

Sacred Heart RC Primary School

The Sacred Heart Standard

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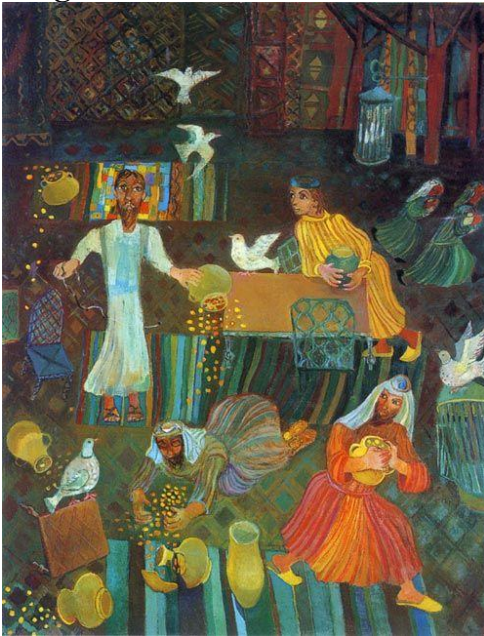
Friday 14th November 2025

Dear parents and families,

END OF ORDINARY TIME

The Sacred Heart Standard

In our Like Jesus Celebration of the Word, we celebrated the dedication of the Lateran Basilica. In the Gospel, we heard about how important it was to Jesus that the Temple should be a place of prayer and worship. We think about how we can avoid being distracted and focus on God, who helps us to stand up for what is right. Our Think question was: **How can you make some special time for prayer and try to stand up for what is right?**



It was almost time for the Passover Festival, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. There in the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and also the moneychangers sitting at their tables. So he made a whip from cords and drove all the animals out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle; he overturned the tables of the money changers and scattered their coins; and he ordered those who sold the pigeons, "Take them out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that the scripture says, "My devotion to your house, O God, burns in me like a fire."

The Jewish authorities came back at him with a question, "What miracle can you perform to show us that you have the right to do this?"

Jesus answered, "Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will build it again."

"Are you going to build it again in three days?" they asked him. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple!"

But the temple Jesus was speaking about was his body. So when he was raised from death his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what Jesus had said. (*John 2:13-22*)

Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for the Passover feast and went to the Temple. There, he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, which were used as offerings to God. There were also many money-changers, so that pilgrims from different lands could change their money and buy the offerings. The Temple was where people went to pray, but some people, buying and selling, were trying to make money from people's faith in God. They stopped the Temple being a quiet place where people could talk to God and turned it into a market. Jesus drove the traders all out of the Temple, because he was standing up for what He believed in. He saw something that He did not think was fair or right and so He acted to change the situation. He wanted the Temple to be a special place, where people could draw closer to God and get to know God better. How could they do that if they were distracted by a market or if they were worrying about having enough money to pay for the offering?

Where do we go or what do we do when you want to spend time with God? Sometimes we go to church. Sometimes we might pray at home or at school, with others or alone. But each time we pray, we try not to get distracted. We stop doing anything else so that we can concentrate on God. When we do this, we are able to pay attention to what God is asking of us. Just like Jesus stood up for what was right, when he saw something he disagreed with in the Temple, we are called to do the same.

What do you do when you see something that you know is wrong or unfair? What can you do to change things that you know are unfair? It is not always easy, but God is always with us. We can spend some time in quiet prayer so that God can guide us and give us the courage to make our voice heard.

Do you think you can make some special time for prayer this week and try to stand up for what is right?



This Sunday is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – the final Sunday of Ordinary Time in this cycle C. 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.

THE MISSION

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

YOUR HEART IS SO PRECIOUS TO JESUS AND HE WANTS TO HELP YOU GUARD IT. TAKE A PIECE OF PAPER AND ASK JESUS TO SHOW YOU ALL THE DIFFERENT EMOTIONS YOU HAVE IN YOUR HEART. WRITE THEM DOWN, LOOK OVER THE LIST OF FEELINGS, CIRCLE THOSE YOU KNOW JESUS WANTS TO STAY IN YOUR HEART AND CROSS OUT ANY HE DOESN'T. WHEN YOU PRAY, ASK JESUS TO HELP YOU PROTECT THE FEELINGS CIRCLED AND GUARD YOUR HEART FROM THOSE CROSSED OUT.

THE MARK 10 MISSION

MARK 10 MISSION: This week's ‘wonder questions’ linked to the reading from John 2:13-22:

- How does it feel to be in a holy place?
- Why does Jesus care so much about creating a quiet space for prayer?

SACRED HEART MISSIONS: Keep up to date with the challenges set by visiting: <https://www.sacred-heart.bolton.sch.uk/sacred-heart-missions/> Our apostles created a new Mission for November.





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CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thursday, 27th November 2025
in the school halls

Begins 3:35pm

BOTTLE & CHOCOLATE TOMBOLAS
RAFFLE · GIFTS · REFRESHMENTS
SANTA'S GROTTTO



CHRISTMAS FAIR: Today is the first of our non-uniform days in exchange for donations to this year's Christmas Fair. Thank you to those who have supported by donating. We also welcome general bric-a-brac, gift and book donations.

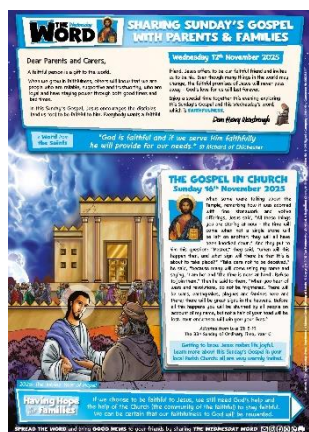
- 14th November: Non-uniform day in exchange for Bottle donation for Christmas Fair
- 21st November: Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donation for Christmas Fair
- 25th November: Non-uniform day in exchange for cake donations for Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is on Thursday 27th November in the school halls, and begins 3:35pm.

ST NICHOLAS DAY: St Nicholas Day is Saturday 6th December. We will celebrate on Monday 8th December. As usual, children are invited to wear Christmas clothing to school, and to bring a **wrapped gift for a man, woman, boy or girl**. These gifts are donated to Emmaus Bolton & Caritas Diocese of Salford, who distribute them to those most in need, including to those accessing the services at the Young Parents accommodation, Cornerstone Day Centre and Morning Star Hostel.

REVERSE ADVENT APPEAL: This year, Caritas have requested the following items. Our donation trolley will be open throughout advent.

Toothbrushes & toothpaste, shower gel, antiperspirant, shaving foam/gel, disposable razors and period products.

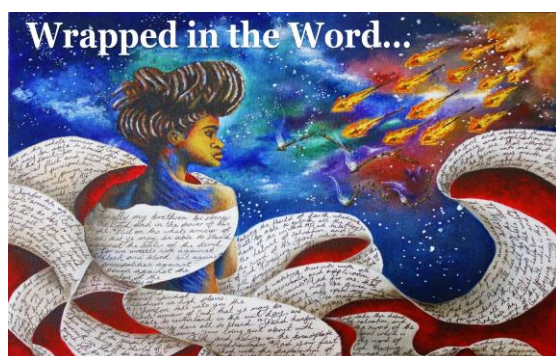


WEDNESDAY WORD: You can share the Gospel we will be reading in school as a family, each week, in the Wednesday Word, which is downloadable from <https://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

TEN:TEN PARENT NEWSLETTER: [Click here for the November 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 November online safety newsletter.](#)



LET US PRAY: We pray for the Church throughout the world: that it may follow Christ's example of love for all people, stand up for what is right and seek to build a fairer world; for all people who are treated unfairly: may they know that they are loved by God and find strength in the support of others as they seek change. 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, help us to come to you and listen to your word. Guide us as we try to help those who are treated unfairly so that together we may 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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SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO DEAL WITH UPSETTING CONTENT

A Guide for Parents and Carers

Raising children in the digital age seems to be getting tougher, with the world currently experiencing so many uncertainties. From climate change to military conflicts around the globe, right now children across the globe can scarcely go online without being exposed to unsettling stories, images and ideas. Reassuring a concerned child can be difficult, especially when bad news feels omnipresent. We've put together some advice to help you in discussing upsetting events with young ones.

1 FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD KNOWS

There are many ways that children are exposed to upsetting content in the media, both online and offline. Before swamping your child with information, find out what they know already. Show them you're interested in what they have to say, practice active listening and try to gauge how much your child has been impacted by what they've seen.



2 RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE

Starting a conversation about upsetting content probably isn't the best idea when your child is studying for an exam or about to go to bed. Choose a time when they're relaxed and open to talking, to make sure you have their full attention. Remember, these conversations can become emotional, so choose somewhere your child feels safe and comfortable.



3 KEEP IT AGE APPROPRIATE

With younger children, try and keep the conversation more general and avoid leading questions and complex detail. You can go slightly deeper into the specifics with young teenagers but keep monitoring their emotional response. With older teens, you can be more open about the realities and consequences of what's happening – but again, do stay aware of their emotional state.



4 EMPHASISE HOPE

Upsetting content can make anyone feel angry, scared, sad or overwhelmed. Try to find stories of hope, generosity and strength related to the content you're discussing. Children often feel reassured when they know they can do something to help, so encourage your child's sense of control through activities which make them feel they're positively impacting the events they're concerned about.



5 MONITOR REACTIONS

All children react differently, of course, and young people might not directly say that they're scared, angry, anxious, confused or uncomfortable. Emotional reactions are natural when discussing upsetting topics, so take note of your child's body language and reactions. Allow them to express their feelings in a non-judgmental space and try to stay mindful of how they might be feeling.



6 CONSIDER YOUR OWN EMOTIONS

It's not only young people who find upsetting news difficult to process: adults also have to deal with strong emotions in moments of stress. Children develop coping strategies by mirroring those around them, so staying on top of how you appear to be regulating your emotion on the outside is important for supporting your child through worrying times.



7 SET LIMITS

Managing screen-time and content can be difficult even in normal circumstances, but especially in unusual or stressful periods (at the start of the pandemic, for example). It's virtually impossible to keep children away from upsetting content completely, but it's important to try to limit exposure by using parental controls, talking about the dangers of harmful content and enforcing screen-time limits.



8 TAKE THINGS SLOWLY

Try not to overwhelm your child with information all at once: instead, take the discussion one step at a time. You could make the first conversation a simple introduction to a potentially upsetting subject and then wait until your child is ready to talk again. Opening the door to the conversation and demonstrating that your child can talk to you about this type of issue is a vital first step.



9 ENCOURAGE QUESTIONS

Online, troubling images, posts, videos and stories are shared across multiple platforms, many of which your child might access. Even if the content is actually inappropriate, encourage your child to discuss what they saw instead of being angry at them for seeing it. Children are still learning that not everything online is accurate – you want to be their ultimate source of information, not their device.



10 FIND A BALANCE

There's often a tremendous compulsion to stay right up to date with events. Our phones frequently send us push notifications urging us to read the latest article or view the most recent video on social media. It's essential to remind your child that it's healthy to take regular breaks, and to focus on positive events instead of 'doomscrolling' and risking becoming overwhelmed by bad news.



11 BUILD RESILIENCE

News has never been more accessible. While our instinct may be to shield children from upsetting stories, it's important that they're equipped with the tools to manage this content when they are exposed to it. Talk about upsetting content more generally with your child and emphasise that they can always tell you or a trusted adult if something they see makes them feel uneasy.



12 IDENTIFY HELP

It's hugely important that children know where to find support if they encounter upsetting content online. Encourage them to open up to an adult that they trust, and make sure they're aware of who their trusted adults are. It is essential that children understand that they're not alone, and that help is available if and when they need it.



Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is the director of FaceUp South Africa, which is a reporting system that is currently being used by schools and companies to fight bullying around the world. FaceUp helps give a voice to bystanders by encouraging them to speak up and get the help they not only want but need.



Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/health-56478061> | <https://www.children.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/> | <https://www.unicef.org/barron/now-tell-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>

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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, is regularly electronically distributed to keep you up-to-date with key dates, events, achievements, and important notices. Our school website and social media channel are also updated frequently. Please check them for the latest news and announcements.

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



MCAS PARENT APP LAUNCH: Our new parent app, My Child at School (MCAS), went live earlier this term. Invitations were sent to all parents, and 399 have already activated the app. Balances have been transferred from School Money. If you have any queries about the app invite or your balances, please telephone the school office. <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>
We no longer use PAMConnect.

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 next **ACHIEVE** opportunity is next **Wednesday 26th November** (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 (11th February 2026); 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/>

MUSIC RECITAL: Our next music recital, performed by all pupils, is on **Monday 1st December 2025**, 2pm. All are welcome.



CLASS LED FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER: Class-led prayer for this half-term, to which you are invited are below and begin at 9:05am:

- 14th November 2025, 1C - Priscilla
- 28th November 2025, 3B - Mary Magdalene
- 12th December 2025, RS – Anna



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

14 th November 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y2
21 st November 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Reception
28 th November 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y4
2 nd December 2025	9:30-10:30am: Mass at Church – Whole School (Advent)
5 th December 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y5
12 th December 2025	10:00-11:00am: Mass at Church – Y3
19 th December 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. Registration for the programme is now closed.

TERM	DATE / TIME	FOCUS
Remembrance Term	Sunday 16th 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 Sunday 1 st March 2026, 10:00am Friday 6 th March 2026, 3:00pm Thursday 12 th March 2026, 6:30pm Friday 27 th March 2026, 3:00pm	Parents' Session – Reconciliation 1 Mass – We follow Parents' Session – Reconciliation 2 First Reconciliation Parents' Session – Communion
Pentecost Term	Saturday 25 th / Sunday 26 th April 2026 Saturday 2 nd / Sunday 3 rd May 2026 Saturday 9 th / Sunday 10 th May 2026	Three weekends for First Eucharist – Saturday 6:00pm / Sunday 10:00am Mass
Trinity Term	Sunday 7 th June 2026, 10:00am Monday 8 th June 2026, 1:30pm	Celebration Mass 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.



FRIENDSHIP WEEK DISCO: Thank you to all who supported the disco yesterday. All had a wonderful time.



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EASYFUNDRAISING: Help us raise funds for playtime equipment and resources- totally free! [Click here to download the Easyfundraising app to begin.](#)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: This half term we focus on promoting peace.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS 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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WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL!

Some of our pupils have
SEVERE nut allergies, please
DO NOT send any food
containing nuts in to school.



Nuts can also hide in lots of food, please
don't send these in to school:



**HAZELNUT
SPREAD**

**CHOCOLATE
BARS**



**BISCUITS
WITH NUTS**

CEREAL BARS



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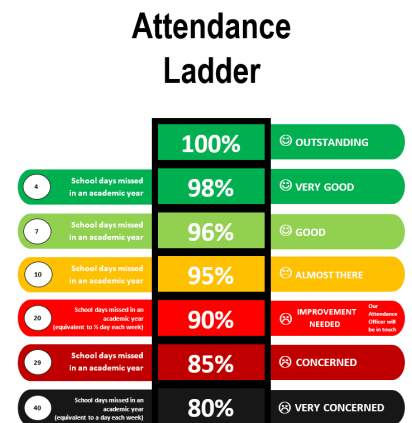
NO NUTS: Remember pupils **must not** bring food items containing nuts to school. Please take time to read the poster and ensure that no food items containing nuts are brought in to school or on school trips. Thank you for helping us to keep all our pupils safe in school.

SAFEGUARDING: As is the case with mobile phones - any device that can message, record or take photos is not to be brought into school. This includes 'Smart Watches'. Please save these for out of school times as they are not appropriate to be worn during the school day. Please find a link to the fabulous resource offering support to keep children safe in this digital world: <https://www.internetmatters.org/> This site offers simple information about keeping safe online: for games, Apps and device use in an accessible way. If staff become aware of any such devices they will be confiscated and kept in the school office, only parents - not pupils - will be permitted to collect these devices.

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	3 rd Nov – 7 th Nov 2025
Whole School	95.
RB	93
RS	97.7
1C	95
1S	95.2
2D	94.7
2W	95.3
3C	99.7
3B	97
4W	95.3
4K	97.7
5D	99
5K	93.3
6AT	92.3
6BT	95.5



REMEMBRANCE & ARMISTICE: Thank you to all who have bought poppy products in support of the RBL Poppy Appeal, and to our Apostles who have organised sales each lunchtime. Last Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, pupil representatives laid a wreath at the Westhoughton Cenotaph on behalf of school. On Tuesday we gathered to celebrate Armistice Day with a silence and laying of poppies.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."



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CLASS 3C PARENTS: Miss Farrukh has now got to know the children in 3C. Parents are welcome to call into school after collection next Wednesday up to 4pm to meet Miss Farrukh and share any needed information with her.

RED WEDNESDAY: Red Wednesday – Supporting Aid to the Church in Need, and persecuted Christians worldwide, next Wednesday, children are invited to wear an item of red to school. We will engage with the **#RW Schools National Livestream** which will be hosted by The Mark 10 Mission in collaboration with the Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT). The one-hour session is packed with prayers, stories, pre-recorded segments, games and live interactions from participating schools.

DIARY DATES THIS HALF TERM:

19th November: Red Wednesday – wear an item of red – see above.

21st November: Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donation for Christmas Fair

25th November: Non-uniform day in exchange for cake donations for Christmas Fair

27th November: Christmas Fair, school halls, begins 3:35pm

1st December: Wear blue (St Andrew's Day)

3rd December: Y6 Height & Weight checks

8th December: St Nicholas Day giving (see below)

11th December: KS1 Nativity play & carols, school halls, 2pm & 6pm (Pedicab appeal collections).

15th December: Reception simple Nativity, school halls, 2:30pm (Pedicab appeal collection)

17th December: KS2 carol service, church, 2pm & 7pm

19th December: Break up for Christmas, 2:15pm.

5th January: INSET day for all staff

6th January: Candlemas Term begins, from 8:30am.



AND FINALLY: An update to our **snack scheme**. After consultation with Pupil Parliament, it has been agreed that from Monday 17th November 2025 pupils are allowed to bring in a fruit or vegetable snack from home. This needs to be chopped up, and brought in a bag or container to be consumed at breaktime. This is an additional option to what is already provided by school. Hot snacks can still be purchased via the MCAS app.

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

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Head of School

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Deputy Headteacher

*Hope is to bear witness that the earth can truly resemble heaven. This is the message of the Jubilee.
Pope Leo XIV, @Pontifex, X, 9 Nov 2025*



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MISSION FILE

GOSPEL

JOHN 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

WORD OF THE WEEK

REMEMBRANCE

PRAYER

FIND A QUIET PLACE AWAY FROM BUSYNESS AND NOISE. TAKE SOME SILENT SLOW BREATHS. MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AND REPEAT THESE WORDS FROM PSALM 46:

**"BE STILL, AND KNOW
THAT I AM GOD."**

THEN BE WITH GOD IN THE HOLY PLACE IN YOUR HEART. SHARE WHATEVER PRAYER IS IN YOUR HEART AND ENTER INTO HIS LOVING PRESENCE.

WONDER QUESTIONS

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE IN A HOLY PLACE?

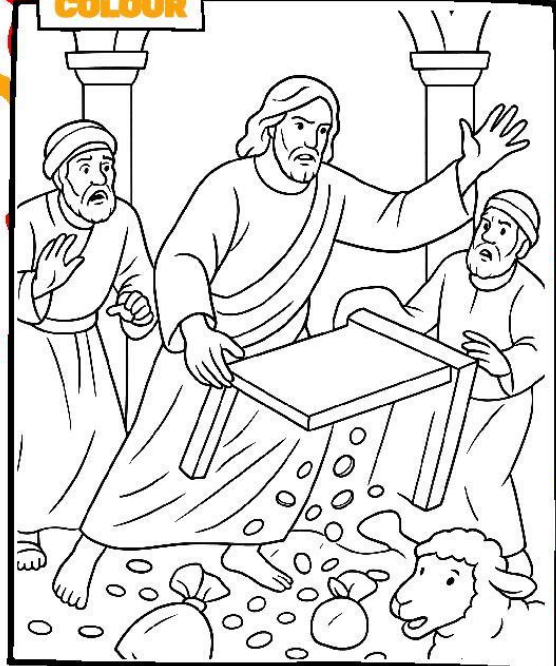
WHY DOES JESUS CARE SO MUCH ABOUT CREATING A QUIET SPACE FOR PRAYER?

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

YOUR HEART IS SO PRECIOUS TO JESUS AND HE WANTS TO HELP YOU GUARD IT. TAKE A PIECE OF PAPER, CLOSE YOUR EYES AND ASK JESUS TO SHOW YOU ALL THE DIFFERENT FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS YOU HAVE IN YOUR HEART. WRITE THEM DOWN AND LOOK OVER THE LIST OF FEELINGS, CIRCLE THOSE YOU KNOW JESUS WANTS TO STAY IN YOUR HEART AND CROSS OUT ANY HE DOESN'T. KEEP THIS LIST WITH YOU AND WHEN YOU PRAY, ASK JESUS TO HELP YOU PROTECT THE FEELINGS CIRCLED AND GUARD YOUR HEART FROM THOSE CROSSED OUT.

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SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

A faithful person is a gift to the world.

When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable, supportive and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus encourages the disciples (and us too) to be faithful to him. Everybody wants a faithful

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friend. Jesus offers to be our faithful friend and invites us to be his. Even though many things in the world may change, the faithful promises of Jesus will never pass away - God's love for us will last forever.

Enjoy a special time together this evening exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **FAITHFULNESS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from the Saints

"God is faithful and if we serve Him faithfully he will provide for our needs." St Richard of Chichester

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 16th November 2025



When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all have been knocked down." And they put to him this question: "Master," they said, "when will this happen then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" "Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and 'The time is near at hand'. Refuse to join them." Then he said to them, "When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. There will be wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines here and there; there will be great signs in the heavens. Before all this happens you will be shunned by all people on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."

Adapted from Luke 21: 5-19
The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
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

If we choose to be faithful to Jesus, we still need God's help and the help of the Church (the community of the faithful) to stay faithful. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded.

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



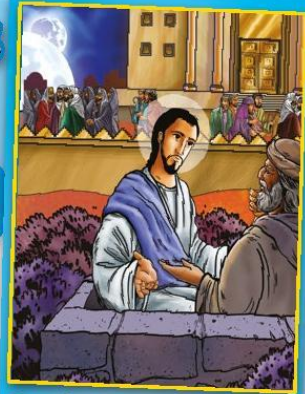
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READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Some people were talking about the beautiful stones used to build the temple and about the gifts that had been placed in the temple. Jesus said, "The time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: they will all be knocked down." The disciples asked Jesus when this would happen and he replied, "Before the world ends, many things will happen. People will appear and pretend to be me saying, 'I am the Christ and now is the time!' But do not believe or follow them. And when you hear about wars and earthquakes, do not be afraid; just stay faithful to me."

What were the disciples asking Jesus?

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?

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

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." *St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

FAITHFULNESS



Ask your child what the word 'faithful' means to them. To be faithful is to be true to someone or something. Does your child know someone who is a faithful friend - someone who keeps their promises? What is it like to be in the company of a faithful person? It may help your child if you can talk about a person you know to be a faithful friend, and say why.

How can we grow in faithfulness to God and to each other? Perhaps we can: spend time with God and listen to him through daily prayer; follow the teachings of Jesus by always trying to love our neighbour as ourselves; remember to put others' needs before our own needs; make sure that if we tell someone [or we tell God] that we will do something, we do it!

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* Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our faithful friend. Please help us to keep growing in faithfulness to you and to one another. Amen. *

FINDING THREE

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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

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☐ MANY THINGS
☐ STAY FAITHFUL
☐ JESUS NEARBY

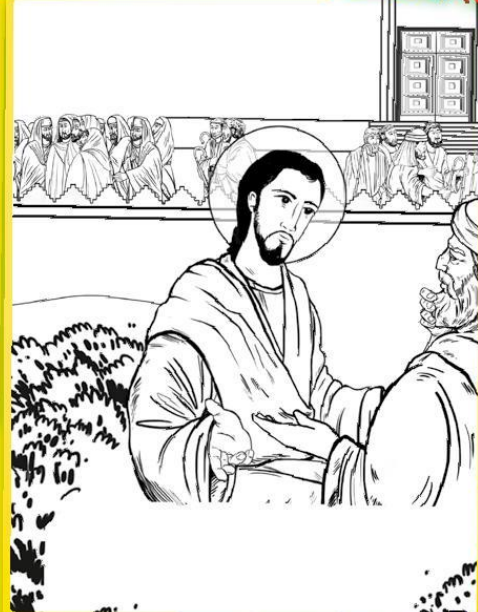
SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters C W S in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus said, "Do _____ be _____;
just stay _____ to _____."

To be a faithful person is to be loyal and to keep our promises. We can ask God to help us to grow in faithfulness - it really is a gift worth asking for.



Find and draw 3 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 & cbcew.org.uk



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