffy

Miss F Duffy
Deputy Headteacher

*At times we seek quick answers, immediate solutions. But God works in depth, in the slow time of trust. #GeneralAudience
Pope Leo XIV, Twitter, 17th September 2025*



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MISSION FILE

GOSPEL

JOHN 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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?

WONDER QUESTIONS

WE HEARD THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES IN THE SON WILL
HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO
BELIEVE IN JESUS? WHAT
DO YOU THINK OF WHEN
YOU LOOK AT A CROSS?

WORD OF THE WEEK

PATIENCE

PRAYER

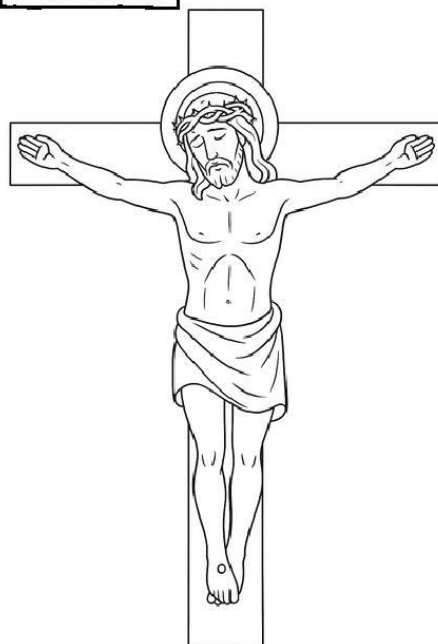
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COMPLETE THE PRAYER FROM
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O CHRIST, AND WE
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BY YOUR HOLY _____
YOU HAVE _____
THE _____
AMEN

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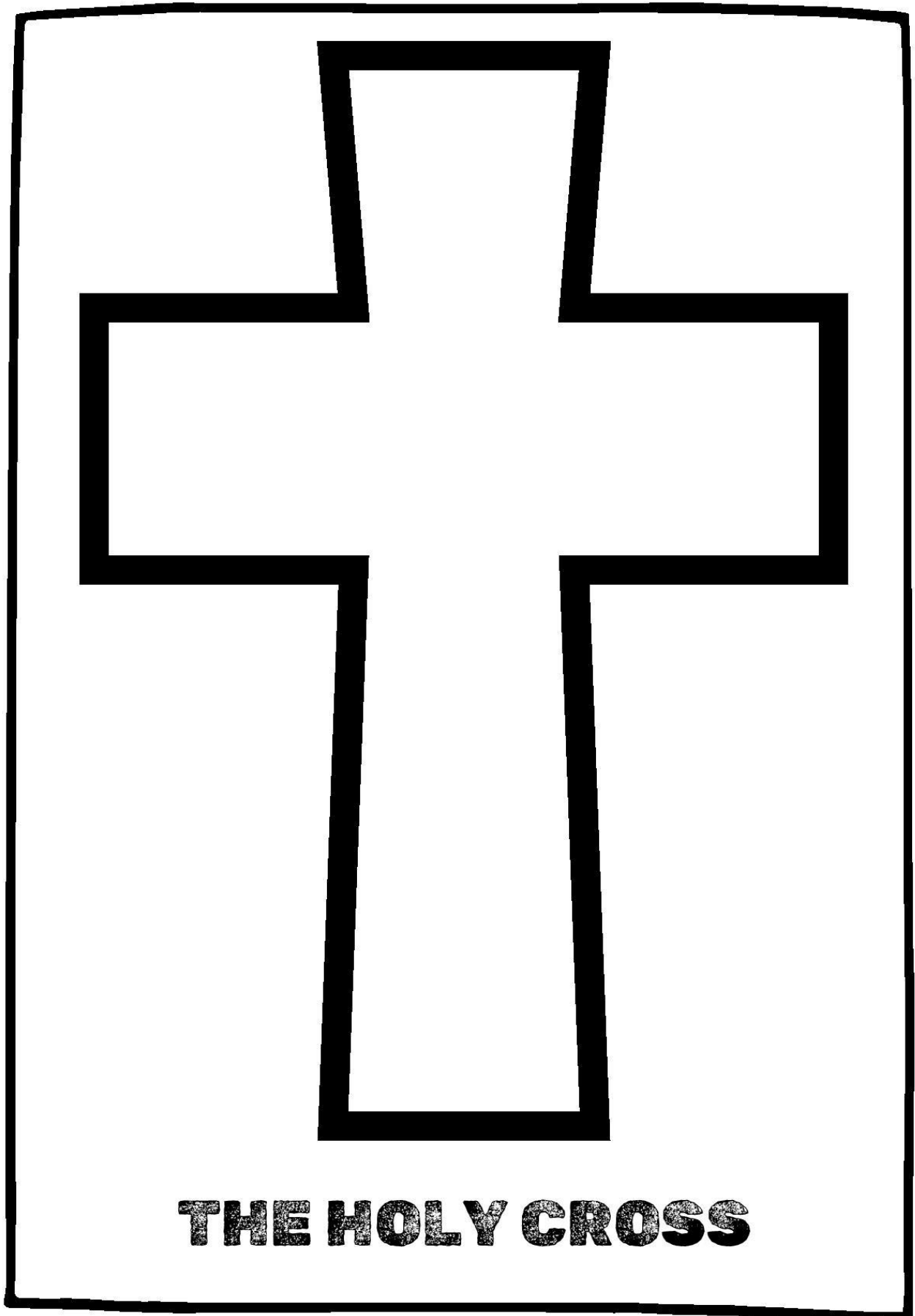
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Dear Parents and Carers,

While on earth, we are given 'free will' and God our Father trusts us to use it wisely. There may be times when we make a wrong choice, but we can trust that God is always there to help us start again.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us about the value of being trustworthy people. We can show this by making good choices – especially when it comes to the use of money.

Wednesday 17th September 2025

When we give God first place in our lives – using our talents, our time and our money to serve God – we are blessed here and now, and can be certain that we will be rewarded in the life to come too.

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

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from
the Saints

"Trust the present to God's love and the future to God's care." St Augustine of Hippo

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 21st September 2025



Jesus said, "The one who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the one who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money."

*Adapted from Luke 16:1-13
The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C*

Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

2025: The Jubilee Year of Hope!

Having Hope
in our
Families

God wants us to place our trust in him, so that he can guide our lives. Following God's ways shows God that we are trustworthy and provides a secure foundation for our lives and for the lives of our children too.

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



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Jesus lives in our school: in our minds and words and actions... Love one another!
So that, in all things that we think, say and do, God may be glorified.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME



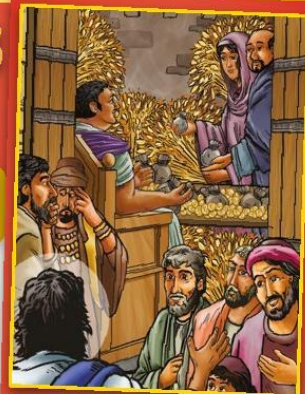
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READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

One day Jesus was talking to his disciples about choosing to put God first in their lives – about not becoming a 'slave' to the love of money, but rather using money in a way that is pleasing to God. Jesus said: "If you can be trusted with little things, then you can be trusted with big things. To God, money is a little thing. If you can't be trusted with that, how can you be trusted with real riches? The choice is yours, but you cannot be the slave both of God and of money."

How does Jesus want us to use our money?

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

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

2

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

"Those who trust in God can do all things."

St Alphonsus Liguori

Being a trustworthy person and also knowing who to trust is really important. Ask your child what the word 'trustworthy' means to them. A friend who can be trusted is a gift from God! Who are the most trustworthy friends in your child's life and why do they trust them? What do their friends do which shows they are trustworthy? Perhaps you can tell your child about those people in your life whom you trust the most, and say why they are trustworthy.

TRUSTWORTHY



We can show God and others that we are trustworthy by making the most of our gifts – to make the world a better place. In this coming week, what can each one of us do to show that we are trustworthy people? Perhaps we can: be generous with our God-given gifts of time, talent and money; always try to tell the truth; say our daily prayers asking God to guide us to do the right thing; keep our promises.

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Dear Lord Jesus, help us use our gifts well – to be your trustworthy sons and daughters who always put you first in our lives. Amen.

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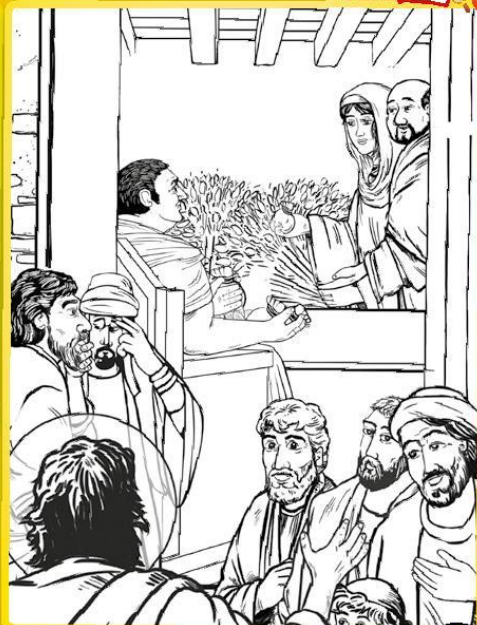
WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN



JESUS
SLAVE
TRUST
REAL

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

Cross out the letters **o c m** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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"If you can be _____ with little _____
_____ you can be trusted with _____ things."

Jesus is trustworthy! We can always trust Jesus to help us make the most of our lives—enjoying them and using them to love and care for others. Jesus leads us to live our best life—full of peace, joy, and kindness.

This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

More about the Catholic Faith: wednesdayword.org & cbcaw.org.uk



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