

18th September 2026



Newsletter

GOSPEL VALUE: Our Gospel Value for next week is Trust . Please reflect on this at home with your child.

Weekly Reflection

We have a new Gospel Value! We have changed Justice to TRUST. Whilst Justice is an important aspect of our Catholic faith, we learn most about it through our Catholic Social Teaching Principles. TRUST is what we are called to have in God and to show this through our faith in him and how we follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

I very much want our Holy Cross family to feel cocooned in the love that God has for us and to have complete Trust in him. How blessed we are to have God in our lives and to feel safe in the knowledge that he is looking after us; sharing in our joys and bearing us up in our challenges.



Trust

Faith, belief, follow, mindfulness

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,

To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and trust in Him.

Psalm 27: 1,4, 13-14

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Kerrell
Headteacher

Anti-Discrimination and Racism Policy

As we return to school each year we will be revisiting the importance of showing love and respect to everyone in our school and beyond. Each class have had a lesson this week about not using words or phrases which are hurtful or offensive to others and what is meant by a racist comment. We have also explained this in a whole school assembly, focusing on our school mission statement, 'where everyone is welcome'. There is no place for discrimination in our school and the children have had explained to them the sanctions that will be put in place if they break this rule. I kindly ask that parents reinforce and explain this at home.

Online Safety

At the beginning of the school year our learning in Computing focuses on Online Safety for the first half term. It is of the utmost importance that our pupils know how to keep themselves safe online. Ms Dodd will be taking an Online Safety Assembly next week for the whole school to reinforce this message. We appreciate that it is also your priority to ensure your child knows how to be safe online and we are currently arranging a parent information evening. Please also see the information, later in the newsletter.

Parking

We are continuing to get complaints from local residents about parking in the area around our school. This includes blocking people's driveways and unsafe parking on pavements. We were also informed last week that parents are not supervising their children properly and there is a real danger of an accident happening. Please park with consideration and respect for others and keep your children safe at all times. I also kindly ask you to bear in mind that you are parents of our school and therefore represent our school in the local community. Your children are also witness to your behaviour and therefore I ask that you demonstrate our Gospel Values in how you engage with others-thank you.

Parent Helpers

We are excited to be registering for several sports events this term. We need to supervise the children at the events and this can have an impact on releasing staff to go with the children. We would be grateful to any parent or family member (perhaps a grandparent) who could volunteer their time to come with us to sports fixtures. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Slater.

SeeSaw

All pupils have now been assigned to their new classes and logins given out. This is a very important way of communicating with you so if you cannot Log on to SeeSaw please let the office know as soon as possible.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all parents and family members who were able to attend the meetings this week, it was great to see you and a pleasure to share important information. Next week we will be sending out the Year Group Curriculum Letters so that you will know what your child is learning about this term.

Uniform

At Holy Cross we have a distinct Winter and Summer uniform and these cannot be combined eg: a Polo Shirt must not be worn with trousers. Please remember that if your child is wearing the winter uniform and has a shirt or blouse that they must wear a tie. The winter uniform is also trousers not shorts.

Hair accessories must be Holy Cross colours only so not pink, blue, purple or orange etc.

Earrings and jewellery are not permitted and if your child is wearing clear, flat plastic spacers that they must be removed for PE.

School Council and Eco Council

We will be announcing the School Council and Eco Council Representatives on Monday in assembly. Mrs Kerrell will be running these this year and our first meetings will be next week.

Altar Servers

We would like to encourage boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion to become an Altar Server. This is an important role and privilege at Mass and a tradition at Holy Cross that our children have volunteered for this role. If you are interested please come and have a chat with me for more information.

CGP Books

We would appreciate parents purchasing CGP Books so that children can access their homework. Purchasing the book means that everything can be kept together in one place and it is easy to see progress. The books are £4.00 each and can be purchased on Arbor on the School Shop section.



Year 6 are going visiting St Marks on Wednesday. They just need to bring a water bottle with them, as lunch will be provided. The children will travel to and from by coach from Holy Cross, within school hours.

Members of staff from St Marks will be attending Holy Cross, to meet with Year 6 parents.

St Marks open evening is on Thursday 8th October 2026, 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Could your child be eligible?



If your family receives Universal Credit, your child IS entitled to a FREE nutritious school lunch every day.



Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?

Although your child is entitled to a free school lunch. **COME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE** if you are in receipt of Universal Credit. Registering could also provide valuable extra funding to benefit our school.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit:

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

It's quick, easy and confidential.

Need help applying?

Please speak to the school office.

APPLY TODAY!



If you would like to send sweets into school for birthdays (it's not compulsory),
please send in Haribo.

> INGREDIENTS <

Fizzy and fruit flavour gums, cola gums, milk flavour gums and sweet foam gums:

Glucose syrup; sugar; dextrose; gelatine; fruit juice from concentrate: apple, blackcurrant, lemon, orange, pineapple and strawberry; caramelised sugar syrup; acids: citric acid and malic acid; acidity regulators: calcium citrates and sodium hydrogen malate; fruit and plant concentrates: apple, aronia, beetroot, bilberry, blackcurrant, carrot, elderberry, grape, hibiscus, kiwi, lemon, mango, orange, passion fruit, radish, safflower, spirulina and sweet potato; sunflower oil; flavouring; glazing agents: beeswax and carnauba wax; elderberry extract.

Strawberry flavour gums:

Glucose syrup; sugar; starch; acid: citric acid; fruit and plant concentrates: aronia, blackcurrant, elderberry, grape, lemon, orange and safflower; sunflower oil; flavouring; glazing agent: beeswax; caramelised sugar syrup; elderberry extract.

Please always check the packet, as ingredients may change.





COME, COOK & HAVE FUN!

FREE Cooking Session for School-Age Children (ages 5–19)

Join us for an after-school dinner!

(Delivered by: Kelly & Kate's Kitchen)



Learn to make delicious, healthy and budget-friendly food and have fun along the way!

WHAT'S COOKING?

Brilliant Burgers, Banana Pancakes with Fruit, Pizza Pockets, Rock Cakes

Four weeks. Four tasty recipes. Lots of fun!

Wednesdays 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
(16th, 23rd & 30th September and 7th October)

Phoenix Centre, within the Harvey Centre
First Floor, CM20 1AP



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SPACE Essex at Sparkles

(Support for Parents And Carers in Essex)



Come along and meet a SPACE Essex Peer Educator at Sparkles. SPACE provides free support, information and signposting for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND. No diagnosis is needed to access SPACE support.

SPACE will also be available to chat with parents and carers, answer questions about SPACE and signpost to further support.

Thursday 17th September at The Meadows Family Hub, 1.30–3.00 pm

Friday 16th October at The Treehouse Family Hub, 10.00–11.30 am

Thursday 19th November at The Meadows Family Hub, 1.30–3.00 pm

Friday 11th December at The Treehouse Family Hub, 10.00–11.30 am

Call 0300 247 0122, option 1, to book your place for the Sparkles session on these dates to meet SPACE Essex Peer Educators.



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JOIN THE

MHST
Mental Health Support Team
BOOK CLUB

Reading with your child not only strengthens the parent-child bond but also helps children to develop empathy and emotional awareness, teaching children that it is okay to feel emotions and how to cope with their feelings in healthy ways.

Each term receive our MHST bookclub newsletter with 4 wellbeing book recommendations, as well as, prompts and questions to think through and/or discuss with your child. Book recommendations will be made for these age groups:

- 5-8 years old
- 9-12 years old
- 12-14 years old
- 15-19 years old



To sign up to the newsletter
scan this QR code or email mhstadmin@mindinwestessex.org.uk

Guide to managing children's screen time

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matters.org

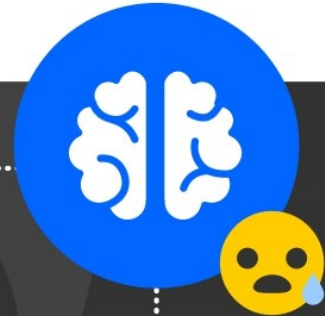
Effect on behaviour

Constant use of a device and features like auto-play on platforms can be habit forming and encourage children to spend longer on screens



Effect on sleep

Blue light from phones can trick the brain into thinking it's still daylight making it difficult to sleep



Effect on the brain

Screens can have a drug-like effect on the children's brains which can make them more anxious

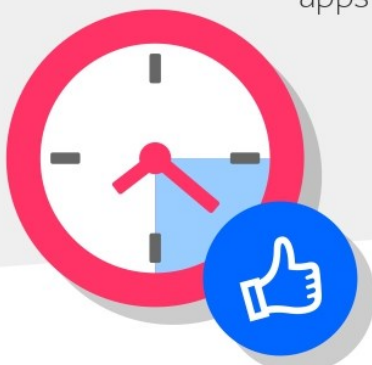
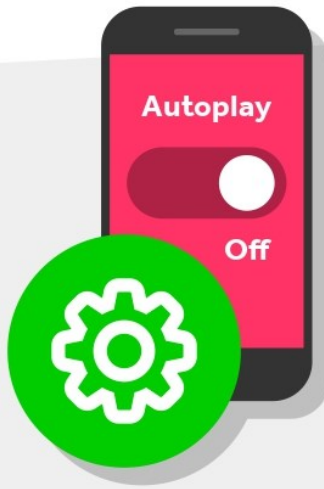
It can make children more forgetful as they rely on things like Google, GPS and calendar alerts to look up information

What are the benefits?

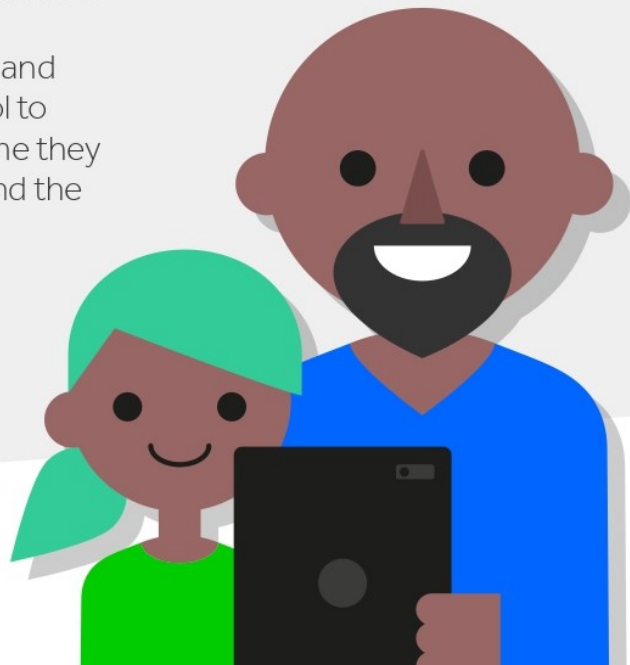


- Gives children access to a **wealth of information** to build their knowledge
- Technology **takes away physical barriers** to social connections to make children less isolated
- Exposure to tech has proven to **improve children's learning** and development
- Online games and activities **enhance teamwork and creativity**

10 tips to get in control with your child's screen time



1. Set a good example with your own device use
2. Have **discussions about the risks** that they may face based on their online activities
3. Put in place a **family agreement** and agree an appropriate length of time they can use their device
4. Help them build **critical thinking** to understand that some features on platforms are design to keep you watching or playing
5. Encourage them to **switch off auto-play** on platform to remove the temptation to binge on programmes
6. Use **tech tools** and parental control to manage the time they spend online and the apps they use
7. Get the **whole family to unplug** and create 'screen free' zones at home
8. Together find apps, site and games that will help children **explore their passions** and make screen time active
9. For younger children find ways to **combine touch screen use** with creative and active play
10. Encourage children to **self-regulate** the time they spend online and the activity they do to ensure they are having a positive impact on their wellbeing



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to this week's winners of the KS1 Attendance Award, Ladybirds, who achieved 100% attendance. The winners of this week's KS2 Attendance Award are Rabbits, who attained 99% 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 **8.55am**.

It is essential you notify us of your child's absence by 9am either by telephone or using the Arbor 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. If you do not notify us of the reason for your child's absence it may not be authorised.

Absences over 3 days require supporting medical evidence, for the additional absence to be authorised. Medical evidence can take the form of prescriptions, antibiotics and medical appointments.

Parents of children below attendance targets will be invited in for a

Butterflies	99%
Ladybirds	100%
Dragonflies	97%
Grasshoppers	99%
Hedgehogs	95%
Squirrels	96%
Badgers	98%
Foxes	97%
Hares	97%
Rabbits	99%
Kingfishers	98%
Robins	96%
Eagles	96%
Owls	97%

Gospel Value Awards

Simplicity

calm, uncomplicated, trust

"And all who heard it were amazed

at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in Her heart." Luke 2:18-19

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

Dragonflies:	Frankie	Grasshoppers:	Rozelin
Hedgehogs:	Ethan	Squirrels:	Jedidiah
Badgers:	Malique	Foxes:	Jedidiah
Hares:	Reginald	Rabbits:	Gwenda
Kingfishers:	Samantha	Robins:	Layla
Eagles:	Maya	Owls:	Sophia





Based on the gospel for Sunday 20 September, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Matthew 20:1-16

"You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you."

Who decides what is fair or unjust? Pope Leo XIV reminds us that a truly just society recognises the dignity of every human life. Who was respected in this parable? Let's think about those labourers who found that the others had been paid as much as they had, even though they had toiled all day. Of course it didn't feel fair to them and we can probably identify with that. Yet they earned what they had been promised.

Do we even spare a thought for the people who seem to have had it easier, but stood in the market square all day? They had the heat of the sun beating down on them, the despair of not getting a job or earning money to feed their families or simply stay alive, and the ignominy of not being chosen.

Might we stop to think why they weren't chosen? Who are those today who find it hard to find work, or who work but are paid unjustly? What about the homeless on the street, those who don't have access to basic hygiene, fresh clothing, or the means to prepare for job interviews? That really does not seem fair!

Who decides what is fair and what we deserve? The answer is very clear in this parable: God loves us all. He wants the best for each of us and desires to be generous to us, while teaching us to be generous to one another. We thank God for all who are working tirelessly to end poverty and injustice, and to create a world where the dignity of everyone is protected and all are treated fairly.

We thank you, just and merciful God, that you love each one of us unconditionally. We pray to put aside earthly perceptions of what is fair and tune into you, Lord, who shows us how to love each other generously and value each other's dignity. Amen.



The Words of Pope Leo XIV

In the Gospel of the day (cf. Mt 18:21-35) Jesus reminds us that gift and forgiveness are the foundation of our existence. All things are given to us by God out of pure love, and none of us can claim to be perfect in responding to such goodness. For this reason, gratuitousness—which is the source of our existence—is also the best rule for our life together.



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 20th September 2026

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Matthew 20:1-16

Relax

Make the Sign of the Cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. Then read the Gospel — preferably aloud and slowly — paying attention to any words that stand out to you.



Read

This Sunday's Gospel : THE GENEROSITY OF GOD



Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing around, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us," they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last," they said, "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Did any words or phrases stand out to you in the Gospel? If so, take a few moments to meditate on them.

Reflect

Now read the Gospel again and consider what the Lord might be saying to you, or asking of you, through it. Then continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection...



It is hard not to sympathize with the workers who have sweated it out right through the day in the hot sun. The idlers who have hardly got earth on their spades or grease on their hands get a great bonus and I get no bonus at all! Is this fair? No. God is not fair. You can't apply the concept of "fairness" to God at all. We can't enter into a reckoning with God. God does not calculate as we do. In the terms of this world, this is obvious enough. The wicked do prosper, while honesty and high moral standards, instead of being rewarded are often simply mocked. Can we go deeper and say that the reward is in heaven? This hardly fits with the way Jesus worked here on earth. He did not reward the virtuous. He said he was the doctor who had come to the sick. His favourites were the worst of society, tax-collectors and prostitutes, not even amiable rascals. Heaven was open to anyone who accepted him. It is no good looking for fairness in God, for this implies that we deserve something. We cannot claim to 'deserve' anything; we are simply called into a loving relationship and to put our trust in Jesus. **What does this Sunday's Gospel say about the generosity of God? When have you experienced God's generosity, his kindness and forgiveness in your own life?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Rest

Now call to mind the Lord's love for you, remembering that through this scripture the Lord is truly present. Then silently and prayerfully listen for God's voice and rest in God's love.



Respond & Request

Thank God for any insight you may have received, and respond by asking the Holy Spirit to bless you with a spiritual gift or help you to grow in a particular fruit of the Spirit. You might pray for wisdom, courage, faithfulness, self-control, patience, generosity, joy, kindness, love, peace, faith, chastity - or another grace - to help you live out your faith this week.



Remember

This Wednesday's word for our families is **GENEROUS**
(To see the Family Version, please visit: wednesdayword.org)



As you pray for your loved ones, please remember to pray for the Church and for the families connected to our schools.

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



First Reading: *Rich in Forgiving*



Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

This is the triumphant conclusion of the second major section of the Book of Isaiah: God's ways are utterly different from human thinking. The passage is obviously chosen to be read in church this Sunday because it looks towards God's 'irresponsible' behaviour in the gospel. In many ways it is comforting to think that God is not like ourselves. One reason

why we cling to God is to be liberated from ourselves and to be brought into his marvellous light, living a life freed from the restrictions, frustrations and self-centredness that surrounds and penetrates us. Obviously God does not have our faults of selfishness, laziness, malice, lust and greed. More than that, not being bodily or limited in any way, God does not plan or think like ourselves. God does not think things out with 'Yes' and 'No', working in concepts or sentences. God does not laboriously plan what to do, weighing consequences, advantages and disadvantages! Even our love is always tinged with self-interest and concern for ourselves. God's love is entirely generous and out-going, a limitless cascade of love, deluging and penetrating each of us.

When do we love as God loves us?



Second Reading: *Life to Me is Christ*



Philippians 1:20-24.27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

This is the first of four Sunday readings from Paul's letter to the Philippians. They were his favourite community, linked to him with a strong bond of affection and intimacy, the only

*community from which he would accept gifts of money. Paul writes this letter from prison, not sure whether he is to live or die, not sure either which is his stronger desire. For life is his bond with the Christian communities he has founded, and which still need his help. But the centre of his life is the total rootedness in Christ, of which death can only be the completion. As he writes elsewhere, the Christian has been baptised into Christ's death, dipped into Christ's death, and so is soaked in Christ's death, waiting only for it to be completed in Christ's resurrection. If we really believe this with the strength of Paul's conviction, it gives a whole new centre to life, a whole new perspective on the life which is Christ's. Death will then not be a matter of fear and dread, but a bursting out of the limitations of this life into the glory of the resurrection. **What does it mean to be rooted in Christ?***

“ **The centre of his life is the** ”
total rootedness in Christ.

The Wednesday Word: Connecting Home, School and Parish through the Word of God



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the images of workers and a vineyard to show us something about the kingdom of Heaven and God's generosity.

God's ways are not our ways. At first, it may appear unfair that the workers who started early were only paid the same as those who arrived later. But, on reflection, we see that not only was the Landowner being fair by paying what had been agreed, he was being overly

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generous through rewarding everyone equally (even those who came at the last hour). God's generosity is unlimited and offered to each one of us.

Find out more through enjoying a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **GENEROUS**.

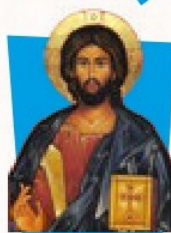
Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from the Saints

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous – to give and not to count the cost." St Ignatius (Prayer for Generosity)

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 20th September 2026



Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Then at various times throughout the day, even right up to the eleventh hour, the landowner hired and sent more workers into his vineyard. In the evening, he said to his manager, 'Call the workers and pay everyone one denarius each.' The ones who had worked all day grumbled at the landowner, complaining that he paid the men who came last the same amount as them. The landowner said, 'My friends, I am not being unjust to you. Did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."

Adapted from Matthew 20:1-16
The 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

Family Time Prayer & Share Overleaf ▶

Good News for Everyone

This Sunday's Gospel can remind us how God has important work for each one of us, helping to make the world a better place, building God's kingdom. We are also reminded of God's generosity. God loves us and is more generous than we could ever imagine – wanting to take care of all our needs.



Good News for Families

TOGETHER TIME

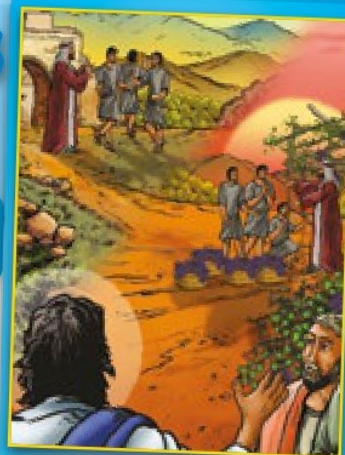


1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus said to his friends: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who hired some workers in the morning and agreed to pay them a silver coin for a full day's work. Much later in the day he hired more workers to work on his land. Then, at the end of the day, he paid each person the same amount. Those who started in the morning were unhappy that those who started later were being paid the same. But the landowner said to them, 'I paid you what we agreed; so why be jealous just because I am generous?'"

Why were some workers jealous?

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?

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

"God is generous. He shows us all his love and encourages us to be generous." Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

GENEROUS



Ask your child what the word 'generous' means to them. Can they remember a time, at home, at school or in the community, when they were generous, when they last gave something away without expecting anything in return? Who do they know who is a generous person - that is, someone who is willing to share and to put others' needs first? How does your child feel when someone is generous towards them and gives them first choice or shares a special treat with them?



Being generous brings us closer to God. God wants us to be generous and, just like the workers in the Gospel, it's never too late to start! We can be generous by sharing our possessions, but God also calls us to be generous with our time and our love. How can we be generous in this coming week? Perhaps we can: give some of our time to talk to someone in need; try especially hard to share with others; give any toys or unused items to a charity; offer to help someone - maybe a new classmate who has joined our school.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your generous love. Please help us to grow in generosity and to do your work in the world with a loving and generous heart. Amen.

FINDING THREE

P S S F D E K R O W V C
E T U N P A I D G O T S
A M O U N T B H I R E D
C A R S U O R E N K O I
D G E N E R O U S E C A
S R N G H H I R E R S M
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G I W I G S M S D C D T
H O S D I A P E R S T V

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

- ☒ HIRED ☒
- ☐ WORKERS ☐
- ☐ PAID ☐
- ☐ EACH ☐
- ☐ AGREED ☐
- ☐ AMOUNT ☐
- ☐ GOD ☐
- ☐ GENEROUS ☐

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **i b c** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

g e c n e r b o u i s j u b s t i c t c h i e b m l a b n i d o w c n e r

The _____ said to _____, "Why be
jealous _____ because I am _____?"

Out of his generosity God has created us to live in complete harmony and happiness with him and each other - forever! Through being generous, we help each other to feel God's love and something of the joy that God has in store for us.



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

Happy Birthday since the beginning of term to...

**Jax, Nellie, Phoebe, Liora,
Lydia & Lemuel**



Golden Awards

Dragonflies:	Anne, for being so helpful towards all the adults and children.
Grasshoppers:	Omemma, for her amazing effort in writing this week.
Hedgehogs:	Camron, for excellent effort in writing.
Squirrels:	Azari, for having a mature approach to starting Year 2.
Badgers:	Cameron-James, for a fantastic start to Year 3.
Foxes:	Marcel, for his fantastic writing in English.
Hares:	Eliza, for great work in maths.
Rabbits:	Alice, for being a great role model in our class.
Kingfishers:	Cristina, for showing great enthusiasm for learning.
Robins:	Zuzanna, for her incredible science work about the Earth.
Eagles:	Tadgh, for settling into Year 6 well and having a great attitude to his work.
Owls:	Afi, for writing a fantastic homily about the second account of Creation.

House Points

**Congratulations to the winning
house this week, St George's**

Menu week 2

Diary Dates

* External club, fees apply

Monday 21st July

Year 6 swimming (invited pupils only)

* Cheerleading club

Tuesday 22nd July

* Multisports

Wednesday 23rd July

* Football club

Year 6 to St Marks

St Marks, Year 6 to Year 7
transition parent meeting
14:30

Thursday 24th July

* Football club

Karate

Friday 25th July

Reception parents phonics
meeting

Celebration assembly 14:15

* Musical Theatre

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Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Mrs A Kerrell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs A Kerrell'.