

Grateful and Generous

Pupils are growing to be grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, both now and in the future.

What does this mean?

Catholic Schools help their pupils grow by encouraging them to know and be grateful for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be generous in the service of others.

Pray it

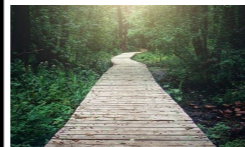


Linking Grateful and Generous to prayers of the Church and Liturgical Season

Prayer suggestions and activities:

- Star prayer 'Thank you God for' (Practical Prayer Ideas Booklet)
- Pray for the sick and those who care for them.
- January—Pope Prayer Intention for Evangelisation
- Epiphany 6th Jan: Pray for the gifts that we receive both physically and spiritually.
- Don Bosco 31st Jan: Pray for our gifts and talents that we are grateful for and we give generously to others. We pray for students and teachers.
- Presentation of Our Lord Feb 2: Simeon recognised Jesus as the light of the world. We welcome Christ's light into our hearts.
- Pray the Nunc Dimittis. (Teach us to Pray Document)
- Octave of prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January. 'Abide in Christ'
- We are grateful for the generosity of others. For example, those who work at SIFA Fireside and St. Chad's Sanctuary.
- Explore the Examen Prayer form.

Explore it



Linking Grateful and Generous to scripture, meaning and teachings of the Church, Church traditions, Pope Francis and the Saints

Scripture and the Lives of Saints to Explore:

- Explore the lives of St. Don Bosco (Education), St. Sebastian (Sport), St. Albert the great (Scientists) and St. Bernadette (The poor and the sick).

Activities and Questions:

- Read and explore Pope Francis' message where he urges Christians to carry our cross in Jesus' footsteps with generosity and grateful hearts. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-06/pope-francis-angelus-gratitude-sign-kingdom-of-god.html>
- Explore the generosity of those who look after the sick in Lourdes.
- Explore the presentation of the Lord and how this represents that Jesus is for us all.
- Explore religious artwork of the Magi (from different cultures) presenting their gifts to the new born king.
- Explore how Children celebrate Christmas from around the world. (www.whyChristmas.com)

Live it



Linking Grateful and Generous to the way we can choose to live our lives.

Activities and Challenges:

- Take the names of the sick from the Parish bulletin. Pray for them and send them a prayer card.
- Participate in blessing of the classrooms /houses (notes sent on email)
- Recognise and tell others when they have been generous with their gifts.
- Take the time to be grateful at the end of each day for the gifts in your life and remember to say thank you.

Discuss:

- Are you generous with your time to help others; with your siblings, family, school or Parish community?
- Do you thank God each day for the blessings in your life?
- Which gift do you need to develop to be the person that God has called you to be?
- If Jesus was born today, which gift would you present to him and why?
- How can you use your God given gifts to serve God and others both now and in the future?

Sunday Gospels to Explore



Gospels linked to Grateful and Generous highlighted

10th January Mark 1:7-11

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'

17th January John 1:35-42

We have found the Messiah

24th January Mark 1:14-20

I will make you into fishers of men

31st January Mark 1:21-28

Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority

7th February Mark 1: 29-59

He cast out the devils and cured many who were suffering from disease

Sing it



Linking Grateful and Generous to traditional and contemporary music.

- Give thanks with a Grateful heart: Henry Smith
- If I were a butterfly: Brian Howard
- Blessed be God: Aniceto Narazerth
- There is a redeemer: Keith Green
- Thank you Lord for this fine day: Diane Davis
- Thank you for giving me the morning: Martin G. Schneider
- Oh Happy Day: Philip Doddridge
- I will enter his gates: Leona Von Erethorst
- This is the Day: One Life Music
- Thank you Lord: One Life Music
- More Like You: One Life Music - This song reflects all of the virtues of the Catholic School Pupil Profile and can be used throughout the year. The intention is to use the verse and chorus for the focus pair of virtues.

'To sing is to pray twice' St. Augustine

Picture It

Linking Grateful and Generous to artwork.



Edward Burne-Jones

The Adoration of the Magi

1904

A tapestry in wool and silk.

Find examples of religious art depicting grateful and generous. The examples could come from scripture stories or lives of the saints. Create your own images to express these virtues. Please see 'Using Art to Develop Thinking Skills in RE document' to support questioning.



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