



2nd December 2022



Reflection on the week:

This week has been an exciting and joyful time. On Sunday the first candle was lit on the Advent Wreath and we lit our own first candle on our school Advent Wreath at our Monday Assembly. Staff then worked hard after school on Monday decorating the school with lots of the children's wonderful work. Our youngest children have been practising so hard for their Nativity Play and I know that they are excited to present it to parents and carers next week. Our Year 2 pupils are also practising for their Carol Concert.

At this special time of waiting we are reminded of the Psalm from the Readings of the first Sunday of Advent,

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!

May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings.
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122: 6-7

Wishing our families many blessings,

Mrs Kerrell

Headteacher



Christmas at Holy Cross

Next week we will be having many Christmas activities and events. These will include our Reception and Year 1 Nativity performances on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Siblings and Years 2 and 3 will watch a Dress Rehearsal of the performance in the hall and we will video it so that the rest of the older children can watch it in their classrooms.

Next week we will also have Christmas Jumper Day, and a Panto performance in school on Thursday. We have a great selection of second-hand Christmas jumpers available for £2.00 from the office. Payment for the panto is £4 and on Pupil Asset.

On Friday we will have Our Festival of Light Celebrations in the church for Key Stage One and Key Stage 2. We will be sending home instructions about how to make a Christingle that the children should bring to school next week. We would like to extend a warm invitation to our parents to join us for the services next week. Please remember to check the December dates so that you know what is coming up each day.

Class Parties

The children will be having their class Christmas parties on Wednesday 14th December. Class teachers will be putting a list of food on Tapestry or Seesaw and so that everyone contributes to the party, we would appreciate if you could let the class teacher know what you are going to bring.

Reading Zone

We are excited to invite our Reception parents to the Reading Zone session this week. This will take place on Tuesday 6th December and Thursday 8th December from 8.50am-9.15am. Please come to Reception where we will meet you and take you to join the session.

Please remember that it is very important that you read with your child three times per week and sign their diary. Reading at home with you, not always their school book, is more important now than ever as Reading underpins so much of what your child learns at school.



A Taste of Ancient Egypt

Hares have been in the kitchen this week creating bread using an ancient Egyptian recipe. This ties in with their Ancient Egypt topic and also gives them a practical opportunity to put their maths skills to the test, with weighing and measuring.



Gospel Values Awards

The Gospel Value this week is...

Compassion

- kindness, service of neighbour

"When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her." (7:13), Good Samaritan (10:36)

Congratulations to the following children who received the Gospel values certificate this week.



Dragonflies:	Grace Kavanagh	Grasshoppers:	Stephanie Naydenova
Hedgehogs:	Eliora Koranteng	Squirrels:	Kodie Moyns
Badgers:	Oliver Danel	Foxes:	Sofia Dubencu
Hares:	Sophie Philpot	Rabbits:	Annaliesa Osei-Flint
Kingfishers:	Heather Owusu-Kumi	Robins:	Faith Williams
Eagles:	Lehna Ajong	Owls:	Farrah Kent

Christmas Calendar of Events

Tuesday 6th December

Reception and Year 1 Nativity production 2pm (ticket only)

Wednesday 7th December

Reception and Year 1 Nativity production 2pm (ticket only)

Reception and Year 1 Nativity production 6pm (ticket only)

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Pantomime

Friday 9th December

Festival of Light KS2 9am in Holy Cross church

Festival of Light KS1 2pm in Holy Cross church

Tuesday 13th December

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas lunch

Years 3,4,5 and 6 bring in a packed lunch

Year 2 Carol Concert (2pm) Holy Cross church (no ticket required)

Year 2 Carol Concert (6pm) Holy Cross church (no ticket required)

Wednesday 14th December

All pupils bring in packed lunch

Class Christmas parties 1.30pm—3pm

Thursday 15th December

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas lunch

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 bring in a packed lunch

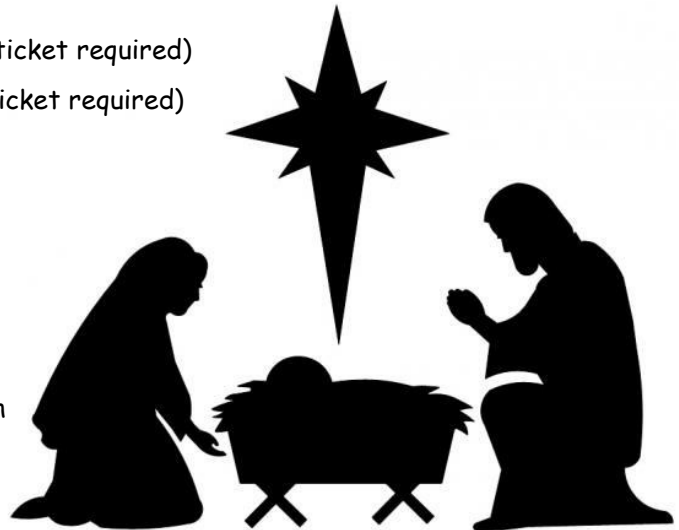
Tuesday 20th December

Last day of term.

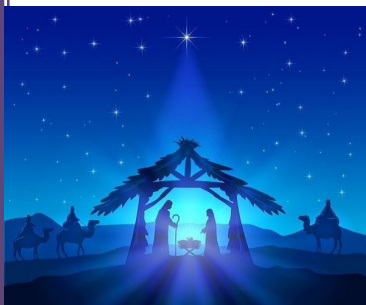
Finish times are as follows:

Reception at **1.20pm** from the Reception playground

Rest of the school **1.30pm** from the main playground



Holy Cross Parish Church Christmas Services



15th December:	St Marks Carol Service	7pm
Christmas Eve:	Carol Service	5pm
	Family Mass	5:30pm
	Carol Service	10pm
	Midnight Mass	11pm
Christmas Day:	Mass	11am
St Stephens Day (Boxing day) :	Mass	12pm
Saturday 31st December:	Mass	5:30pm
Sunday 1st January:	Mass	9am & 11am



Christmas Cards

The Christmas card post box will open on Thursday 1st December and will be located outside the school office door. Please remind your children to post their cards here and not to hand them out in class. They will be collected, sorted and delivered to the correct classes. Please remember to write the



CHRISTMAS EDITION

Pre-order yours by **9th** December
in the school office and collect on

Friday **16th** December

Payment by cash or card

1 doughnut* for £1
6 doughnuts* for £5
12 doughnuts* for £10

*all original glazed



PTA

Christmas Events

The PTA will be selling the following items on the 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th and 13th December after school

Guess the Name of the Elf
£1 each

Snowman Soup

Snowman Poop

Reindeer Hot Chocolate cone

Do you wanna build a snowman

£1 each

Raffle tickets to win a
drinks hamper
£1 each

cash or card payments



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to the winners of the KS1 Attendance Award are Squirrels achieving a fantastic 100% attendance. Well done! The winners of the KS2 Attendance Award are Hares, attaining 97% attendance. Well done!

Please ensure you are sending your child into school everyday, unless they are not well enough to attend. Attending school is so important and makes a huge difference to your child's learning. The gates open at **8:30am** until **8.50am**.

Familiarise yourself with the symptoms of COVID 19. If your child displays any COVID 19 symptoms they must have a negative test before they may attend school. There is no need to keep your child off with a common cold, if they are well enough to come in.

Parents of children below attendance targets will be invited in for a meeting with the Educational Welfare Officer.

It is essential you notify us of your child's absence by 9am either by telephone or using the Pupil Asset report absence option on every day of absence. We need full details of why your child is unable to attend school. We are frequently having to contact parents, to find out why their child is absent from school.

Butterflies	84%
Ladybirds	99%
Dragonflies	94%
Grasshoppers	96%
Hedgehogs	97%
Squirrels	100%
Badgers	94%
Foxes	92%
Hares	97%
Rabbits	95%
Kingfishers	93%
Robins	96%
Eagles	93%
Owls	95%



Times Tables Rockstars

Congratulations to the following children for trying really hard with their times tables this week.

Hedgehogs:	Krzysztof Czarny	Squirrels:	Lucas Cater
Badgers:	Paris Goddard	Foxes:	Barry Tanu
Hares:	Stanislaw Marti	Rabbits:	Khalisa Shafi-King
Kingfishers:	Olivia Janczewska	Robins:	Bryan Udeagha
Eagles:	Mmasi Ihekaigbo-Iwuaba	Owls:	Maja Owczarz

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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THE Wednesday
WORD



SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH PARENTS & FAMILIES

Dear Parents and Carers,

Buying presents, decorations and planning our Christmas meal are all good ways of preparing for Christmas. But through all these preparations we do need to keep in mind the real reason for all these festivities. It's important that we spend some time preparing ourselves too.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear John the Baptist calling the people to repent (to come back to God) and to prepare themselves for Christ's arrival.

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Christian 'repentance' is a wholly positive experience when we invite God into our lives and take a grip on ourselves, changing some of our ways or even, maybe, our direction in life.

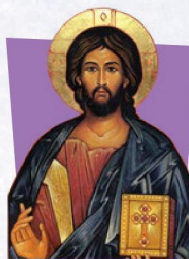
So let's listen to John the Baptist and prepare our hearts well - being ready to receive and share God's love with all we meet as part of this week's Christmas **PREPARATIONS**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



To see this week's Parish Version of The Wednesday Word: wednesdayword.org - Parents' Pages - Lectio Divina with Fr Henry.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 4th December 2022



In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judea and this was his message: "Repent, change your ways; for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said, 'A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John said to the people, "I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Adapted from
Matthew 3: 1-12 (the 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A)

**Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in Church - all are warmly invited.**

"The Lord is coming. May we
await him with open hearts!"

Pope Francis



THE Wednesday
WORD

CONNECTING HOME, SCHOOL AND PARISH THROUGH SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to look into our hearts this Advent and see if there are any ways that we could make a change for the better. This is how we can prepare our hearts to be filled with a joy that lasts long after the Christmas festivities have passed. Let's not miss out!

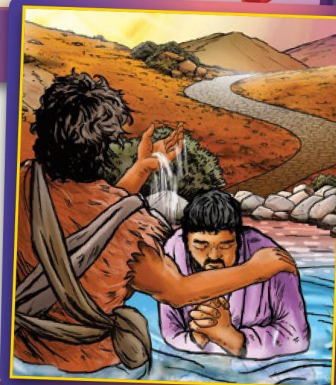


1 Our Special Time Together

Enjoy reading the Gospel overleaf (or below for younger children)

John the Baptist was a prophet who lived in the desert. He wore clothes made of camel-hair and he ate locusts and wild honey. The people came to him to be baptised and confess their sins. John said to the people, "Repent; change your ways! Think about how you live and get ready to welcome the Lord! I baptise you with water, but someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am, and he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

What did John tell the people to do? Which word or words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?



2 Wednesday's Word is ... PREPARATION

Now is the time to prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth - God's arrival into our world in the person of Jesus.

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. Ask your child what the word 'preparation' means to them. When did your child last prepare for something particularly well or for something special? It may help your child if you can share something about a time when you prepared particularly well for something. How is your child preparing at school for the celebration of Jesus' birthday at Christmas?

3 Loving God & Each Other

Good preparation is always important in everything we do.

As a family, how can you prepare well for Christmas? Perhaps you can: slow down and try to remember the real reason for Christmas - regularly giving thanks to God for the gift of Jesus; read the Bible's Christmas story together; go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession); say a prayer each time you open a window on your Advent calendar; make an extra effort to consider other people's needs.



Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to **prepare** well for Christmas and show us how we can help others to do the same. Amen.

Gospel Gallery

W J G T R E S E D W S S
P T E P N A L E L C I I
R B L J L I V E D N R N
O C P D G I W J S G V S
P E O P L E N M S L B B
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WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

- ☒ **JOHN PROPHET** ☒
- ☐ **LIVED DESERT** ☐
- ☐ **BAPTISED PEOPLE** ☐
- ☐ **CONFESSED SINS** ☐

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

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

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"_____; change your _____; think about how you _____ and get _____ to welcome the Lord."



Search for at least three differences between this picture and the colour one. Then draw them in before colouring.

John the Baptist prepared the people to receive Jesus. We too can prepare our hearts for Jesus by being busy doing the things that Jesus told us to do: loving God and loving one another.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...



Wednesday 30th November 2022 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM



*Celebrating the Year of the Word
with The Wednesday Word.*

*Lectio Divina - prayerfully
preparing for the Sunday Mass.*



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 4th December 2022 - The Second Sunday of Advent

1

Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.



2

Read

The Gospel for Sunday 4th December 2022 - John the Baptist's Call to Repentance (Matthew 3:1-12)

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: "A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

3

Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

'Repentance' seems an unattractive word. It conjures up images of morose brooding over past sins and failures, a negative idea. This is not what John the Baptist proclaimed. His message was wholly positive. In Hebrew and Greek the concept of 'repentance' is about a change of behaviour, a change of direction. John is calling on his listeners to change their ways, to change their scale of values, their whole direction of life. To reinforce his message he wears the clothes worn by Elijah, the prophet whom Jewish tradition taught was to return to announce the final coming of the Lord. John proclaims his message in the desert, that apocalyptic landscape of the arid and bare Jordan Valley, below sea-level, where merchants would be crossing the Jordan on the road to the East. So John makes a deliberate claim to be this final prophet and to be preparing a way for the Lord. We see Jesus as the Messiah, the loving Saviour, but John was not at this point proclaiming this Jesus. He was proclaiming the threatening and imminent arrival of the sovereignty of God, when rotten trees would be cut down and evil swept away to be burnt in unquenchable fire. If we are to be open to the arrival of the Kingship of God, we may need to look to our own scale of values.

Is my scale of values compatible with those of the Kingship of God? How far do they coincide?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB



4

Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. **Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.**



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WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of Sunday 4th December 2022



First Reading: *A Shoot from the Stock of Jesse*

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. The fear of the Lord is his breath. He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

From this reading the seven gifts of the Spirit are, rather artificially, derived. Seven is the perfect number, so this prophetic text intends to signify that the promised ruler will have all possible gifts of what we more generally call wisdom and understanding. He will be a ruler before whom one can stand in the secure knowledge that his judgment will be deeply fair and satisfying. The 'fear of the Lord' ensures that the ruler will govern in accordance with the divinely-ordered bases of creation. Just such a Ruler is the one we are waiting for at Christmas. It was surely these qualities which made Jesus such an attractive and charismatic figure, so that he could, as a wholly unknown stranger, pass those fishermen, and they would drop everything and respond to his call, 'Follow me'. Confrontation with his person was shock enough and inspiring enough to cure sickness. His simple word gave assurance of forgiveness of sin. His command reduced the elements of nature to serenity. In the second half of the reading we see the consequences of this rule: a return to the peace of the Garden of Eden. No more hostility, no more jealousy. Nature, even human nature, will not be red in tooth and claw.

What qualities do you find attractive in Jesus?

Second Reading: *The Generosity of Christ*

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

“The perfect generosity of Jesus Christ must be the model for our own generosity.”

Paul is here summing up his message to the Romans, a fragmented community of several house-churches, some drawn from the Jewish community, some from the gentiles. He has described and analysed Christ's work of salvation, the generosity of Christ in giving himself up for us, to win us back to the Father. Then he calls upon his hearers to imitate Christ's generosity. He speaks first to the Christians sprung, like himself, from Judaism, reminding them of the promises of scripture (the heritage of Judaism) which were to inspire them with hope, for God's promises are never-failing and sure. Then he reminds them with a string of quotations (only the first of which is given at the end of today's reading) that God's promises were intended for the gentiles too, so that they too should praise God's name. Why are we given this reading in Advent? Because the perfect generosity of Jesus Christ in taking on this work of our salvation must be the model for our own generosity, both to those who are our natural friends and to those who are not, and because it must be the basis of our hope; however neglectful and ungrateful we are, Christ's work for us cannot have been in vain.

In what way can I be more generous to prepare for Christmas, especially to those who are not my natural friends?

The Wednesday Word: *Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God*
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Happy Birthday this week to...

Flynn Williams, Cosmas Eze, Memphos Wells, Elliott Ziya, Mmasi Ihekaigbo-Iwuaba, Aimee Kuttin, Hanley Matthew, Evan Smith, Kaci McCann-Coombs, Dovydas Meskinis, & Ellice Osei-Flint



Golden Awards:

Dragonflies:	Kalya Shafi-King, for showing great improvement in her writing
Grasshoppers:	Memphis Wells, for her great contribution in the Nativity practise
Hedgehogs:	Roman Kelly, for showing great effort and understanding in literacy
Squirrels:	Maisie Sinyakin, for working hard with shapes in maths
Badgers:	Aimee Fennelly, for producing some fantastic writing
Foxes:	Attila Madarasz, for great effort in maths especially with his times tables
Hares:	Dylan Cater, for writing a tremendous non-chronological report
Rabbits:	Edward Guna, for being helpful around the classroom!
Kingfishers:	Natalie Harmas, for always being helpful in class
Robins:	Ronnie White, for excellent effort in literacy this week
Eagles:	Christopher Annobil, for always having a positive attitude towards work and always having a smile!
Owls:	Aidan Cater, for great work in literacy this week

Menu Week 2

Diary Dates

<u>Monday 5th December</u>	<u>Tuesday 6th December</u>	<u>Wednesday 7th December</u>	<u>Thursday 8th December</u>	<u>Friday 9th December</u>
Rabbits Swimming Lesson	Y3 Roman Day	Y3 Eucharist Service 9:00	Christmas Jumper Day	Festival of Light KS2 Assembly 9:00 - 9:30
Y4 Reconciliation	Reception Reading Zone 8:50	KS1 Karate 3:10 - 4:10	Reception Reading Zone 8:50	Festival of Light KS1 Assembly 2:00 - 3:00
Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3:10 - 4:10	Y5 Reconciliation	Y6 Reconciliation	Christmas Pantomime	KS2 Dodgeball 3:15 - 4.15
	Reception & Y1 Nativity Performance 2:00	Reception & Y1 Nativity Performance 2:00 & 6:00	KS2 Karate 3:15 - 4:15	
	Y3 & Y4 Football 3.15 - 4.15		Y1 & Y2 Football 3:10 - 4:10	

Please download our News & Events App for dates for the year. Details are available on the schools website under News & Events at www.holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Mrs A Kerrell

Mr S Kelliher

House Points

Congratulations to the winning house St Andrew