



Newsletter

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

Friday 16th October 2026

At Sacred Heart School we:

LEAD with fairness & empathy

SERVE with kindness & consideration

COMMUNICATE with respect

ACT with love

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel for this week tells the story of the Pharisees trying to trap Jesus. They ask Him if it is right to pay taxes to Caesar. Jesus gives a wise answer. He tells them to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to give to God what belongs to God.

This response goes beyond taxes. It is a reminder that people have responsibilities in the world, but their first duty is to God. Governments may require money, but God requires hearts, minds, and lives. Everything comes from God, and people should give Him their love, trust, and obedience.

The challenge is to balance both responsibilities. People live in the world and must follow its laws, but they should not forget their greater duty to God. Some focus too much on material things and forget their faith. Others ignore their duties in society. Jesus teaches that both matter, but God must come first.

The scripture calls people to reflect on their priorities. Do they give to God what belongs to Him? Do they make time for prayer and service? Jesus' words remind everyone to keep their focus on what truly matters—living in a way that honours God.

Prayer Intentions: Join us in praying for Pope Leo, for his spiritual and physical health and complete recovery.

Collective Worship Newsletter: Please find the newsletter for October by clicking on this link www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Virtue to Live By

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



Celebration of the Word



In this week's Gospel we hear how Jesus responds to the Pharisees and leaders who were trying to catch Him out. Children will reflect on how they can put God first and give everything of themselves to God.

Going Forth: What can you give to God this week, e.g. your time, talents, kindness or love?

Information / Messages

Parents' Evening: Bookings are now live via this link: <https://sacredheartcathpri.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and will close on 19th October at 9am. Due to teachers' other commitments, it is not possible to make alternative appointments. On Thursday 22nd, Mrs Hinchliffe will be meeting Y2 parents for their appointments in the Shalom Room. Please enter via the Shalom Garden.

Smartphone Free Childhood: Last week, KS2 had workshops on the theme of 'Me and My Screen—How to Get a Healthy Balance with Technology.' We encourage families to consider delaying smartphone ownership for as long as possible by signing the Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) Parent Pact. The Parent Pact brings families together to delay smartphones until at least 14, and social media until 16, and lets you see how many families in our school have already signed. No parent wants their child to be the only one without a smartphone, and that worry is what stops many families from waiting. You can find out more and sign the pact here: <https://parentpact.app.smartphonefreechildhood.org/school>

Reading: Well done to these children who reached words read milestones on our Renaissance reading programme—George, Anna-Sophia, Xylah, Archie, Ivan, Jaylen (10,000), Rachel, Ain, Zeke, Oliver P, Nathan, Edward (50,000), Mikaela, Tari, Maia, Praise, Zayden (100,000), Mehetabel, Emanuel, Joseph O (250,000) and Lewis (1 million!)

Uniform: We have noticed that PE uniform is not always in line with our policy: a plain house team coloured t-shirt and plain black joggers, leggings or shorts. A school jumper or cardigan should be worn not alternative hoodies, zipped jackets etc. We will be contacting parents of children not in correct uniform to offer support

Transport Plan: You may be aware that Sheffield City Council have proposed transport improvements around Hillsborough. The consultation runs until 4th November. More information can be found here: <https://haveyoursay.sheffield.gov.uk/upperdonvalley>

Clitherow Feast Day: To celebrate the feast day of Margaret Clitherow, the children in Clitherow (blue) house are invited to wear their blue t-shirts on Friday 23rd October. During the day, this house team will gather together in celebration.

Poppies: To recognise Remembrance Day, there are poppies and poppy themed accessories available for sale in the office with money raised going to the Royal British Legion.

Rugby: Well done to the Y6 Tag Rugby team who competed on Monday and made it to the final losing only by a narrow margin

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 20th October

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 21st October

Y1 visit to library and park

YR Stay and Play 2pm (p)

Thursday 22nd October

Y6 Celebration of the Word 9am (p)

Prospective Parents Open Morning

Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd October

Clitherow feast day celebration

Break for half term

Monday 2nd November

Inset day—school closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd November

Pupils return to school

Wednesday 4th November

Y6 Class Mass 2.15pm (p)

Thursday 12th November

Y5 Class Mass 2.15pm (p)

(p) = parents welcome

	
YR— Summer	YR— Sonma
Y1— Abanob	Y1— Ezra
Y2— Eli	Y2— Rose
Y3— Dagim	Y3— Amarachi
Y4— Chimdi	Y4— Adam
Y5— Oliver	Y5— Flynn
Y6— Iris	Y6— Mollie



1st— Aria
2nd— Eshaal
3rd— Nicole
Most active Y6



Noah —Y3
Matilda—Y2



1st— Suzette
2nd— Pippa
3rd— Olivia H-L