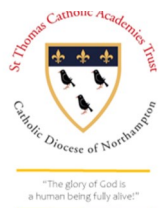


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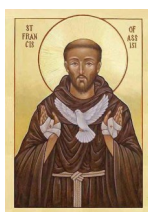
In Sunday's Gospel Jesus revisits a few of the 10 Commandments. We are reminded of the importance of having God's law and intention for our lives at the forefront of our minds and indeed, allowing them to influence our decisions, actions, morals and values as Christians. It is no coincidence that this Gospel will be heard with only 10 days to go before we begin the season of Lent. This Sunday, along with the next prepares us for the journey we will embark upon; for the time of preparation that we solemnly begin on Ash Wednesday.

In our worship today we remind the children 'love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us'. This command, hand in hand with each of those we heard on Sunday are not words or actions beyond our limit or capability. They are ways in which, if we have the courage to hear them, obey them and put them into action, will help shape us to be humble, holy, selfless, loving people; to be the people we were created to be.



This Week:

Welcome back to all our lovely children. It was great to see so many smiling faces this morning despite the horrible weather over the half term. Lots of children got up to some exciting things and these were shared throughout the day. The weather is due to get colder so please make sure that the children have coats because if it is not raining they will be outside running around! As tomorrow is Shrove Tuesday lots of the children will be taking part in exciting activities involving pancakes! We will be talking about and preparing for Lent through our Ash Wednesday services and really reflecting on the meaning of this time in the Church's calendar.



On this day in 1208 AD, Saint Francis of Assisi received his vocation in Portiuncula, Italy. One morning Francis was hearing Mass in the chapel of St. Mary of the Angels, near which he had then built himself a hut. The Gospel of the day was the "Commissioning of the Twelve" from the Book of Matthew. Francis was inspired to devote himself to a life of poverty. Having obtained a coarse woollen tunic, the dress then worn by the poorest Umbrian peasants, he tied it around him with a knotted rope and went forth at once exhorting the people of the countryside to penance, brotherly love, and peace. Francis' preaching to ordinary people was unusual since he had no license to do so.

The WORD of the Week:

Each week we would like to share a scripture with you to share and discuss with your children:

'Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.'

Colossians 3:13

Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

Dates

27/02 - 5 Luke to Slough Sewage Works
02/03 - Year 2 to Windsor Castle
03/03 - 5 Matthew to Slough Sewage Works
05/03 - World Book Day
10/03 - 5 Peter to Slough Sewage Works
25/03 - Lenten Lunch
26/03 - SATS meeting 5pm

Skills!

We are looking for volunteers with skills such as painting and decorating, gardening, carpentry and builders. If you have these talents please let the office have your details and we will be in touch with more information. Let's make our school even better for the children!

World Book Day

World Book Day 2020 is on Thursday the 5th March this year. All children are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Attendance

Please make sure that your children attend school as much as possible and that they are in school by 8.45am. School finishes at 3.30pm and clubs run until 4.30pm Mon-Thurs with the exception of Cookery which finishes at 5pm.

Growth Mindset:

Our quote for this week is:

Sometimes what we call
"failure"
is really just
that necessary
struggle
called learning.

A Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, help us this day, and throughout this term, to always imitate Your goodness and love. Inspire our words so that we talk with love.

Shape our thoughts so that we think with love. Guide our path so that we walk in love, and forever be in our hearts so that we may forgive with love.

Amen



Perform!

Perform are a non-profit drama club offering classes and workshops for children in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire. The children at Saint Anthony's have been offered a discount to join. Please see attachments for more information.

Stars of the Week



Make sure you are all working hard and living through the Gospel this week so that you might be awarded Star of the Week on Friday!

Lenten Lunch

On Wednesday 25th of March we are holding our annual Lenten Lunch. You are welcome to join us between 12-1pm for soup and a roll. Please bring a £2 donation for charity.

Nursery

We are delighted to announce that we now offer full and part time 30 hour places in our Nursery. These are both for funded and self-funded places. We have outdoor learning and Forest School facilities, we can provide hot lunches and support those children with additional needs. For more information please contact the school.



Local Events

On Saturday the 29th of February at 2pm at The Curve in Slough, there is an Autism friendly performance of Dairy of a Wimpy Kid. Tickets are available on The Curve website.

Stay in touch

Please make sure that the school office has your most updated contact details. It is important that we can get hold of you when needed in case we need to discuss your child.

Free School Meals

Help your school and yourself - claim free school meals

Taking up free school meals has benefits for everyone:

- children get a healthy nutritious meal
- schools can benefit directly by receiving £1300 for each eligible primary school child

WHO QUALIFIES FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free school meals are offered to children of families who receive:

- ☑ Income Support
- ☑ Income Based Jobseeker Allowance (IBJSA)
- ☑ Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) (ESA(RI))
- ☑ Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ☑ Child Tax Credit (TC602) that does not exceed income of £16190.00
- ☑ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit (M1000 Award Notice)
- ☑ Universal Credit and my family's net income excluding any benefit related payments is less than £7,400

HOW TO APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

If you think you qualify for free school meals and have an email address or mobile number then you can apply through Slough Borough Council's online free school meals form. Slough Borough Council will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

If you do not have an email address or a mobile number then you can get a 'free school meals' application form from your child's/children's school. The school will then inform you if your application is successful or not.

Once you are eligible for free school meals, you are more likely to remain eligible for up to 2 years despite any changes to your circumstances.

Not claiming benefits, but have a child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2?

There are clear advantages in pupils having a school dinner, so the Government have announced that every child in the above Year groups will be eligible for a free meal under the Universal Free School Meals scheme.

You can apply online or pick up a registration form from our school reception.

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of St Anthony's Rc Primary** if they sign up by Saturday 9th May. Parents should quote STET090520 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at perform.org.uk/try. Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](#) and [here](#).

The nearest classes to St Anthony's Rc Primary are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

[Perform Windsor \(Drama for 4-7s\)](#)
(3.6 miles)
Fridays at [4pm](#)

[Clewer Youth Centre](#)
[Clewer Parish Hall,](#)
[SL4 5EW](#)

[Perform Windsor \(Drama for 7-12s\)](#)
(3.6 miles)
Fridays at [5pm](#)

[Clewer Youth Centre](#)
[Clewer Parish Hall,](#)
[SL4 5EW](#)

[Perform Maidenhead \(Drama for 4-7s\)](#)
(4.4 miles)
Fridays at [4pm](#)

[Magnet Leisure Centre](#)
[Holmanleaze,](#)
[SL6 8AW](#)

[Perform Maidenhead \(Drama for 7-12s\)](#)
(4.4 miles)
Fridays at [5pm](#)

[Magnet Leisure Centre](#)
[Holmanleaze,](#)
[SL6 8AW](#)

[Perform Gerrards Cross \(Drama for 4-7s\)](#)
(4.8 miles)
Fridays at [4pm](#)

[Gerrards Cross Methodist Church](#)
[Oak End Way,](#)
[SL9 8BR](#)