

Newsletter

Love one another as I have loved you—John 13:34
Friday 3rd November 2023

At Sacred Heart School we:

LEAD with fairness & empathy

SERVE with kindness & consideration

COMMUNICATE with respect

ACT with love

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

A balloon is a simple toy, but it brings a lot of pleasure to people of all ages. They can be so much fun, but they can bring sadness and disappointment too... Have you ever felt sad when a balloon of yours has burst? You and I are sometimes like a balloon. Sometimes we get all puffed up and think that we are great, and we expect everyone else to think so too. Perhaps we think we are so great because we are goodlooking, or really good at something, like a particular sport. Sometimes we get so puffed up with our own importance, that something comes along to burst our balloon! In this week's Gospel, Jesus warns us that this will happen. He tells us that if we are too proud, or if we think too much of ourselves, we are heading for a fall. On the other hand, if we are humble and realise that it is through God's strength that we are able to do great things, we will be given a place of honour in the Kingdom of Heaven! From now on, when you see a balloon, I hope it will remind you that we should not become puffed up with our own importance — or something might just come along and burst our balloon

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

Prayer Intentions: We pray for Mrs Doane and her family—may they be covered with the Lord's comfort and receive strength and courage during this difficult time. For her husband, Chris: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

Virtue to Live By

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



You are **prayerful** when:

You spend time with God
You listen to God
You rest in His presence
You tell God you love Him
You grow in friendship with God
You pray from the heart

Gospel Assembly



In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches us the importance of humility explaining that to be great is to be a servant. Children discover that being humble means putting others before ourselves. True greatness involves putting God first by serving and loving Him and our neighbours through our words and deeds.

Going Forth: Do one thing this week to show humility or putting others first

Information / Messages

<u>Sad News:</u> It is with great sadness that I share with you that Mrs Kath Doane, one of our teaching assistants, received the tragic news this week that her husband had passed away suddenly. I am sure you will join us in keeping Kath, her children and wider family in your prayers.

<u>Extra Curricular Clubs:</u> There are still a number of places left in our clubs. Please book on via sQuid. This is necessary even for lunchtime clubs. In the event of low numbers for a club, we may cancel if it is operating at a financial loss.

<u>Playgroup:</u> We are exploring the possibility of setting up a weekly baby and toddler playgroup in the school hall. This would be on Thursdays 9.15 to 10.45 am. One of our parents, Harriet Cockerill, has volunteered to take a lead on organising this. If you would be interested in attending, have good quality baby and toddler toys to donate or are willing to help set up and tidy away, please email Harriet on cockerillharriet@gmail.com and look out for a launch date coming soon.

<u>Parents' Evening:</u> There is still time to make an appointment for parents' evening. Appointments can be made via this link https://sacredheartcathpri.schoolcloud.co.uk/ until Monday 9am.

<u>Red Wednesday:</u> On 22nd November, we will be joining Aid to the Church in Need in praying for persecuted Christians around the world. Children can show support for this by wearing an item of red with their school uniform e.g. socks, hair accessories, a red t-shirt under their school sweatshirt, red shoes / trainers. Please do not buy anything especially—our prayers are the most important thing on this day

<u>Parent Pop Ins:</u> We have planned a series of informal discussion groups on a range of topics that parents have indicated they would like more information about / support with. The first of these is on Thursday 23rd November at 2.45pm and will be about our trauma informed approach and adverse childhood experiences and the impact of these on development. All welcome to find out more.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 6th November

Flu Vaccinations—complete consent form on the link sent via sQuid

Tuesday 7th November

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 8th November

Y1 walk to Hillsborough Park 1.30pm

Friday 10th November

Y4 Class Assembly 9 am

Y6 class mass 1.15 pm (this is a changed

date from previously shared)

Monday 13th November

Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Socks Day

Prospective Parents Open Eve 6pm

Wednesday 15th November

Y5 Class Mass 1.15pm

Wednesday 22nd November

Red Wednesday

Y2 Class Mass 1.15pm

Y4 TTRockstars event 2.15pm—see separate letter

GREAT	"Virtues to Live by"
FS2—Leo	FS2—Kikiola
Y1— Oliver	Y1— Georgina
Y2—Lewis	Y2—Ivan
Y3— Ava	Y3— Oliver
Y4— Olivia	Y4— Orlaith
Y5— Eyitayo	Y5—Sophia
Y6—Angelina	Y6—Jeremiasz



1st— Ollie

2nd - Adael

3rd— Zayden

Most active class—Y4

1st - Enrico

2nd— Dawid

3rd— Eva

