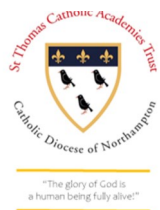


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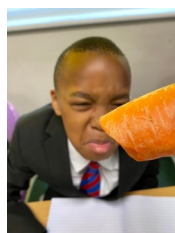
Sunday's Gospel challenges us with a parable, this parable has an ending we not be expecting which is often the case with these type of stories. This strange parable is not about labour laws or workers rights; it is about the bountiful generosity of God. Perhaps like many in your relationship with God and when you pray, you too are demanding. We often say, *it's not fair, I want, I need or I deserve*. The danger in this is that we think we deserve better treatment from God than others. This parable is echoed in the Prodigal Son. On the return of the younger son, the older one becomes angry and jealous because he feels he is being treated unfairly and unjustly. Yet the father loves both equally and is generous with both.

If God is generous, loving and merciful to us, who are we to grumble when God treats others similarly? If we resent God's generosity to show mercy to whom God pleases, not only do we behave like those in the gospel, but we also forget that in our own daily life that we have been enriched by God's love and mercy towards us. In the Our Father, Jesus reminds us to ask only for our 'daily bread' – enough for that day! We are not meant to ask for or look for more than we need. God's generosity towards us and mercy for us have no limits or boundaries; God's care will provide what is enough, what is satisfying, for each. Loved as we are by God personally, we are called to rejoice in his kindness and concern, which is both given to us personally and to everyone else.



Last Week:

Please remember that the staggered start and end to the day is to keep our children, staff and families safe. Please make sure you are only on school site for specific pick ups. If you need to leave the site before a later pick up please do so. This allows us to maintain minimal contact between people. Thank you for your continued support.



If you have been keeping up to date on our school Twitter feed, you will know that our KS2 children are participating in some exciting online lessons to develop their writing and vocabulary skills. On Thursday they had an experience day where they looked at and smelt some of the foods that the dog in the story likes to eat! We also joined together on Friday to wear something bright to raise money for the Macmillan charity– it was great to see what the children came up with!

The WORD of the Week:

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

'Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.'

Isaiah 11:5

Learning, Growing and Living With Jesus

Timings

Year group	Start of the day	End of the day
Nursery	Morning- 8.20 Afternoon- 12.15	Morning- 11.30 Afternoon- 3.15
Reception	8.35	2.50
1	9.05	3.20
2	8.15	2.30
3	8.55	3.10
4	8.25	2.40
5	8.45	3.00
6	9.15	3.30

Thought for today



Clubs

Clubs start today! You can still sign up via parent pay or via the club holders website. If your child is participating in a club please send them to school in their P.E kit that day.

Breakfast Club/ Holding club

There are a limited amount of places for breakfast club and holding club which operates until 3.30pm. Please sign up if you need to via parent pay.



Macmillan

Thank you to everyone that donated to Macmillan on our charity day on Friday. If you would still like to make a donation then please do so via parent pay.

Places

We still have some places in some year groups throughout the school. If you know anyone that is looking at schools in Slough, please ask them to contact the office for more information. There is a link on our twitter page with more information.

@saintanthonysslough



Prayer for the week

Lord, bless our journey through this coming week. May the pace be steady, paths made safe, no obstacles impede, and conversations with fellow travelers be fruitful and uplifting.

Amen



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.



New challenge?

Our trust is looking for a new Finance assistant. If you are interested please use the link below for more information.

<https://www.mynewterm.com/school/St-Thomas-Catholic-Academies-Trust/320797/EDV-2020-STCAT-66193/Trust-Finance-Assistant>

Staying Safe

Please make sure when you are on school site you are maintaining social distancing to minimise the risk of the virus spreading.

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.