



Newsletter

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

Friday 1st December 2023

At Sacred Heart School we:

LEAD with fairness & empathy

SERVE with kindness & consideration

COMMUNICATE with respect

ACT with love

First Sunday of Advent Year B

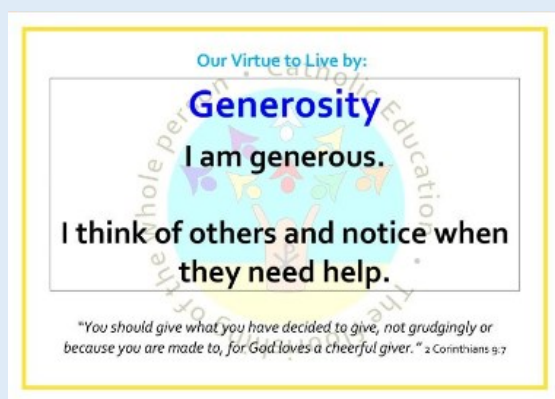
As we enter the season of Advent, it's a time for anticipation and reflection. It's common for us to become impatient, especially when things don't go according to our plans. During the 1st week of Advent, we are reminded that our own plans may not align with God's. The readings call us to return to God's path. Isaiah speaks to us of a people who have wandered from God's ways. We too can relate to this wandering. We can become lost, focused on our immediate wants and grievances. However, the call of Advent is a call to turn back, to trust in God's plan even when it seems distant or difficult to comprehend. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples to be vigilant, to stay awake. This is a call for us today. Life is full of unpredictable events, both tragic and joyful. It is not for us to know the time or the place when we will face these trials or when we will encounter Christ in our daily lives. Therefore, we must live in a state of readiness, serving Christ through our actions, words, and thoughts, at every moment. Advent is a time to renew our commitment to God's plan, to embrace the waiting and the uncertainty with faith and hope. It's a period to prepare, to watch, and to be attentive to the ways in which we can serve and encounter God every day. Let this first week of Advent be a reminder to us to slow down, to reflect, and to align ourselves with God's will, ready to act with love and compassion at every opportunity presented to us.

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

Prayer Intentions: As we enter the season of Advent, we pray for forgiveness. We can find many reasons to hold grudges, but the arrival of the Lord comes with love, peace and reconciliation. May forgiveness help us prepare for Christmas.

Virtue to Live By

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



You are **generous** when:

You notice someone who needs help

You think of others before yourself

You give freely without need of reward

You give more than what is expected

You are willing to make sacrifices for others

Gospel Assembly



Every year we know that we celebrate Jesus' birthday on 25th December, but we don't know when He will come again so, like Mary, we must always have ready hearts for Jesus! This, the first of the Advent assemblies, explores Mary's witness to the Light and encourages children to follow her example.

Going Forth: Make choices that show consideration for others

Information / Messages

Parent Pop Ins: The second of these will be on the theme of emotional regulation and how to support your child to manage their emotions. This will take place on 5th December. All welcome.

Christmas Fair: Thank you to Friends of Sacred Heart for organising this fantastic event and everyone who supported in any way. We will share the amount raised next week—this money will be used (amongst other things) to enhance the playtime experience and purchase books to support the curriculum.

Raffle Tickets—Each family has been sent 2 books of raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle. Please support our fundraising efforts by buying some of these and selling to family, friends, work colleagues, neighbours etc. If you have spare tickets, please return them to school so we can resell them. If you can sell more than 2 books, please ask for more at the office. Tickets are £1 each and there are 5 tickets in a book.

Advent Bags—On Monday, we will start sending home Advent bags containing resources to support families to pause, reflect and pray during this season. Please return these to school the following day making sure all items are in the bag. This is important so that all children get the chance to take one home.

ParentPay—You will have recently received a letter about signing up for ParentPay. It is crucial that parents do this in order to receive communication from school and to be able to make payments. After Christmas, all letters and the newsletter will be sent via ParentPay only and all future trip payments and consents will be via ParentPay.

After School Childcare: In response to requests from current and prospective parents, we are carrying out a consultation with our families on after school childcare. We want to hear from all of our families (even if you don't need childcare) so please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire. The consultation ends on Wednesday 10th January. <https://forms.office.com/e/RTvE2mbp1v>

Christmas Dinner: Christmas Dinner day is Wednesday 13th December. If your child is not going to be having a dinner on this day, please contact the office to let us know by Wednesday 6th December

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5th December

Parent Pop In 2.45pm—see above

Wednesday 6th December

Y4 Class Mass 1.15pm

Advent Reflection 3.25pm—all welcome

Thursday 7th December

Christmas jumper day—charity fundraiser

Monday 11th December

FS2, Y1, Y2 Nativity—1.30 and 5.30 pm

Tuesday 12th December

Y4 concert for parents—2.45pm

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas outfits—Christmas dinner day

Advent Reflection 3.25pm—all welcome

Monday 18th December

Christmas party day—non uniform

KS2 Advent Liturgy 5.30 pm

Tuesday 19th December

Festival of Cribbs

Wednesday 20th December

FS2 / Y1 Theatre trip

Advent Reflection 3.25pm—all welcome

	
FS2—Dagim	FS2—Nathanael
Y1— Ellis	Y1— Peggy
Y2— Olivia R	Y2— Joseph
Y3— Tessa	Y3— Mollie
Y4— Iva	Y4— Evan
Y5— Noah	Y5— Suzie
Y6— Finley	Y6— Noah



1st— Josh

2nd— Seb

3rd— Jasper

Most active class— Y5



1st— Mehetabel

2nd— Lewis

3rd— Henry